

## **District Lead Volunteer Report 2024-25**

One of the key events for 2024 has been in November 2024 scouting went through a transformation process with a restructure of scouting from the old traditional scout leader to a more team based approach. This has meant that every volunteer now is either a team member or team leader in what ever section they were in or choose to be involved with, or a trustee on one of the district/group trustee boards (formally the Executive committee). Others can be non-member but require a disclosure to help with scouting activities. Some roles volunteers held previously now no longer exist and these now hold team lead team member roles.

The whole purpose of these changes has been to break down the traditional roles in to smaller roles that may encourage new volunteers to join scouting.

This has come with a whole new set of challenges and a new central digital tools system which holds volunteer records and membership but also encompasses online training.

This year the number of young people registered with the Scout association in January this year on the annual census figures for the district has slightly risen again to 961 from 940 last year.

The break down is as follows – Squirrels 39 (49 last year), 243 Beavers (259 last year), 317 Cubs (314 last Year), 257 Scouts (233 last year), 102 Explorers (81 last year) and 3 Network, (4 last year).

The number of registered adult members in the district has fallen this year to 296 from 314 adults in 2024. This is due in part to groups house cleaning and removing non active volunteers.

The total membership in the district for 2025 is 1257 members (1254 last year). Overall Young people grew by just over 2% and the district grew by just over 0.2%. Although not as greater growth as 2024 we still continue to grow as a district.

Interest in the young people wishing to join the organisation remains high with daily enquiries dropping in to inboxes and waiting lists at groups continue to reflect this.

Even with the new structure in scouting continued to struggle again this year to fill some of the new roles across the district team, and this is also reflected across the groups within the district.

Prior to the transformation the new district team has worked well together and although we still face some challenges and some key roles are not 100% full filled the team continue to work together helping other team members when needed.

We still have some challenges to overcome and hopefully over the coming year we will make some head way with this.

I would like to thank the following in the old and new district teams for their support and enthusiasm.

Simon Richards, (Beaver leader – now program),  
Joshua Hammond, (ADC Cubs – Now program),  
Jeni Burrell, (ADC Scouts – Now program)  
Chris Thorpe (Development – Now Support Team Lead)  
Helen Thomas (Volunteer Development Team Lead),  
Jacob Barnes (Youth Commissioner – now 14-24 Team Lead),  
Lucy Huggins (Youth Commissioner Youth Team Lead

Credits also go out to

Chris Stead (ADC Activities – Now Team Lead Narrowboat)  
Chris Duggan (Chair of the Narrowboats),  
Andrew James (Campsite)

I want to thank them for full filling these much, needed support roles. Thank you to each and every one of you.

I want to thank all the other support members across the district in the various teams for their continued support and dedication.

It is appropriate to salute all the fantastic leaders, section assistants and helpers across the district for their continued commitment, dedication, time and hard work they all show to their groups and to the young people of Wakefield. – Thank you each and every one of you.

I know many this year have received Young Leader, long service awards and for many have completed their adult training Wood badges. Many of which I have had the pleasure of presenting - Well done to everyone who has received an award this year.

Thank you also to the Trustee Board, everyone on the Campsite and Narrowboat sub committees, my District Team and the County Team who have continued to work tirelessly in supporting myself and the whole district over another difficult year and to anyone else who has supported or helped me over the last year. Thank you.

The hope is that changes that have come in over the last year will help with volunteer recruitment and in that we can provide more exciting evening meetings activities and camps for our young people of Wakefield.

Like last year I ask in the coming year that we challenge ourselves with one of the following.

- **Individual** – Recruit a parent, friend, work colleague, relative or former member to fill any adult role, large or small.
- **Events:** Encourage groups and sections to get involved with both District & County events.
- **Team** – Work with one another rather than against each other and utilise or engage with one another.
- **Encourage** – Offer support and guidance rather than criticism.

*A quote –*

“The real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people.”

*Lord Robert Baden Powell*

Thank you everyone.

Adrian Cooper  
District Commissioner.

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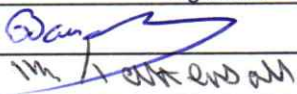
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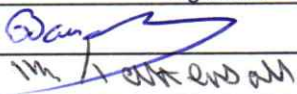
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