



Annual Report

For the year ended 31st March 2023



Esher District Scout Council

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AGENDA

1. Welcome, introduction & prayer (HG)
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of previous AGM (7th July 2022) and any Matters Arising
4. Changes to POR that impact the District including:
 - (a) Adoption/Agreement of the new Constitution
 - (b) Confirming the date for the District's financial year
 - (c) Agreeing the number of Members that may be elected to the District Trustee Board
5. To approve the Annual Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023
6. Appointment of officers for 2023-24:
 - (a) To approve the DC's nomination for Chairman (HG)
 - (b) To elect the District Secretary – Lisa Cross nominated (DV)
 - (c) To elect the District Treasurer – Gary Ernest nominated (DV)
 - (d) To appoint the Honorary District Examiner – Barry Hitchens (DV)
 - (e) To elect a Group Scouter as representative on the Surrey County Scout Council – Mark Aulds nominated
 - (f) To receive the District Commissioner's nominations for members of the Esher District Trustee Board - Carole Needham
 - (g) To elect members of the Esher District Trustee Board. The following have been nominated:

Stephen Valter, Chris Daley, Peter Hanna
 - (h) To elect representatives to the Polyapes Trustee Board – Lisa Cross & Chris Daley
 - (i) To elect members of the District Scout Council (if any)
7. District review of 2022-23 (HG)
8. Presentations (HG)
9. Thanks to those moving on from their roles (DV) Daniel Camp Youth Commissioner
10. Closing remarks and sign off (DV)

After the official Meeting has been closed there will be a presentation by the Jamboree Contingents

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Esher District Scout Council for the year ended 31st March 2022 held at 1st Claygate Scout Centre, Oaken Lane, Claygate, Esher on Thursday 7th July 2022 @ 8.00pm

Present

Tricia Griffin – Deputy County Commissioner and 36 Leaders, Officers and Supporters of Esher District and Polyapes Campsite including Hugh Gostling, Dave Vorbrich, Gill Gostling, Dave Creigh, David Saunders, Rosy Treasure, Sue Hoad, Pam Escott, Phil King, John Baldwin, Daniel Camp, Paul Bartlett, Pat Berton, Dylan King, Helen Amys, Brian Amys, Rachel MacArthur, Anita Snell, Andrew Dickson, Jonathan Perkins, Liam Quinn, Suzan Baker, Tiana Humphries, Anja Davidson, Anne Boland, Russell King, Debbie Coles, Chris Daley, Norman Goldsmith, Jeni Bull, Clinton Askew, Tom Wilkinson, Chris Beaney, Richard Earthrowl, Anna King and Lisa Cross.

1) Welcome, Introduction & Prayer

Hugh introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the Esher District AGM being held at 1st Claygate Scout Centre and thanked everybody for attending the Meeting.

He then started with a little test and asked if anyone could remember what the word that he had used last year to describe people within the District was – a “**see-doer**”! (Everyone had been “**see-doers**” – when they see things that need doing, they do them and it had been a real credit to the District.) This year – Hugh thought the new word should be “**remarkables**” – and he thought it really applies as we come out of the covid scenario, in that everybody has been really remarkable. Every single person within the District had done their part and continued to run and improve Scouting within Esher District in very difficult circumstances.

From Anne Frank's diary

Everyone has inside themselves a piece of good news.

Let me help you with that.

The good news is that you really don't know....

How great you can be,

What you can accomplish, or what your potential is.

How can you top good news like that?

A prayer

"Your task -

To build a better world", God said.

I answered, "How?

The world is such a large, vast place,

So complicated now.

And I so small and useless am,

There's nothing I can do."

In all His wisdom said,

"Just build a better you."

Thank you Lord

Amen

2) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were noted and included The Worshipful the Mayor of the Borough of Elmbridge and Mayoress – Councillor Simon Waugh and Heather Waugh, Mark Aulds, Andrew Burns, Gary Ernest, Carole Needham, Chris West, Phil Shortman, George Barber, Paul Warren, Nick Barber, Barry Hitchens, Stuart Ballard, James Horsburgh, Sinead Parker.

3) Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022

Gary Ernest, District Treasurer had already sent his apologies for not being able to attend, but had forwarded some notes to the District Chair which David presented to the Meeting:

- We ended the financial year with a marginally higher cash balance than at the beginning of the financial year.
- We hold three Funds:
 - The GSLs' Fund, which is primarily used to fund 50% of the participant's costs in the World Jamboree. That fund has been built up over the past 3 years and we can confirm that it is at an adequate level to fund the 7 participants at South Korea in 2023. The Fund can also be used at the GSLs' discretion for other purposes, such as grants to individuals, though no such grants have been disbursed in this financial year.
 - The Building Fund stands at just over £21,000. This Fund is the result of a legacy at the end of the last century and is available to any Group to provide a loan for works that they need to carry out. No loans are currently outstanding.
 - The General Fund covers all other income and expenditure in the District. This is primarily for District-wide events such as Day and Night Hike, Cub Camp (though there was no camp in this financial year) and Explorer events, in particular Winter Activity Weekend (which also did not happen in this financial year) and DofE. Events and activities are always planned to break-even financially, which all have done this year. However, because the accounts are prepared on a cash basis it is sometimes the case that revenue may be received in one financial year but expenditure incurred in the next – or vice versa. At 31st March 2022 we are holding deposits for Winter Activity Weekend 2023 which some participants in the cancelled 2022 event chose to hold over; and this is offset by District Cross-County where expenditure was incurred in March but income is not received until after the end of the financial year.
 - The general Fund also covers routine admin costs of the District – so some insurance costs, the AGM, and this year £800 for Young Leader's scarves
- Our cash balances remain healthy and as a result we were able to keep the fees payable by Groups to District for 22/23 (received in March 2022) at a level below that of the year before the pandemic.
- If anyone has any questions on the Accounts - these can be taken now or emailed to me (Gary Ernest), and I will endeavour to answer on my return from holiday.

Copies of the Accounts are included within the Esher Scouts Annual Report – copies of which were handed out during the AGM and a PDF copy will also be made available on the Esher District Scouts website (www.esherDistrictscouts.org.uk). Also included within the Report are the previous AGM Minutes and other key points and statistics, as well as Section Reports – please have a good look over it. David thanked everyone for their contributions to the Report, and special thanks to Andrew

Burns for finishing it off to such a professional standard.

David then asked if the Annual Report & Accounts could be approved for the year ending 31st March 2022 had gone to County and the other half was due to be spent this year. Overall, we have reasonably healthy funds despite the challenges of COVID.

As David had gone through the notes from Gary, he then requested that the Annual Report & Accounts be approved for the year ending 31st March 2022. Proposer was Chris Beaney (GSL 1st Hinchley Wood) and seconded by Chris Daley (District Executive). It was passed for approval by the Meeting with no one against. If anyone does have any questions or comments, please contact Lisa Cross, District Secretary.

Thanks were asked to be noted to both Gary Ernest and Barry Hitchens in respect of their hard work in relation to the Accounts.

4) Appointment of officers

The proceedings were then passed back to Hugh, as only a third of the DC Team were present tonight, and a lot of the District Executive were also not present - and it was now going to be an "AGM Lite".

a) Approve DC's nomination for District Chair – Hugh put forward David Vorbrich as District Chair. David has been District Chair since Harry had left to move to Cornwall, and previously had been an Eagle Scout and Cub Leader too. Thanks were passed to David for time and efforts during his time as District Chair, and now that things were moving forward after Covid it is hoped that more will be possible within the District in the coming year. The approval of David Vorbrich as District Chair was passed by the Meeting by form of a round of applause.

b) Elect the District Secretary - Lisa Cross was nominated as District Secretary and was presently undertaking the role. Lisa Cross was therefore elected as District Secretary.

c) Elect the District Treasurer - Gary Ernest was again willing to continue as District Treasurer. Gary was therefore duly elected as District Treasurer.

d) Appoint Honorary District Examiner - Barry Hitchens had agreed to continue as Honorary District Examiner and received the Meetings' approval as such. Barry was therefore duly appointed.

e) Elect a Group Scouter as representative on the Surrey County Scout Council – Mark has held this role for the last couple of years, so Mark was put forward to stand again as Group Scouter. Mark Aulds was therefore duly elected.

f) District Commissioner nomination for District Executive Committee – Carole Needham was put forward and provides a great link across the District in her role as District Appointments Secretary. She was thanked for all her hard work, and duly elected.

g) Elect members of the District Executive Committee - Peter Hanna, Stephen Valter and Chris Daley are all current Members, and had been put forward again. All three were therefore duly elected. All were thanked for their continued work and support as members of the District Executive.

h) Elect representatives to the Polyapes Management Committee – it was proposed that Chris Daley and Lisa Cross be elected on behalf of Esher District to continue as members of the Polyapes Management Committee. This was all agreed and they were duly elected. Andrew Burns fulfils the role of an active Scouter as a member of the Polyapes Executive Committee.

i) Elect members of the District Scout Council – If anyone within Scouting would like to be formally recognised and hasn't got any other Group roles – anyone can be nominated to join the District Scout Council. Simon Clarke, one of the Wardens up at Polyapes Campsite will be invited by Andrew Burns to be an elected member of this Council. Any other nominations should be passed to Lisa Cross, District Secretary.

5) District Review of 2021-22

Please also see District Commissioner Team Report within the Annual Report.

Hugh referred everyone to the Annual Report for the full details of everything that Esher District had achieved in the last year, but asked everyone to take the following points and thoughts away with them:

Better People – Better World

The Esher District Plan had been prepared ahead of all the changes that had come with Covid, but fundamentally – the Plan remains the same. The Scouting Community needs to show that Scouting is still good, and both young and old can benefit from all aspects of Scouting. Most in Scouting are “see-doers” – task focussed people, but we do have a challenge as it can also lead to people being blinkered, and people need to be encouraged to look and think outside of the box.

The 4 P’s within the Plan are still to be focussed on:

“Places” – where we deliver our Scouting from, most of our Headquarters are well looked after, but this needs to be reviewed and longer terms plans considered.

“People” – we need to support our current Leaders and Helpers, and always need more people to help provide Scouting in our Area. We need to galvanise people and make the business providing Scouting to our young people.

“Perception” – making sure everyone knows about Scouting and putting us out in the local community “getting us out there”, things like the annual fair on the local land gets Scouting in view. Needs to involve each Group within the District.

“Programme” – good programmes get a “buzz” going, and provide a good range of activities that everyone should be able to take part in. We will be undertaking an event in the Autumn run by the County focussing on programmes.

Hugh then made some presentations as follows:

David Vorbrich (District Chair) – Hugh presented David with his Length of Service Certificate – 10 years.

