SOUTHAMPTON CITY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 1117805

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2007-02-02
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: Co-ordinate and support scouting activities in the Southampton City area according to the charter and policy, organisation and rules of the scout association.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED, IN PRACTICE SOUTHAMPTON
- Hampshire
- Southampton City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£125,194	£100,725	-	-
2024-03-31	£92,935	£81,756	-	-
2023-03-31	£101,484	£77,011	-	-
2022-03-31	£52,237	£43,682	-	-
2021-03-31	£33,203	£26,387	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr VERONICA RADFORD	Chair	
Daniel Trickey		2025-01-23
Joseph Butterworth		2025-09-13
Joshua Jason Coleman Smith		2021-07-08
Josie Anderson		2025-09-13
Kara Jane Congreve		2025-09-13
Neil Crawshaw		2025-09-13
Ruth Hopgood		2020-09-20
john anthony bradley		2019-07-18

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Accounts



Southampton City Scout District

Annual Report & Financial Statement 2024 - 2025

Report & Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2025

Trustees Ex-Officio

- Joshua Smith (District Lead Volunteer)
- Josie Anderson (District Youth Lead)

Trustees

Elected

- Tony Bradley (District Treasurer)
- Rex Budd
- Lloyd Pearson
- Thelma Bishop-Young
- Ruth Hopgood

Nominated

- Lucy Blatherwick
- Veronica Radford (District Chair)
- Ollie Hyde Pinto

Co-opted

- Dan Trickey

Charity Information

Bankers: Natwest, Shirley
Independent Examiner: Langdowns DFK, Chartered Accountants

District Registration number with the Scout Association: 12038
Charity Registration number: 1117805

Contact Name and Address:

Tony Bradley
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SOUTHAMPTON
SO15 7RX

District Chair

It is a fact that every year I am able to report the same fantastic message to all of you – that scouting in Southampton is thriving, with more adult volunteers and young people involved than ever before. We have new sections started in 4 groups, every group now has a Group Lead Volunteer, we have 4 to 6 year old Squirrels all over the District and we are opening a new group in the St Mary's area with the help of County. This is truly inspirational and as always it is down to the unswerving dedication of our volunteers, who give their most valuable gift of time.

As a District we offer valuable support to our 11 groups and our thriving 14–24-year-olds including 6 Explorer sections and Network. This year we were proud to bring us all together at a fantastic District Camp, held at The New Forest Showground, with over 600 young people and 200 adult volunteers helping! There was a vast range of activities including archery, climbing, radio navigation, laser tag, inflatables, craft, and there was even a vintage bus that gave over 400 people a ride around the site.

It has been a year of structural change in how we operate scouting. Following 'Transformation', we now have 4 District Teams: Programme; Volunteer Development, Support; 14 to 24; and the District Board of Trustees. The emphasis is on teamwork, a core strength which lies at the heart of scouting, bringing volunteers to successfully work together. This year some of our scouting volunteers were publicly celebrated along with other local heroes in a City Reflections project, a spectacular light show event which was held all over the city including one of our scout HQ's. One such scouting hero was Chris Buckland and we were very sad when he passed away this year. Chris was a dedicated scouter and helped for many years with the archery team.

Another example of scouting heroes is our team that run and maintain our beautiful campsite at Wilverley in the New Forest. These volunteers meet twice a week at the site, enabling it to offer a great camping and residential experience for young people from all over the county.

I am very grateful to the District Board of Trustees who give their time to help oversee the smooth operation of the District. On behalf of the District I wish to thank our Treasurer and Health & Safety advisor, Tony Bradley, and our Wilverley Campsite Manager, Rex Budd, who are to stand down at the AGM. Tony and Rex have been Trustees for many years as well as holding multiple roles throughout their scouting years: They are definitely both scouting heroes and the good news is they are to continue in other roles within our scouting community.

Our positive experience at Wilverley helped give us the confidence to go for our biggest project yet – to bid for Woodmill. Through enormous effort the District Team put together a bid which, in the words of many who read it, "is the best bid we have ever seen". Huge thanks to Josh and Dan who went above and beyond to make it happen. Now we have this lovely, inspiring outdoor centre to make our own; to make into a community hub of outdoor activity, with the nonprofit, volunteer- led scouting ethos at its heart; to make it into a fantastic opportunity for our young people to experience adventure, camping, climbing, water activities and nature in abundance, right here in the centre of our city. And it is Teamwork that will let us work with the many other community groups who have expressed interest, to enable this beautiful space to reach its full potential.

Thank you to everyone.

Veronica Radford - District Chair
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District Lead Volunteer

This past year has been a truly brilliant one for Scouting in Southampton. We've maintained stable youth membership numbers and seen a fantastic increase in our volunteer team. This growth is set to continue, and we expect to approach or even surpass 1,000 youth members and 500 volunteers by 2026.

I want to extend a massive thank you to every single person across the city who has made this possible. Your hard work and dedication have an enormous impact on our young people, giving them the chance to develop skills for life and have unforgettable experiences.

Early in 2024, the District and wider Scouting community underwent a major transformation of our roles, structures, and processes. As part of this change, we have three key leads overseeing the core functions of our District:

- **Ollie, Programme Lead**: (Continues) - Leads programmes, permits, etc.
- **Thelma, People Lead:** (New) Leads welcome, support, learning, etc.
- **Dan, Operations Lead:** (New) - Leads digital, growth, media, facilities, etc.