Dave Creigh (Local Training Manager) – Hugh congratulated Dave on achieving his Wood Badge for this role.

Hugh then said the following 2 people in the District Training Team had been immensely important during the Covid period when things had been very governance heavy and wanted to acknowledge their efforts during this period. He then presented **Dave Creigh** (Local Training Manager) and **David Saunders** (Training Administrator) with Commissioner’s Commendation Awards and badges. Many thanks to them both for all their efforts with training within the District. David did say that it had been very important for everyone’s support with the training and thanked everyone involved accordingly.

6) Thanks to those moving on from their roles

Rob Cannell (GSL at Weston Green) – Thanks were passed to Rob for all his efforts during his time at Weston Green and for stepping in more recently as GSL at Weston Green. Rob will be moving to Sussex and best wishes were passed for the move and where it leads.

Dave Creigh – (Local Training Manager and Claygate SASU Manager) – Although Dave’s efforts had been recognised by Hugh awarding him a Commissioner’s Commendation Award this evening, his efforts as SASU Manager at Claygate were also recognised. Best wishes again to Dave and family for the move to Yorkshire.

Hugh then said thank you on behalf of the District Commissioner Team to Lisa for her efforts as District Secretary and presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

7) Guest Speakers

Hugh then invited Tricia Griffin, Deputy County Commissioner (Surrey) to speak.

Tricia started by saying that it was lovely to be at the Esher AGM this evening, as Esher District always has a special place in her heart. She had been a copy of the Annual Report ahead of the AGM by Lisa, and it was full of good and positive news, and that she just wanted to pick up on a couple of bits. She was pleased that Harry Jones (previous District Chair) was continuing with Scouting following his move to Cornwall, and she congratulated Harry once again on achieving his Silver Wolf. Tricia also welcomed David Vorbrich as the new District Chair. She said it had been a real credit to Esher District and its Leaders in the innovative and imaginative ways they had learnt to communicate with the young people on Zoom due to Covid. There had been more Risk Assessments that had needed to be carried out due to the change in circumstances, which had been more work for the Leaders, but in another way had been good for thinking about the safety side of things and the measures that needed to be considered. It had been a challenge, but by breaking it down and sharing the information, and with both the GSLs' and DC Team signing it off, it had all been worked through.

She also said that the District Seminar that had been put on for the Executive Members across the District had been a very good idea. "Places" were one of the 4 "P's" and it was a good way of sharing the knowledge. An Executive with sound governance is a real asset and keeping all the Group Headquarters safe and secure was part of their undertaking. We are very lucky as a District that most are ok. She added her thanks on behalf of the County to everyone involved in any of the Executives across the District. She also thanked both Dave Creigh and David Saunders for their work with the Training for the District. Scouting needs to be Safe and therefore training is a necessity and things need to be kept up to date and renewed. It was recognised that some people need an extra nudge with their training, and that the First Aid was being dealt with slightly differently due to the extra issues with the training and Covid.

She then mentioned the Young Leaders' Scheme and thanked Jonathan Perkins and his Team for all the work they had done in creating and supporting 5 other Districts within Surrey and for sharing their expertise. She acknowledged that Esher still needs to fill the "DESC" role (District Explorer Scout Commissioner) and that it is an important role and one that we need to try and fill if possible. She thanked all the Leaders/Helpers across all the Sections within the District, as they are all important cogs within Scouting, and that Scouting in Esher is strong.

Tricia then picked up on the County Programme that Esher are due to undertake in the Autumn, and said that she has seen it 3 times now and that it leads to top Awards across Scouting for the Young People including Chief Scout's Diamond Award, Duke of Edinburgh Awards and Queen's Scout Awards.

Tricia added her congratulations to Hugh for being presented with his Silver Wolf, and said it was long overdue. She said well done for anyone who had been awarded with a length of service award, and that it didn't matter if it was a 5 year or 50 years – all service was important. She thanked Lisa for her efforts and also thanked the DC Team, Hugh, Andrew and Mark for all their hard work to the District.

7) Closing Remarks and Sign Off

David thanked Tricia for her comments and said as District Chair it had been good to see a room full of adults attending the District AGM. Due to it being a District Meeting getting the support of the whole of the District Team had meant a lot, and he thanked everyone for attending tonight and turning up.

Rachel Macarthur (GSL at 1st Cobham) then came forward and on behalf of all of the GSLs' within Esher District to say thank you to Hugh and the rest of the District Commissioner Team of Mark and Andrew for all their hard work and support during the past year – things hadn't always been easy.

The meeting was then formally closed.

District Chair's welcome

It has been a good year for Scouting, as all Groups and Sections returned to face-to-face meetings, and activities returned to pre-pandemic normalcy. Last year we reflected on how grateful we were for the support and creative leadership that was demonstrated throughout Covid-19 restrictions to keep Scouting active, and this year we can see the fruits of that labour as Esher District continues to thrive as one of the strongest Districts in Surrey County and Nation-wide. Our membership continues to grow, our accounts are well funded and well managed, and Youth of all ages continue to learn new Skills for Life.

I am proud to serve as Chair for Esher District. One of the changes we have made recently, and will put for approval in our AGM, is the renaming of our Esher District Executive Team. As a push from Scouting HQ, all Districts are rebadging themselves as "Trustee Boards". Thus, we now refer to ourselves as the Esher District Trustee Board, and collectively we are the District Trustees instead of the Executive Team. All of us have previously been classified as "Trustees", and indeed like many others in Group, District, and County roles can attest, we undergo mandatory Trustee training to ensure we understand and accept our responsibilities. So, in some sense there is no change. But in emphasising the formal name change we are more strongly emphasising our part in guiding Esher District and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all Leaders, Volunteers, and Scouts involved. All Groups are being asked to adapt this same approach, and together we are all adopting new Constitutions to formally reflect the change.

We have had many milestones this year, and I will leave it to our wonderful District Commissioner Team of Hugh, Mark, and Andrew to highlight and celebrate our accomplishments. What I would like to do in my summary is to single out and celebrate our DC Team itself! These three fantastic volunteers have helped manage and run Esher District together very successfully for the last six years, least of all through the pandemic. Each has brought their own experience and skill to the role, and they have divided and shared responsibilities very effectively. They have announced that they will be stepping down, collectively, at this time following the Esher District AGM. There will be many who want to thank them for their efforts, commitment, and time served in the DC role. I am personally very grateful to have had such a strong DC Team in place when I began my tenure as District Chair. Let us all celebrate and thank Hugh, Mark, and Andrew for their contributions!

I would also like to thank the other Trustees and volunteers who serve in District roles. We have a very well attended and engaged Trustee Board, and I can't thank them enough for the time they sacrifice to help make sure Esher District is running smoothly. I am also appreciative of the wider District Team including Appointments and Training. These activities often go unnoticed and unrecognised, but without them we wouldn't have the frameworks in place for our Scout Groups to thrive! And all of us, me especially, owe our thanks to our District Secretary, Lisa, who is the real driving force behind us all! If anyone is ever interested in stepping up and helping at the District level, we would always love to hear from you.

We have had many exciting developments across Esher District in the past year. 3rd Esher Group is fully established and running as our 11th Group in the District, 1st Oxshott has received approval and financial support for a new Group HQ facility, and 1st Weston Green has successfully navigated the transition to a new GSL. Thank you to all of the Groups in Esher District – those who volunteer to run sections and those on Group Boards – for all that you do to keep the doors of Scouting open to all youth and continue to keep the Scouting Spirit alive!

District Commissioner Team Report

2022/23 and beyond

The last year including most recent times has been very exciting for Esher District. The sections have been extremely busy with varied programmes taking place across the Groups. It is always great to hear what our young people have been doing and to be present at a variety of events and activities.

We spoke last year about the District having a leadership community and whilst this report is a summary of what has been achieved in the DC Team we do not claim credit for it. There is a tremendous amount to be proud of, and there is a great leadership community right across Esher District that are the adults and young leaders with all sections providing great programmes for young people and the DC Team give our thanks for everything they are doing.

There are also the Group Trustees who provide background support to the leaders so that they can focus on the young people. The role of the Trustees is so important as the Scout Association aligns itself with Charity Commission guidance.

Ultimately it is the way in which all of this works together that gives the Esher District its character and its reputation for delivery quality Scouting to its members.

So, the District Team is there to support all of this, via the District Trustee Board and the ADSC's, the AAC and a variety of other specialists, activity assessors, and nights away advisors to name a few.

There is a lot of information which comes down from Scouting Headquarters. You may feel that you get a lot of information direct from the Scout Association, but there is much more that is sent directly to the DC Team, which then gets shared with Group Scout Leaders. They deserve our thanks and respect for all they do in being a GSL with both the responsibility and also the satisfaction of running a thriving Scout Group.

Elsewhere in this report you will see updates from others which demonstrate the breadth of activities and achievements in the year.

The total membership (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers) has now grown above the 2019 (pre-Covid) census which is fantastic. It shows how popular our programme is and how resilient the leadership teams across the District were in continuing to deliver Scouting. The 2023 Census showed that we offer scouting to over 1350 young people with about 500 adults in Network and various volunteer roles. Growth remains one of the key parts of the District Plan and vision for all Esher Groups. We now have our first Squirrel Drey in Oxshott and one about to start at 1st Molesey.

We know that young people join scouting primarily for adventure, fun and friendship - and they leave if they don't get it. If Scouting is growing, it means that Esher District is fulfilling its vision. Stable and growing numbers enables scouting to do more – to provide better scouting to more young people.

As our time as the DC Team draws to a close, it is humbling to look back and reflect at all that has occurred. We started off quickly enough with organising Escapade 2019, and we were just beginning to find our feet. Then, we had to shift and support everyone through the COVID-19 pandemic. Do you remember all of those risk assessments? And then we turned to getting all of the mandatory training up-to-date across Esher District. We are now finishing our time as the DC Team having just concluded Escapade 2023. There was so much more in between! We have met so many of you in our time as the DC Team, and it has been our pleasure working with you.

Congratulations to Andrew Burns and the Escapade Team for delivering such a great camp in June and it was great that the camp provided such a focal point for us all.

We sent 7 young people off to the World Scout Jamboree and we will hear from them about their experience. It may not have been quite what was expected but I am sure it was memorable and that they had a World Scout Jamboree experience. I am sure the UK contingent volunteers ensured that the young people had a life changing adventure.

The future will be different as Scouting transforms in the coming years, it will be good that this is led within the District by a new team.

How can we say thank you to the whole District? Well, firstly, we have been proud to be your DC Team. Why are we proud? Well, it is because everyone involved pulls together, so thank you to everyone across the District. Particular thanks go to: ADC's (Tiana, Sue and Pam), Group Scout leaders across all of our 11 Groups, Appointments and Training. Thanks also to David and Gary as our District Chair and Treasurer respectively, and all of their counterparts including Group Secretaries in each Group across the District. This is not exhaustive as there are so many of you all helping to make Esher District **GREAT**.

A nearly final word of thanks to two specific people. Firstly, to David Saunders, for continuously working with the Compass database to give the DC Team and GSLs the information they need to ensure that their adults are compliant and up to date.

And last of all, to Lisa Cross. Without her you would not have had a functioning DC Team. She does everything she can to make our lives easier, and those of you who have attended a GSLs meeting will have witnessed that she is an essential part of ensuring the DC Team does a good job of chairing meetings. She is a wonderful District Secretary and Administrator. Every District needs one, and they should all aspire to be like Lisa!

Squirrels

Anja Davidson
GSL Oxshott



Back in September 2022, 1st Oxshott took the leap and opened Esher District's first Squirrel Drey.

It was an easy decision to open our Squirrel Drey when two of my experienced leaders approached me as they were interested in opening the section. It had already been on my mind since the pilot scheme was announced, so the timing was perfect.

We were allocated a Squirrel Cohort support group for new Drey openings in September 2023. With regular communication and support, and the Scout Website providing great information and a first planned programme, we set about inviting little ones from our waiting list to join us.

The programme plan in Squirrels is slightly more structured than in older sections, perhaps. Each meeting is themed about a specific subject such as carnival, tutti fruity or superheroes. A meeting always starts with a welcome song followed by story time, a book that is read out loud, with the same theme as that particular meeting. Usually, two activities being either a craft or game then happens, again following the same theme. And finally, a goodbye song.

In the first term we had an average attendance of 8 Squirrels which by end of the spring term went up to 10. We are having lots of enquiries for more to start over the next year, meaning we will be at our full numbers (16) by September 2023. Parents are invited to stay with their kids, and about two-thirds do.

The Squirrels have taken part in all the same core Scouting skills as any other section but tailored to their age. They have been hiking, cooking, marsh mellow toasting and cooking sausages over a fire. They have shown their creativity, using their imagination, dressed up and made jars of kindness. They took part in their first remembrance parade, and they were invited to join Beavers for the Alice in Wonderland performance at the District Beaver Party. When nights' away for Squirrels was allowed from January 2023, we invited our Squirrels to join our Family Camp at Bentley Copse in April and a handful came along.

We also had our very first Squirrel get their Chief Scout Acorn Award, awarded before moving on to Beavers. Well done, Albie!

I have to say, the Squirrels are cute, engaging, enthusiastic, energetic and show their emotions on their sleeves. They are (in my view) much better behaved than Beavers!! Even with a slightly shorter attention span. They are a joy to have and fit right in in our group.

I must also take this opportunity to say thank you to my two leaders running Squirrels as well as our two Young Leaders who make this all possible. It was daunting to start something new, not knowing how it was all going to work out, but it has been worth it and I hope they are here to stay.

Beaver Scouts

Tiana Humphries
Assistant District Commissioner Beavers



Beavers in Esher District have been incredibly fortunate to have participated in so many wonderful activities over the past year. They've been sledging, bouldering, orienteering, kayaking, sailing, pond dipping, caving, cycling, shelter building, camping, hiking, they've also learned first aid, grown cress, gone on litter picks, cooked on campfires, practiced archery and played mini golf, made bird feeders not to mention tenpin bowling, and roller disco. Two Colonies were lucky

enough to have rides on a model railway and another has visited a local fire station. These are only a selection of the activities that our Beavers have been given the opportunity to experience.

Bazzaz is a fun day out for Beavers that takes place every three years. It is organised by Surrey County Scouts and held at Merrist Wood near Guildford. In May 2022, over 2,000 young people and five hundred adults experienced a fantastic day of activities that included circus skills, go-karts, 'pig-racing', miniature train ride, paper and water rockets, space hoppers, water pistols and so many inflatables that I can't even begin to list them. There were over 230 Beavers from Esher District in attendance, and we contributed a great selection of fun activities for all of the Beavers to enjoy.

At the beginning of February 2023, we were excited to bring back our District Beaver Party after a two-year absence due to Covid-19. About 210 Beavers attended the event held at Hinchley Wood Secondary School for an afternoon of craft, games, decorating biscuits and watching a superb interactive show of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland performed by the Cat's Grin Theatre Company. The Beaver Party ran very smoothly, the Beavers appeared to be having a great deal of fun with the 'Alice in Wonderland' themed activities and they were captivated watching the show (there was certainly a lot of laughing!) So, overall, a highly successful event.

Well done to all of our Beavers, who at the beginning of their Scouting journey, have already gained so many badges. And a special congratulations to those who have achieved their Chief Scout Bronze Awards.

I take this opportunity to thank all of the Beaver Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Section Assistants and helpers who have given their time to provide the fun-filled activities mentioned above. Without their help, Esher District Beavers wouldn't be experiencing the exciting range of activities that they do. I would also like to thank the same leaders for their support of our District events. My personal thanks to David Cooper, as District Beaver Leader, for your continued dedication to Esher District Beavers and for your encouragement and support shown to me.

Cub Scouts

Sue Hoad
Assistant District Commissioner Cub Scouts



I would like to start by saying thank you to all the Cub Leaders and their teams who have given their time to ensure Cubs across Esher District have continued to enjoy Scouting.

I would also like to welcome the new Cub Leaders and other team members and hope to meet you all at future events.

At long last, after being postponed from 2020 and 2021 due to Covid restrictions, we were able to hold a District Cub Camp at Polyapes in June 2022. This was the first opportunity many Cubs had had of camping and, in many cases, the first time they had stayed away from home. Thanks to the patient answering of many questions from Cubs and their parents by the Cub Leaders (and their constant reassurances) more than

200 Cubs enjoyed a weekend of camping. They were joined on the Saturday by more than 50 day-visitor Cubs to enjoy the activities. The theme for the Camp was International, and the Cubs had to collect stamps in their Camp Passport from all the marvellous activities provided by the Leaders of each Group with each site representing a different country. These activities were supplemented by a large inflatable, the onsite Polyapes activities (Caving Bus and Remote Control Vehicles), and Tomahawk throwing provided and supervised by Leaders from 1st Molesey. Saturday evening closed with a campfire. Sunday morning the Cubs watched a re-enactment of medieval combat while campsites were struck.

Thank you to all the adults who gave up their time over the weekend to make the District Cub Camp such a success, particularly as it was the first camp for many adults as well as the Cubs.

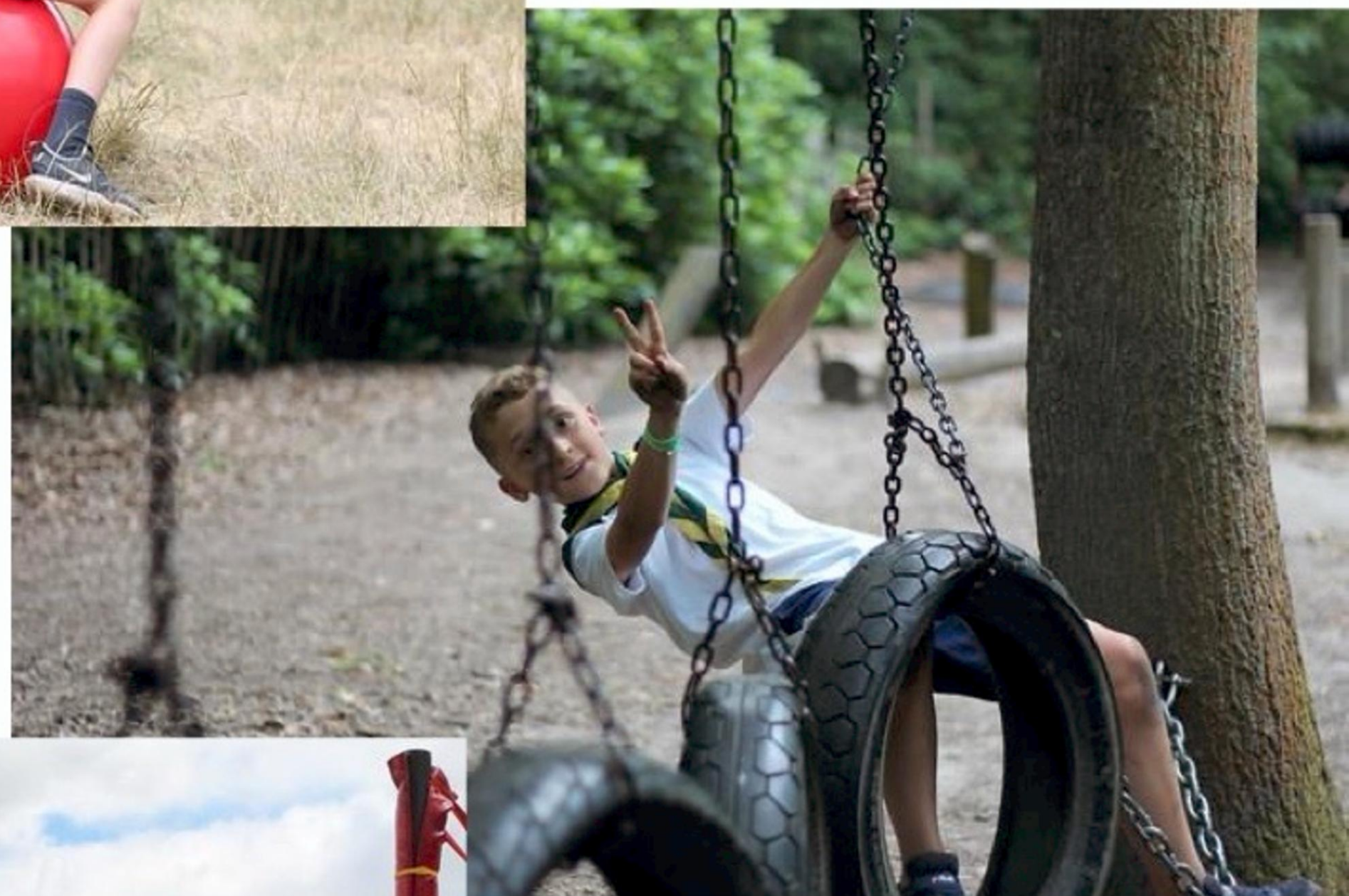
In the autumn we would normally have held the annual Sausage Sizzle at Dittons HQ. Unfortunately, this had to be postponed as the extreme heatwave of the summer meant it was not safe to have open fires. I look forward to holding one in 2023.

In November, the Cub Chess Competition took place. Unfortunately, this was not very well attended but those who were there enjoyed the day. Thank you to John Baldwin for organising this event.

The District round of the County Quiz was held at the beginning of February at 1st Claygate Scout Centre. Seven teams from across the District took part and, following a close competition, it was won by Panther Pack (1st Claygate) who then went on to represent Esher District at the County Cub Quiz. Thank you to Catherine Hackett for running this on behalf of District.

Congratulations to all the Cubs who have achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award, there are too many to mention.

I would like to finish as I began, by thanking all the Cub Leaders for their support, and Lisa Cross who continues to support Cub events.



Troop Scouts

Pam Escott
Assistant District Commissioner Scouts

Esher District Scout Troop Section 2022/2023

How great to get back to 'normal' Scouting!!! What an incredible group of Troop Leaders we have in Esher District to maintain such great numbers of Scouts and to run such brilliant programmes.



The Scout Leaders in Esher District continue to work hard to maintain a high standard of training taking part in First Aid courses, Safety training, Safeguarding training and other training sessions to improve the skills of the Troop Leaders such as qualifications in Target shooting, Hill Walking, Archery and Boating. Each year the Leaders provided many new,

varied and creative activities for the young people in Esher District.

Scout Troops have a wide age range, turning an older Cub into a young Explorer in 4 years. Scouts gives them the skills, knowledge, experience and confidence to tackle challenges and expeditions without their Leaders, relying on other Scouts in their Troop, the District, at County events and even at Jamborees.

Scout Troop activities range from the traditional camping skills and cooking on open fires to rafting, kayaking, caving, diving, surfing, survival skills, climbing, abseiling, target shooting, archery, parascending, sailing, and rowing. Other activities include Group Shows, gorge scrambling, coasteering, sea fishing, hikes, Scout Group Bands, and expeditions on foot and by kayak. Scouts also prepare and take part in the many District and County Competitions throughout the year. Some Scouts are also working on their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award through their Scout Group.

This year Camps were as follows:

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3 rd Molesey | Chelwood, Keynsham near Bath |
| 2 nd Molesey | New Forest |
| Ajax | Bala, Wales |
| 1st Hinchley Wood | Parkwood Campsite, near Brighton |
| 1st Claygate | Appletreewick North Yorkshire |
| 1 st Oxshott and 3 rd Esher | Ferny Crofts, |
| 1 st Weston Green | Broadstone Warren and Polyapes |
| 1 st Molesey | Andorra Ski Trip, White Beeches, Ferny Crofts and Kent International Jamboree |
| 1 st Cobham | Walton Firs |
| The Dittons | Derbyshire and Polyapes |

Well done to all the Scouts for their enthusiasm and their great attitude during these events and activities. The Scouts can always be relied on to take part in these events with such a wealth of skill, knowledge and with such a great sense of humour.

The following table shows the complete list of District events during this period together with the winners and organisers to all of whom I extend my thanks for their enthusiasm, support and commitment.

| | Event | <u>Winners</u> | <u>Organisers</u> |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2022 | | | |
| September | Fishing | 3 rd Molesey | Chris Manning & 3 rd Molesey team |
| October | Cooking | 3 rd Molesey | 1 st Molesey team. Hosted by 1 st Molesey |
| October | Night Hike | The Dittons | Peter Hanna and 1 st Hinchley Wood team |
| 2023 | | | |
| February | Scouting Skills & 1 st Aid | Now to be held in September 2023 | Chris Manning and 3 rd Molesey team. Hosted by 3 rd Molesey |
| February | Cross Country | Now to be held in October 2023 | 1 st Oxshott and team with help from District leaders |
| March | Day Hike | 1 st Molesey | 1 st Claygate & team with help from District leaders |

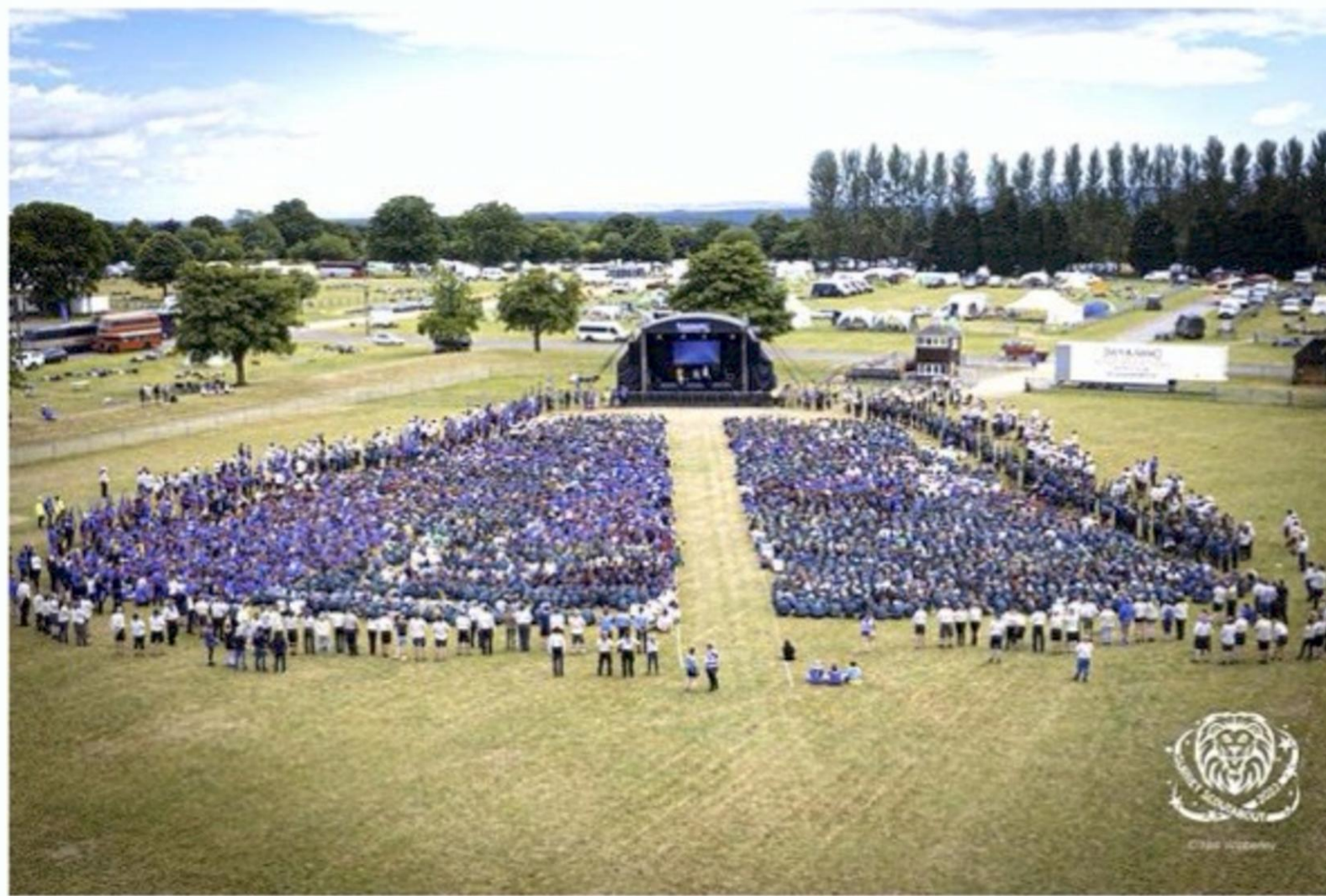
The Esher District Scout Fishing Competition had only 4 entries this time but an enjoyable competition with good weather as usual! Congratulations to the winners – 3rd Molesey. 1st Hinchley Wood took 2nd place and 3rd place went to 1st Oxshott. The biggest catch in the competition was caught by Max from 3rd Molesey - a 1lb 7oz Tench. My thanks go to Chris and his team at 3rd Molesey for organising this competition. Also, to the Fishing Club, for allowing us to use their lake for the competition. Well done to George from 2nd Molesey who caught the biggest fish of the day but unfortunately after the competition had closed!

The Esher District Cooking Competition is a competition for a team of 4 Scouts, where they have to make a meal from ingredients given to them. Six teams entered this year's competition. Congratulations to 3rd Molesey who won the competition and were closely followed by 2nd Molesey who were ½ a point behind. 1st Molesey took 3rd place. My thanks to Max Harvey and the leaders at 1st Molesey for putting on this event for the District.

The Esher District Night Hike is perhaps the highlight in the District calendar, and one which is always very well supported. This time we had an entry of 23 teams competing (10 competitive teams and 13 training teams) with a competition guest team and a training guest team from 1st Brookwood. The hike consisted of a challenging navigational exercise over 8 miles around the Holmwood area. The emphasis was on traditional map and compass skills. A team from The Dittons took 1st place, a team from 2nd Molesey took 2nd place with a team from 1st Hinchley Wood taking 3rd place. My thanks to Peter Hanna, Adrian Ducker and the 1st Hinchley Wood team for organising and running this event and also to all the many leaders and supporters who manned the checkpoints, drove minibuses and booked in the teams etc.

Esher District Top Troop Trophy 2022 was won by 2nd Molesey followed by The Dittons in 2nd place and 1st Hinchley Wood in 3rd place. The Top Troop Trophy competition takes into account all the results from the competitions held during the year.

Scoutabout 2022



Scoutabout is the 3-yearly County camp for Scouts and Guides. It was held in July 2022, although it should have been run in 2021, but circumstances would not allow it to take place then. It was held at the County showground in Ardingly with over 4000 Scouts and Guides from Surrey taking part. We camped in our District sites and all Groups and Districts provided activities for all the young people to have a go. As well as Group and District, there are also many larger activities

provided by the organisers. There were various types of climbing and abseiling, things to drive, Scout made caving, many types of crafts, various water activities, Parascandling, Archery, Shooting and so much more. There was an opening ceremony with fireworks, and on Saturday evening there were bands playing on the stage. A closing ceremony was held on Sunday with our 1st Claygate band playing to the campers.



The Esher District Scouting Skills and First Aid Competition will now to be held in September 2023.

My thanks to Chris Manning for organising this event along with his team at 3rd Molesey, and other District Leaders who will be running the bases.

The Esher District Day Hike took place over 9 miles in the Womersley and Blackheath area and had 20 entries of which 10 were competitive teams 10 were training teams. A team from 1st Molesey took 1st place and another 1st Molesey team took 2nd place with a team from The Dittons taking 3rd place. My thanks to Hugh Gostling, Mark Aulds and the 1st Claygate team who organised this event. My thanks also to the District Leaders for manning the checkpoints etc.



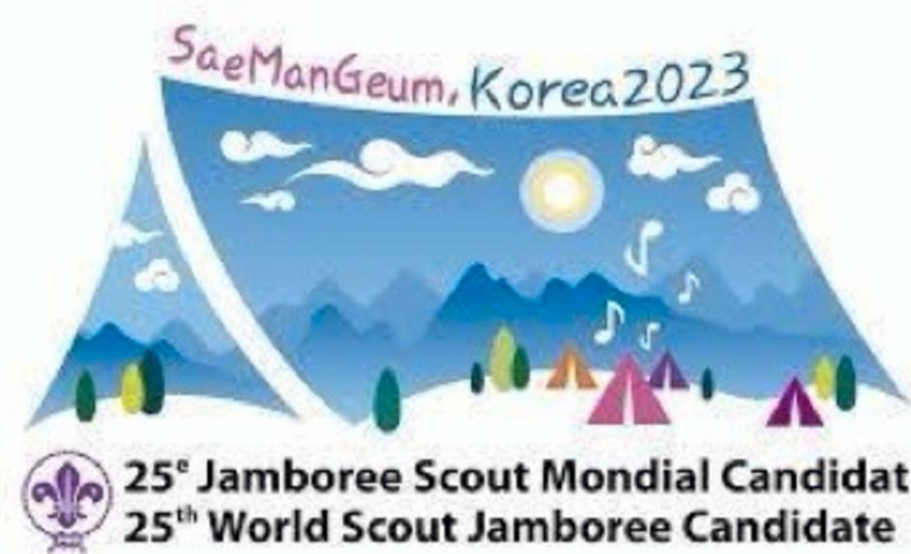
Chief Scout Gold Awards

The following Scouts gained their Chief Scouts Gold Awards during 2022/2023

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| Jamie | Aulds | 1st Claygate |
| Lydia | Aulds | 1st Claygate |
| Martha | Barlow | 1st Claygate |
| Joel | Crudgington | 1st Claygate |
| Ruby | Dunman | 1st Claygate |
| David | Govender | 1st Claygate |
| Liam | Hides | 1st Claygate |
| Charlie | Logan | 1st Claygate |
| Eammon | Maguire | 1st Claygate |
| Luke | Sewell | 1st Claygate |
| Ciara | Stimson | 1st Claygate |
| Tom | Sturgeon | 1st Claygate |
| Jess | Warriss | 1st Claygate |
| Aahna | Wijeratne | 1st Claygate |
| Tobi | Bodinnar | 1st Hinchley Wood |
| Sam | Moylan-Jones | 1st Hinchley Wood |
| Jack | Rayner | 1st Hinchley Wood |
| Longman | Christopher | 2nd Molesey |
| Smart | Freddie | 2nd Molesey |

Congratulations to all the Other Scouts have also gained their Chief Scout Gold Award but have not been able to attend the County presentation ceremony.

This year saw the finalisation of the selection process, by the County, for Esher District's places at the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in July/August 2023. The Scouts & Explorers who have been awarded places are:



SAMUEL WORTHINGTON
 LUCA DAY
 CASPER JACKSON
 LUKE NAPIER
 MARYLA RENKER
 WOLFE FINUCANE-COOKE
 EDWARD CRUTHERS

1ST CLAYGATE
 2ND MOLESEY
 AJAX
 1ST HINCHLEY WOOD
 1ST HINCHLEY WOOD
 3RD MOLESEY
 THE DITTONS

We are lucky having many experienced and well-trained Leaders in the District who are willing not only to provide an exciting range of activities for their own Troops but also to share and help with activities in other Troops, such as boating activities, archery, shooting, assisting with training teams, joint camps and especially when Troops are experiencing leadership problems. I would like to thank all the Scout Troop Leaders, Assistant Leaders, supporters and the teams who take the time to support and organise the District events.

I would also like to take a moment to recognise the dedication and commitment shown throughout the year by so many people across the District. Special thanks must go to the District Scout Leaders: Phil King (ASL 2nd Molesey), Tyrone Weller (ASL 3rd Molesey), Carole Needham our District Appointment Secretary, the DC Team and also to the other ADCs for their continued support.

I am looking forward to another busy and exciting Scouting year!

District Explorer Scouts

Andrew Burns & Tom Wilkinson

The District Explorer Scouts have successfully run all year without a District Explorer Scout Commissioner. The DC Team has been letting the ESLs run the show and an effective use of WhatsApp and OSM group has ensured good communications.

We continue to thank Jonathan Perkins for his work in organising the Young Leader training programme, and congratulations to all those who were awarded their YL belts. The District 'Dragon' DofE programme has been very successful with most of our Units combining skills and resources. Mark Southey has led a team running an extraordinary programme with expeditions on foot and on water as well as organising the 2023 Winter Activity Weekend (WAW) and other District Explorer administration with the assistance of Tom Wilkinson.

Explorers from all units attended a District Explorer evening in September to kick off the new school year which introduced them to District events and courses. There was no Raftless Race or District Wardening Weekend, but we were able to reinstate several events including the Winter Activity Weekend after last years' cancellations. The Fishing Competition in September 2022 attracted very few entries, but the Cooking Competition was well attended with 7 units having lots of fun and 2nd Molesey winning. The shooting competition was moved to 2023 and the Games Night sadly fell by the wayside.

The new year started well with the excellent WAW offering lots of great experiences to the Explorers who attended. A large group of Explorers and leaders stayed at Dovedale in the Peak District and completed some challenging walks in wintery conditions. We were joined by Andrew Carvell, our Assistant County Commissioner for Explorers, who was impressed with the organisation of this event.

There was a successful Incident Hike at the end of February with lots of activity bases and several teams from a good number of Units. This is thanks to brilliant organisation from James Horsburgh and well done to the winning 1st Claygate team. We then enjoyed a well-attended shooting competition at 3rd Molesey in March and had tons of fun at the Explorer Wide Game.

June saw a good number of Explorers from nearly every Unit attend Escapade '23. As well as enjoying the on-site activities, about 30 Explorers went on the special off-site paintballing at Delta Force near Cobham. It was a very hot and sweaty afternoon, and the Explorers came back slightly bruised but very happy - thanks to Conrad for arranging this. The year finished with an Explorer Social at Polyapes in July with a barbecue as well as cricket, volleyball and a tug of war.

Congratulations to those who went on DofE and other expeditions and events this year; which included the Galicia Explorer Belt challenge and the World Scout Jamboree to Korea (which, while challenging on a number of levels, was still very much enjoyed by the Explorers).

Some of the recent Expeditions include

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| April 2022 | Brecon Beacons - Gold DofE/Kings Scout – Explorer Scouts |
| May 2022 | Sussex - Silver DofE/Diamond Scout – Explorer Scouts New Forest - Bronze DofE/Platinum Scout – Explorer Scouts |
| August 2022 | Brecon Beacons - Gold DofE/Kings Scout – Explorer Scouts |
| October 2022 | New Forest - Silver DofE/Diamond Scout – Explorer Scouts New Forest - Bronze DofE/Platinum Scout – Explorer Scouts |



District Explorer Scout Young Leaders



Jonathan Perkins
Esher District & Surrey Scouts Young Leader Adviser

This year has been another successful one for our Young Leader programme in the District. Esher has continued to help pioneer the new “Surrey Style” Young Leader programme which has benefitted both our Young Leaders and our Groups.

Young Leaders are Explorer Scouts who volunteer with a Squirrel Drey, Beaver Colony, Cub Pack or Scout Troop. They plan, organise and run games, activities and parts of the programme.

Young Leaders bring new ideas and youth-shaped thinking. They provide positive role models to the young people they’re leading. They are integral members of the Section’s leadership team. They play a full part in planning, leading and delivering their Section’s week-by-week programme.

Young Leaders stand out from their peers and friends because of their highly practical leadership capabilities and experience. We have started to give more guidance to Young Leaders about how their work as Young Leaders can also assist them in gaining their other Top Scouting awards.

During the year, Esher Young Leaders joined with other Surrey YLs to receive their mandatory training, which needs to be completed either before or within 3 months of becoming a Young Leader. At any time in the District, we have over 50 Young Leaders volunteering within sections: learning from our experienced Adult Leaders is at the core of the YL programme.

Our Young Leaders are managed through an Esher District Explorer Scout Young Leaders Unit. This includes 9 members who are not members of an active Explorer Unit as well, 4 of whom have converted from being DofE volunteers to become Explorer Scouts so that they could continue to volunteer as Young Leaders.

In my County role, I run the two Surrey Young Leader Conferences held in October and March each year. I am very grateful to Phil Guildford, Rachel MacArthur and Mark Aulds from the District for their support as Leaders at these conferences. These conferences now have more than 100 Young Leaders attending from 14 Districts in Surrey with the support of 25 Leaders. From Esher, 35 Young Leaders attended in October 2022 and 27 in March 2023. The Surrey Scout Young Leader Conferences enable Young Leaders to develop their leadership skills by taking part in practical workshops. These include running games, teaching skills, and the planning and delivering of a scout programme. There is also the opportunity to validate a First Response level First Aid qualification.

Newly introduced during this year has been our Surrey Senior Explorer Scout Young Leader Scheme (SESYL). The SESYL, which enables Young Leader Belt holders to further develop their leadership skills, can also be completed by attending the Young Leader conferences. An integral part of this programme is the BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Teamwork and Personal Development in the Community, which is provided and validated by an external provider CVQO.

The BTEC recognises the core skills which are achieved through the Young Leader programme and through the completion of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. The additional three units required to complete the diploma are embedded into Our SESYL:

- In Stage A: Volunteering in the community
- In Stage B: Developing effective teamwork skills
- In Stage C: Developing effective communication skills

The Surrey Young Leader Journey

Young Leader Award



Senior YL Award



It was fantastic to see that Kewin of 3rd Molesey Explorer Scouts was one of the first three to complete the BTEC in March 2022:



1The first three senior Young Leaders with their BTEC certificates in March 2023, with Heather Rhoden Surrey Scouts and Joe Rogerson Surrey Scouts County Commissioner (Kewin is in the centre)

It has been fantastic that more of our Young Leaders are now completing the Young Leader Scheme and gaining their Young Leader Belt. In 2022/23, sixteen (2021/22: 2) Young Leaders gained their Young Leader Belts from the following Groups: 1st Claygate, Oxshott,

Our Young Leaders who gained their Young Leader Belts in 2022/23

Cobham, 3rd Molesey, Dittons and 1st Molesey.



DofE Awards April 22-March 23

| First name | Last name | Group | AWARD LEVEL |
|------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Sam | Warner | 1st Claygate | Bronze |
| Theo | Venzelaar-Pelly | 1st Claygate | Bronze |
| Aahna | Wijeratne | 1st Claygate | Bronze |
| Jessica | Warriss | 1st Claygate | Bronze |
| Luke | Sewell | 1st Claygate | Bronze |
| Jamie | Aulds | 1st Claygate | Bronze |
| Samuel | Worthington | 1st Claygate | Silver |
| Colm | Maguire | 1st Claygate | Silver |
| Joe | Christmas | 1st Claygate | Silver |
| Nicole | Elliott | 1st Claygate | Silver |
| Jack | Farthing | 1st Claygate | Silver |
| William | Peasey | 1st Claygate | Silver |
| David | Grosse | 1st Claygate | Gold |
| Humphries | Elin | 1 st Molesey | Chief Scout Platinum |
| Humphries | Elin | 1 st Molesey | Bronze |
| Loten | Maximillian | 1 st Molesey | Bronze |
| Emmines | William | 1 st Molesey | Silver |
| Spencer | Daniel | 1 st Molesey | Silver |

Esher District Young Leader Awards April 22-March23

| First name | Last name | Group | YL Award |
|------------|-----------|--------------|----------|
| Zach | Slater | 1st Claygate | Belt |
| Will | O'Brien | 1st Claygate | Belt |
| Bethany | MacArthur | Cobham | Belt |
| Kara | MacArthur | Cobham | Belt |
| Jo | Sewell | Cobham | Belt |
| Amelia | McDermid | 3rd Molesey | Belt |
| Kewin | Kobylski | 3rd Molesey | Belt |
| Dion | Henderson | 3rd Molesey | Belt |
| Eloisa | Burdett | 1st Molesey | Belt |
| Elin | Humphries | 1st Molesey | Belt |
| Evie | Mahon | 1st Molesey | Belt |
| Hector | Anderson | Oxshott | Belt |
| Ben | Davidson | Oxshott | Belt |
| Gemma | Askew | Oxshott | Belt |
| Drew | Swallow | Dittons | Belt |
| Orson | Skittles | Dittons | Belt |

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| Kewin | Kobylski | 3rd Molesey | Level 2 Diploma in Teamwork and Personal Development in the Community, now recognized by the Scout Association |
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Appointments Report

Carole Needham, Appointments Secretary
John Baldwin, Chair of the Appointments Committee

Another year gone by and time flies. A good number of new adults have come through for Leaders, Section Assistants, and a few Skills Instructors appointments. It is really interesting to meet with these people and all have been excellent candidates.

The AAC saw the following from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 with the informal meetings more or less equally divided between Zoom calls and face to face.

| | Leader | Assistant Leader | Section Assistant | Skills Instructor |
|-----------|--------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Beavers | | 4 | 8 | |
| Cubs | 4 | 6 | 1 | |
| Scouts | | 5 | 2 | |
| Explorers | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Group | 2 | | | 1 |

They were spread across the District as follows:

| Group | Number | Group | Number |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
| Ajax | 2 | Claygate | 8 |
| Cobham | 1 | The Dittons | 1 |
| 3 rd Esher | 3 | Hinchley Wood | 2 |
| 1 st Molesey | 11 | 2 nd Molesey | 0 |
| 3 rd Molesey | 0 | Oxshott | 2 |
| Weston Green | 3 | District | 0 |
| | | TOTAL | 33 |

There were also a number of GSIs (students/Young Leaders) who were not recorded in the numbers as they were not seen by the Appointments Committee having had prior approval by Team DC and their respective GSL, in accordance with POR.

In all, 33 people have been seen which is an increase from last year.

We need three on the panel and a reserve (in case somebody drops out or there are changes in circumstances) so our numbers need to be reasonable. We have had two new members, Sarah-Jane and Daniel, so thank you to them both.

Finally, my thanks go to all the panel members seeing the attendees. Thanks especially to Carole, the District Appointments Secretary who arranges the attendees in coming and the rota. Thank you Carole.

Adult Training in Esher District has again continued to achieve improvements in compliance levels. Indeed, across all of the key mandatory items of: 'Mod1', 'GDPR', 'Safety' and 'Safeguarding' - we closed the year at the end of March, with all four elements achieving 100% compliance in full (no one overdue), for the first time in 3 years!

Such evidence shows the outcome of progress made. Behind the headlines, what matters is that it requires the hard work of a number of members - from Group Scout Leaders, Training Advisors and Line Managers, via the work of the 'Appointments Advisory Committee', right through to the c.150 individual members (35% of the total), who were validated for completing or re-completing one or more of these courses during the past year.

So, a massive thank you must once again go to all our volunteers for all that they have achieved and put up with - as well as for the valued support provided by County team members.

Members' completion and validation of all elements of the mandatory Adult Training programme has continued to be a top priority for the Scout Association, ahead of planned organisational changes - so has continued to be tracked and reported on both locally and nationally, as summarised above and below here.

As a consequence, elements such as 'First Response' and 'Trustee Intro' training have been a high priority. That has led to significant advances being made, moving us up to our highest ever year-end position of respectively 97% and 98% compliant (with just 5 & 4 people remaining overdue).

Updates on training progress continues to be provided on a regular basis (now normally quarterly) to Group and District level stakeholders (Group Scout Leaders, Training Advisors and the District Leadership Team) so that awareness of successes achieved, as well as the challenges remaining, is understood and can be acted upon.

Challenges to note as we move forward include:

- a) in the remainder of 2023, the need to manage 'Safety' and 'Safeguarding' training renewals as we continue through the transition to these having become a 3-yearly requirement back in 2020.
- b) the continuing need to support members to complete 'Wood Badge' training, where required, in a timely manner.
- c) preparing for the upcoming changes to the national training plan and being ready to manage the transition from the current training scheme to the next.

As my first report as 'Local Training Manager' – having taken up the post late last year – I would like conclude by extending a huge thank you to my predecessor Dave Creigh who had set in motion many positive changes that I'm very pleased to be able to pick up and run with.

And last but probably most importantly I wish to thank our 'Local Training Administrator', David Saunders, without whom we would not have the reporting and timely updates that are critical to us successfully achieving the training objectives for the District.



Escapade opened informally on Friday night at the main stage, with nearly every Esher Group and Unit attending in large numbers. There were Group evening activities as the setup continued ready for the next morning. It was a warm summery night, and from dawn on Saturday it was clear that it was going to be a hot day. We saw some deer and foxes around Walton Firs as the Scouts quietened for the first night.

Things started early, and by 8.30am there was a long line of traffic to drop off day visitors. The parking team worked very hard to get hundreds of cars though and our VIPs were just about able to park before the official opening. The impressive Flag Parade of all the sections from all the Groups was led by 3rd Molesey Band and over 1,000 scouts and adults were welcomed by the Deputy Lieutenant of Surrey, our local Councillors and Joe, our County Commissioner. We ensured that everyone had water and a sun hat ready for an amazing day.

The site and Group activities started promptly with huge inflatables on the main field and soon Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers (and a few Squirrels too) were running around Walton Firs from one activity to another. There was huge excitement about getting 10 activity symbols on the Scouts' wristbands so that they could win an Escapade '23 woggle. Our young people avoided long queues rushing from the Adventure Course, Nightline and Maze to the Low Ropes and Caving. Lots were in harnesses for the Crate stacking and High Ropes.

Ditton's ran a brilliant and very popular Laser Quest activity around the woods, close to the Archery and Tomahawk activities for the older Scouts. The new Walton Firs building contained air rifle shooting with the brand new Aeroball (opened especially for us) next door and close to the bouldering wall and the ever-popular tuck shop.

The lunch break was much needed as everyone rested in the shade and drank plenty of fluids (except for the ever-active Beavers who had a massive tug of war competition). The afternoon was just as frenetic – with Explorers heading off site for paintballing while lots of Escapade woggles were handed out for completing activities such as the Aerial runway, Stomp rockets, Craft Base, International Obstacle Course, Craft Base, Monkey bridge, Nerf Gun Range, Fire-lighting, Space Hopper Football, Campfire Sausage Dampers, Mystery Boxes Water slide, Badge making, Spaceship Challenge, Cub wash and the Matchbox Scavenger Hunt.

After dinner there was a special gig played by local singer Todd Dachtler (from The Voice Kids) and then after flag down we all were led by flaming torches to the District Campfire in the Horse Field. Lots of traditional and new campfire songs and sketches were rounded off by fireworks. We are blessed to have John Baldwin in the District as a campfire leader.

Sunday was even hotter and the Cubs and Scouts' Tug of War and Volleyball in the main arena was in full sunshine. Luckily the Walton Firs activities were running and offered plenty of shade as well as lots of fun and challenge. Soon enough the Claygate Scout Band was marching around the site playing some exceptional music and leading all the Groups back to the Main Stage for the short Scouts' Own and Closing Ceremony. It was the biggest event of the Esher calendar and came together brilliantly, our heartfelt thanks to all the leaders involved.

The District want to thanks everyone involved with the event it was very special, Particular thanks go to Andrew Burns, Pam Escott, Zoe Newton, Sue Hoad, Conrad Ayling, Rex Batey, Tiana Humphries, Chris Manning and Lisa Cross for all of the planning of Escapade 2023.

Photographs can be seen at:

<https://surreyscouts.smugmug.com/Public-Galleries/2023/Esher-District-Camp-2023/>

Polyapes

Chris Daley
Joint Chair Polyapes Management Committee

Polyapes Campsite Report 2022/23

Following the major problems related to the Covid 19 outbreak in the previous eighteen months, the period covered by this report saw the site return to more typical usage. Possibly as Groups and Districts got back into the swing of normal Scouting, we saw a major increase in camping and other activities at the site, which was very encouraging to see.

Last year also saw some major improvements undertaken on the site, mostly by the service crew. The main toilet block was completely modernised with new plumbing and a new water system. The Mowgli toilets were also renovated. I am sure all users of the site have appreciated these updated facilities.

Improvements to the activities on site in the last year have included the installation of the cave bus and the building of the radio-controlled car track. Both these items have been very well received by users of the site, and these joined the other fairly new attractions like the archery and tomahawk ranges.

Simon and Hannah Clarke and the rest of the service crew have done a fantastic job at Polyapes, undertaking so many improvements projects, as well as carrying out the normal regular maintenance of the site. The District and the Trustee Committee of the site owe them a very big thank you for all their time and effort.

As many of you will know, an Annual Remembrance Day Service is held each year at the site war memorial, and this is always followed by the Polyapes AGM. This year the service will be held at the site on Sunday 12th November 2023, 3pm for the service and 3.30pm for the AGM. All members of the District would be most welcome to attend.



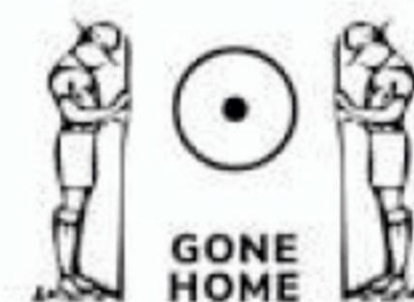
Adult Awards

The following Chief Scout's Length of Service Awards have been awarded across the District:

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| JAMES | Osborne | Chief Scout's 5 Years Service Award |
| Philippa | Guildford | Chief Scout's 5 Years Service Award |
| David | Saunders | Chief Scout's 5 Years Service Award |
| STEVE | Bax | Chief Scout's 5 Years Service Award |
| Dane | Wilson | Chief Scout's 5 Years Service Award |
| Stephen | Valter | Chief Scout's 5 Years Service Award |
| Jennifer | Williams | Chief Scout's 5 Years Service Award |
| Callum | Davison | Chief Scout's 5 Years Service Award |
| Elloise | Budd | Chief Scout's 5 Years Service Award |
| Brian | Amys | Chief Scout's 5 Years Service Award |
| Jan | Harley | Chief Scout's 5 Years Service Award |
| Izzy | Elliott | Chief Scout's 5 Years Service Award |
| Phil | Evans | Chief Scout's 10 Years Service Award |
| Harriss | Cook | Chief Scout's 10 Years Service Award |
| Iain | Lobjoit | Chief Scout's 10 Years Service Award |
| Liam | Quinn | Chief Scout's 10 Years Service Award |
| Simon | Clarke | Chief Scout's 15 Years Service Award |
| John | Daoud | Chief Scout's 15 Years Service Award |
| Hannah | Clarke | Chief Scout's 15 Years Service Award |
| Laurence | Chenery | Chief Scout's 15 Years Service Award |
| Nicholas | Barber | Chief Scout's 15 Years Service Award |
| Gary | Ernest | Chief Scout's 15 Years Service Award |
| Peter | Wadsworth | Chief Scout's 20 Years Service Award |
| Russell | King | Chief Scout's 20 Years Service Award |
| Polly | Zabari | Chief Scout's 25 Years Service Award |
| Sue | Hoad | Chief Scout's 25 Years Service Award |
| Avril | Lobjoit | Chief Scout's 30 Years Service Award |
| Pam | Escott | Chief Scout's 30 Years Service Award |
| Roger | Umney | Chief Scout's 50 Years Service Award |
| Adrian | Ducker | Chief Scout's 50 Years Service Award |
| Norman | Goldsmith | Chief Scout's 60 Years Service Award |

Congratulations and well done to all recipients.





Dennis Warren (1st Claygate GEC member and Group Chairman)

Dennis arrived in Claygate with his wife Beryl and their two sons in 1968, moving into a newly built house in Forge Drive. He offered to get them into local youth organisations and Steve, the eldest chose to join 1st Claygate Scout Group in 1971.

He took him to various activities and realised that there was a shortage of supporters. He found out the GSL's address, went to his house, knocked on the door and offered his help to Jem Salter, the then GSL. He joined the large and active Supporters Association and soon became Chairman and joined the Group Executive Committee (GEC) where his background in business dealing with supplying building materials proved invaluable.

He became Chairman of the GEC in 1975 and helped Jem drive forward the programme for increasing the membership. In 1986 he stepped down as Chairman after an 11 years. He continued to serve on the GEC and in 2019 was given the Chief Scouts commendation for good service. He decided to step down from the GEC in 2021 due to ill health. He finally received a certificate of 50 years' service in the same year.

He continued to take an active interest in the Group until his death on 27th November 2022 aged 92.

Brenda Gibbs 1st Claygate

We are saddened by the loss of Brenda Gibbs on 13 March 2023, although not a Scouter, she was a Guider, and more importantly to Esher District she was a huge support to Graham Gibbs in his Scouting.

Alan Groves 1st Weston Green

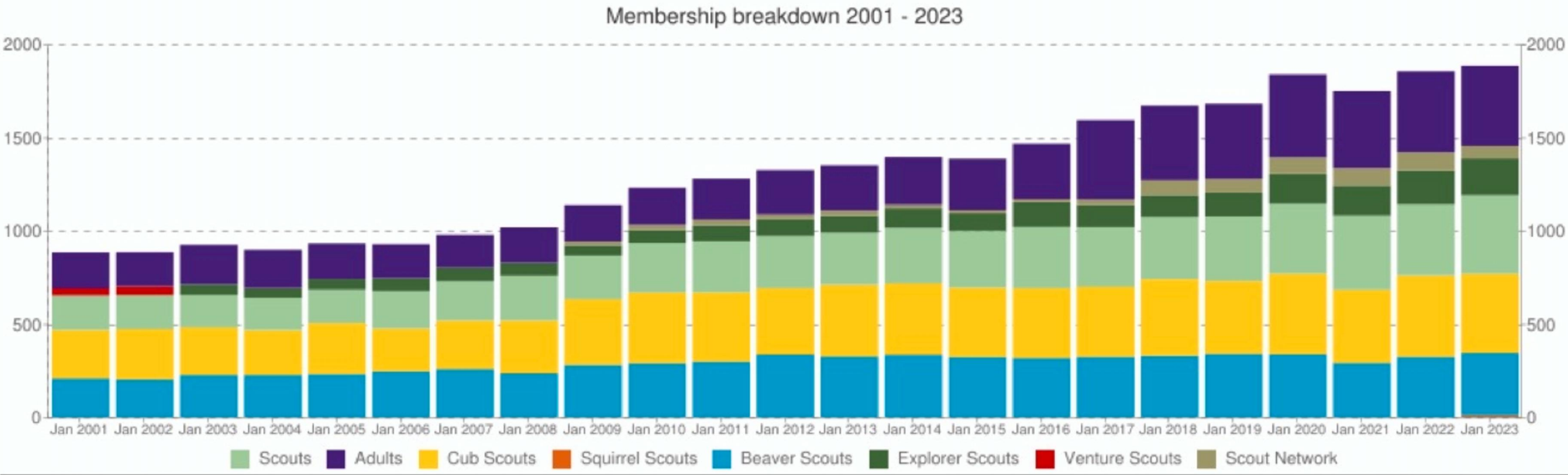
The District became aware of the news that Alan Groves, who was a past member of 1st Weston Green Scout Group, has died in August 2023. He had recently attended the Group's 80th Year celebrations and provided some useful background history to the current team.

Membership as at 31st January 2023

| Census January 2023 - Summary - Esher | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Name | Dreys | Colonies | Packs | Troops | Explorer Units | Networks | Squirrels | Beavers | Cubs | Scouts | Explorers | YP 4-18 | Network Members | Total Adults * | Total |
| Esher | - | - | - | - | 10 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 197 | 197 | 68 | 131 | 328 |
| 1st Claygate | - | 4 | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | 84 | 109 | 80 | - | 273 | - | 86 | 359 |
| 1st Cobham | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 15 | 19 | 5 | - | 39 | - | 11 | 50 |
| 3rd Esher | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 19 | 27 | 20 | - | 66 | - | 16 | 82 |
| 1st Hinchley Wood | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 24 | 31 | 33 | - | 88 | - | 37 | 125 |
| 1st Molesey (Jaguar) | - | 1 | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | 24 | 55 | 69 | - | 148 | - | 63 | 211 |
| 2nd Molesey (St Pauls) | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 26 | 26 | 32 | - | 84 | - | 13 | 97 |
| 3rd Molesey (Matravers) | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 23 | 21 | 30 | - | 74 | - | 27 | 101 |
| 1st Oxshott | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 10 | 18 | 31 | 32 | - | 91 | - | 13 | 104 |
| 4th Thames Ditton (Ajax) Sea Scouts | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 23 | 30 | 45 | - | 98 | - | 48 | 146 |
| The Dittons | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | 54 | 51 | 52 | - | 157 | - | 27 | 184 |
| 1st Weston Green (All Saints) | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 24 | 23 | 24 | - | 71 | - | 25 | 96 |
| Totals | 1 | 15 | 15 | 13 | 10 | 1 | 10 | 334 | 423 | 422 | 197 | 1386 | 68 | 497 | 1883 |

| Census 2023 - Trends - Esher | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Name | Squirrels | | | Beavers | | | Cubs | | | Scouts | | | Explorers | | |
| | 2022 | 2023 | Growth | 2022 | 2023 | Growth | 2022 | 2023 | Change | 2022 | 2023 | Change | 2022 | 2023 | Change |
| Esher | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - | 181 | 197 | +16 |
| 1st Claygate | 0 | 0 | - | 80 | 84 | +4 | 103 | 109 | +6 | 62 | 80 | +18 | 0 | 0 | - |
| 1st Cobham | 0 | 0 | - | 8 | 15 | +7 | 26 | 19 | -7 | 6 | 5 | -1 | 0 | 0 | - |
| 3rd Esher | 0 | 0 | - | 23 | 19 | -4 | 20 | 27 | +7 | 18 | 20 | +2 | 0 | 0 | - |
| 1st Hinchley Wood | 0 | 0 | - | 24 | 24 | - | 34 | 31 | -3 | 28 | 33 | +5 | 0 | 0 | - |
| 1st Molesey (Jaguar) | 0 | 0 | - | 24 | 24 | - | 59 | 55 | -4 | 62 | 69 | +7 | 0 | 0 | - |
| 2nd Molesey (St Pauls) | 0 | 0 | - | 27 | 26 | -1 | 31 | 26 | -5 | 32 | 32 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 3rd Molesey (Matravers) | 0 | 0 | - | 18 | 23 | +5 | 21 | 21 | - | 30 | 30 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 1st Oxshott | 0 | 10 | +10 | 25 | 18 | -7 | 26 | 31 | +5 | 31 | 32 | +1 | 0 | 0 | - |
| 4th Thames Ditton (Ajax) Sea Scouts | 0 | 0 | - | 19 | 23 | +4 | 34 | 30 | -4 | 46 | 45 | -1 | 0 | 0 | - |
| The Dittons | 0 | 0 | - | 54 | 54 | - | 51 | 51 | - | 41 | 52 | +11 | 0 | 0 | - |
| 1st Weston Green (All Saints) | 0 | 0 | - | 22 | 24 | +2 | 30 | 23 | -7 | 25 | 24 | -1 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Total | 0 | 10 | +10 | 324 | 334 | +10 | 435 | 423 | -12 | 381 | 422 | +41 | 181 | 197 | +16 |

Historical view



Trustees' Annual Report for the Year ending 31st March 2023

| | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| President | vacant |
| Vice-Presidents: | A J Palmer, C W Salter, N M C Stephens, R W Umney |
| Trustees: | |
| Ex-officio – Appointment | Name |
| District Commissioner | Hugh Gostling or Deputy District Commissioners – Mark Auld and Andrew Burns |
| District Chair | David Vorbrich |
| District Secretary | Lisa Cross |
| District Treasurer | Gary Ernest |
| District Explorer Scout Commissioner | vacant |
| Elected | Peter Hanna, Chris Daley & Stephen Valter |
| Appointed | Carole Needham |
| Co-opted | None |
| Bankers | CAF Bank Ltd. Kent |
| Other Advisors: | |
| Independent Examiner | Barry Hitchens |
| District Registration Number with the Scout Association | 15409 |
| Charity Registration Number | 1063001 |
| Contact Name and Address | Gary Ernest, 55 Oaken Lane, Claygate, KT10 0RQ |

Governance

The District's governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, the By 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 Scout Councils.

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

The District is managed by a Committee made up of all the charity's trustees. As charity trustees, they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping of proper accounts and making of appropriate returns to the Charity Commission.

The Committee meets approximately every two months and consists of three ex-officio trustees (Chair, Treasurer and Secretary), one nominee of the District Commissioner and three independent trustees elected by the District Scout Council at the Annual General Meeting together with the Deputy District Commissioner and District Explorer Scout Commissioner.

The Committee exists to support the District Commissioner and Deputies in meeting their responsibilities of the District and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of District property.
- The raising of funds and the administration of the District finances.
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment.
- District public occasions.
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support.
- Appointing advisors other than those who are elected.

The Committee is assisted by an Appointments Advisory Committee.

Risk Assessment

The Committee has identified the major risks to which it believes the Group is exposed. These have been reviewed and systems exist to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

- Damage to the building and equipment. The District would request the use of buildings and equipment from neighbouring organisations. The District has sufficient building and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.
- Injury to leaders, members and helpers. The District, through the membership fees, contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.
- Reduced income. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District either temporarily or permanently.
- Reduction or loss of members. The District provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 25. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the District as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a group, or, in the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the District.
- The District requires two signatories for all payments to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss of money and holds comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.
- COVID-19 please see below.

COVID-19

In accordance with Scout Association national requirements and Charity Commission guidance all face to face scouting was suspended throughout the lockdown period. This continued until the Scout Association advised that the risk level was lowered, when the District introduced a policy to provide guidance to Groups/Explorer Units as to how to return to face to face scouting. Using the Scout Association template all Groups/Explorer Units wishing to recommence face to face scouting had to carry out a Risk Assessment which had to be approved by the Group Executive then the District before starting. At the time of writing this report a number of Groups/Units have had Risk Assessments approved and have begun activities.

As well as its own status the District Executive has been overseeing Groups' financial positions and all are stable despite losses of income. All but two received Government grants through Elmbridge Borough Council. Those that did not receive the grants did not qualify as they were not paying Business Rates.

District Objectives

The aim of the District is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of the local, national and international community. The method of achieving this aim is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based on the Scout Association Programme and guided by trained adult leadership.

Overall District Strategy

- **Growth** – to recruit and retain adults, expand/add sections taking numbers off waiting lists and to develop a plan to potentially start a new group. Enhance programme
- **Inclusivity** – to attract and include a wider range of young people, genders, ethnicities, special needs and faiths.
- **Youth Shaped** – to ensure Scouts are actively influencing programming and planning at Group and District level
- **Community Impact** – to encourage Group/District involvement in one publicized community engagement per term.

Esher District Scout Council (EDSC)

Accounts 2022-23

Financial Strategy

There has been no material change in the financial organisation of EDSC in the year to 31 March 2023. Esher District Scout Council (EDSC) maintains the following three funds:

- The **Group Scout Leaders' (GSLs') Fund** is raised through a levy on all eligible scout members across the 11 scout groups ("the Groups") that comprise the District. The GSLs' levy recovered from Groups in March 2023 (to cover the 2023/24 financial year (FY)) was £1.50 per member, compared with £3.25 in the prior year (PY). The Fund is used at the GSLs' discretion to support scouting projects across the District. In particular, the Fund is used to provide 50% of the cost for local Explorers to attend the World Jamboree every 4 years, and to fund one-off grants to Groups or individuals in support of scouting activity.
- The **Building Repair (Bob Aldridge) Fund** represents a legacy from the estate of JS Easter received in 1997. The Fund is used to provide short-term loans to Groups for urgent building repairs and renewals.
- The **General Fund** comprises all other monies held by the EDSC and is used to fund day-to-day expenditure by the District. A levy of £0.50 per member was made on Groups in March 2023 (to cover the 2023/24 financial year) compared with zero in PY.

EDSC's financial strategy is to hold sufficient reserves within the General Fund to be able to continue the charitable activities of the District should income fall short. The Executive Committee considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months' running costs, about £2,000, plus funds to meet significant property repairs, £10,000 – so £12,000 in total. At March 31st 2023 the General Fund stood at £14,379 (March 31st 2022 £12,880).

Financial Review 2022-2023

The accounts, as shown in Appendix A, are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, as provided for in the Charities Act 2011.

Fund movements

Balances of the District's funds at the beginning and end of the current financial year are as follows:

| | 1 Apr 2022 (£) | 31 Mar 2023 (£) |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| GSLs' Fund | 12,331 | 4,577 |
| Building Fund | 21,186 | 21,455 |
| General Fund | 12,880 | 14,379 |
| TOTAL | 46,397 | 40,411 |

For the financial year ended 31st March 2023 total funds decreased by £5,986.

The **GSLs' Fund** decreased by £7,754 reflecting the payment of the majority of the instalments of the District's 50% support for the 7 local Explorers who will attend the South Korea World Jamboree in August 2023. One more payment is due in May 2023, after which the fund will be gradually built up to part fund participation in the next World Jamboree to be held in Poland in 2027.

The **Building Repair (Bob Aldridge) Fund** increased by £269 due to interest received on the Scout Association Deposit account. No loans to Groups are currently outstanding.

The **General Fund** increased by £1,499. This movement is a combination of payments received and paid out for District activities such as District beaver party, District cub camp, Scouts' Night & Day hikes and Explorers' Winter Activity Weekend; the deposit paid out for the 2023 District Camp at Walton firs in June 2023; payments in and out on fees for the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme; and general District expenses such as the AGM, insurance and bank charges.


Assets and liabilities

As the accounts are maintained and prepared on a receipts and payments basis, there is no District balance sheet.

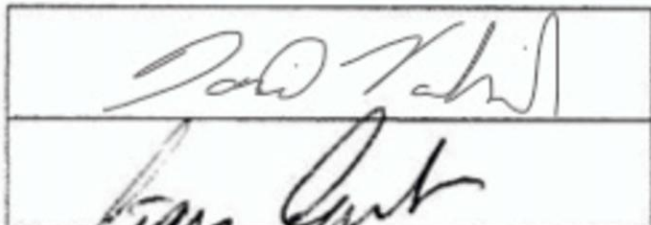
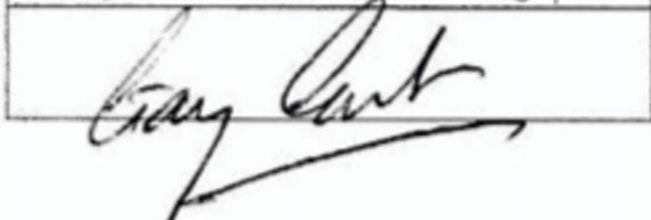
The District holds cash on deposit with the Scout Association Short Term Deposit account, the balance of which was £24,670 on 31st March 2023. The remaining day-to-day cash, £15,713 at the same date, is held at CAF Bank.

The Scout Association has notified us that it will close the Term Deposit Account over the summer of 2023 and the balance will be transferred to our CAF account.

No liabilities or pre-payments are carried forward.

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|  | Esher District Scout Council | | 1063001 | | CC16a |
| | Receipts and payments accounts | | | | |
| | For the period from | 1st April 2022 | To | 31st March 2023 | |
| | | | | | |
| Section A Receipts and payments | | | | | |
| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Last year |
| | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Capitation & Insurance Fees received (Note 1) | 3,666 | 62,706 | - | 66,372 | 65,098 |
| Less: paid to County | - | (60,638) | - | (60,638) | (57,794) |
| Less: paid to Unity (PIP insurance) | (3,502) | | - | (3,502) | (3,258) |
| Net Capitation Fees received | 164 | 2,069 | - | 2,233 | 4,046 |
| Course Fees received | 730 | - | - | 730 | 222 |
| Activities and district camps | 14,791 | - | - | 14,791 | 4,004 |
| 2023 Jamboree (from Groups) | - | 9,900 | - | 9,900 | - |
| Interest receivable | 29 | 269 | - | 298 | - |
| Other receipts | 27 | - | - | 27 | 638 |
| | - | | | - | - |
| Sub total | 15,741 | 12,237 | - | 27,978 | 8,910 |
| | | | | | |
| Total receipts | 15,741 | 12,237 | - | 27,978 | 8,910 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Activities and district camps | 13,040 | - | - | 13,040 | 4,203 |
| 2023 Jamboree paid to UK HQ | - | 19,723 | - | 19,723 | 1,750 |
| Administration and miscellaneous payments | 572 | - | - | 572 | 2,441 |
| Other payments | - | - | - | - | - |
| Training costs | 630 | - | - | 630 | 300 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 14,242 | 19,723 | - | 33,964 | 8,694 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| Equipment purchases | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | | |
| Total payments | 14,242 | 19,723 | - | 33,964 | 8,694 |
| | | | | | |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 1,499 | - 7,485 | - | - 5,986 | 217 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 12,880 | 33,516 | - | 46,397 | 46,180 |
| Cash funds this year end | 14,379 | 26,031 | - | 40,411 | 46,397 |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Bank current account | 14,379.54 | 1,333.44 | |
| | Scout Assoc Short Term Deposit | - | 24,697.94 | |
| | | - | - | |
| | Total cash funds | 14,379 | 26,031 | |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | |
| | Loans | - | - | |
| | | - | - | |
| | | - | - | |
| Total assets | | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | TOTAL |
| | GSL's Fund | | 4,577 | 4,577 |
| | Building Fund | | 21,455 | 21,455 |
| | General Fund | 14,379 | - | 14,379 |
| | | 14,379 | 26,032 | 40,411 |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | | | | |
| | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval | |
| |  | David Vorbrich District Chairman | 14 / 09 / 23 | |
| |  | Gary Ernest, District Treasurer | 3/7/23 | |

Esher District Scout Council Charity Number 1063001

Report of the Independent examiner to the Trustees of Esher District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Charity for the year to 31st March 2023 that are set out on the pages attached.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement


I have completed my examination.

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

- a) the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- b) the accounts did not comply with the accounting records or
- c) the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the 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 the independent examination.

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

Barry Hitchens- Australian Society of Accountants
24 Effingham Road, Long Ditton, Surrey, KT6 5JY

 13th June 2023