It's been a brilliant year for the Programme Team, who have hosted a variety of exciting events, including camps, activity days, and competitions. A highlight was District Camp 2025, which brought together over 800 people. Our Explorer Scouts and Network members also travel to the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland in July 2025. Thank you to everyone who helped shape and deliver our programme this year, whether you organised an event, volunteered on the day, or made sure your young people could attend.

The People Team (also known by HQ as Volunteer Development Team) has gotten off to a fantastic start. With Transformation, we've changed how we welcome and train volunteers. Thelma has formed new teams to focus on all these areas, including a new team dedicated to social opportunities for volunteers. This team has been invaluable in supporting our volunteers across the city. I'm also very proud to report that our District is now fully compliant with all safety and safeguarding learning requirements. Thanks to the new awards system, we're also nominating more people for awards than we have in a long time. Thank you to everyone for your support in helping our volunteers and keeping on top of your own learning.

The Operations Team (also known by HQ as Support Team) has been very busy. They've refreshed our digital and online infrastructure and have started a new Media Team. Dan also oversees our Wilverley Team and successfully led the bid to acquire the Woodmill Outdoor Centre, which officially became our new District HQ on the 1st of September 2025. This starts an exciting new chapter for the District.

On behalf of the entire District, I want to express my deepest thanks to everyone who supports Scouting in Southampton, both locally and beyond. Your tireless commitment and hard work are what make it possible for so many young people to enjoy the opportunities and growth that Scouting provides.

Josh Smith - District Lead Volunteer
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District Programme Team

Transformation has seen several changes to the Programme Team since November 2024. The Nights Away process has moved over to the new digital system but this has been quite a smooth process, matching the digital method we were already using in the District, pre-November 2024. To support this, we have expanded the Nights Away Team with 3 new members recruited and currently completing the necessary training to become a Nights Away Advisor. With this increased provision, the District should be able to support more members in gaining their Nights Away Permits.

With the changes from Transformation, we have seen the Section Leads working together well. This helped with delivering an action packed Squirrel & Beaver event as well as a festive Scout Christmas Camp. The Scout Section have met regularly throughout the year, with the Programme Lead chairing these meetings. We are now seeing at least ¾ of the District represented at each of their Scout Section Leader meetings, which has led to some great event planning as well as a leader social. The Cub and Explorer teams continue to deliver a wide selection of events. A new Network Lead has been appointed following Transformation and will work directly with the Explorer Lead.

The rescheduled District Camp has focussed much of the workload for the Programme Team this year. Since the cancelling of the 2024 event, the team has inspected many sites before placing a booking with the New Forest Showground. This site allows for us to get the whole District on with ease but there are some challenges this also naturally brings. With no buildings on site, we are hiring toilets, power and tentage. Situated right in the New Forest, this site provides a great opportunity for getting all of our sections out into the forest. All of this has been supported financially by the District Trustees, ensuring that we can bring in a wide range of activities. This has been especially important in a time where many families are struggling financially.

In the year ahead, we are looking to recruit more members to the Programme Team, especially the Section Teams. We are aiming to recruit Youth Members to several places across the Programme Team, with recruitment to start in the summer. Outward facing events are also something we aim to support more, helping to further embed scouting in the local community.

Ollie Hyde Pinto - District Programme Team Lead
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District Volunteer Development Team

Transformation saw the formation of the Volunteer Development Team. The aim is to guarantee that volunteers are; welcomed, feel competent and valued in their roles. To do this 5 sub teams have been created:

- Welcome: There are currently 24 members of the team, who have all undertaken the required learning and now work together to ensure all new volunteers are adequately informed of their role, learning implications, the District structure and their place in it.

- Learning: Thankfully most of the TAs agreed to become Learning Assessors - there are currently 5 members of the team. The first Aid Team have run a number of First Response courses. There has obviously been a lot of work to confirm that all volunteers are compliant with the mandatory learning (safeguarding and safety). Many thanks to all the volunteers and their GLV who worked so hard to complete the new Safety Learning. We are now working to secure all volunteers are First Response compliant.

- Disclosure: There are currently 3 members of the team. They are ready to help any group that are having issues with processing the DBS system.

- Recognition: There are currently 5 members of the team, who have all undertaken the required learning. They have been working hard to apply for almost 20 awards. Most have been approved by the County Team and/or TSA. There are a few more still in the system awaiting processing. Hopefully the certificates will soon be in the District and we can get them presented asap. If you would like to nominate a volunteer for an award - please contact me.

- Social: There are currently 3 members of the team. A small group that are responsible (along with the old Active Support group) for providing refreshments for the City Reflections Project - The Southampton Forward event that at the 29th Group Hall, a video was projected onto their wall celebrating the city's diverse volunteers - 6 of whom are scout volunteers. In the future the team aims to provide a number of trial events for volunteers to improve their skills (archery, fire lighting, etc). If you have an idea for an event or would like to join the team - please get in touch.

Many thanks to all those that either volunteered or accepted my invitation to join the team, without you the District wouldn't be able to run so efficiently. There is always space for more, especially the Social Team - please contact me if you would like more information.

Thelma Bishop-Young - District Volunteer Development Team Lead
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District Support Team

The District Support Team, or as we've been informally referring to it, the District Operations Team is a new District team launched following the launch of the Scout Association's transformation programme in late 2024. The team is responsible for keeping things running smoothly behind the scenes: growth and development, administration (including IT) , fundraising and grant applications, facilities, and promoting Scouting locally.

Currently, the operations team consists of several sub-teams, and plans are in place to launch additional Growth and Fundraising teams in 2025 / 2026.

Digital Team

Following the launch of the new national membership system, our Digital Team has been working hard to integrate the new system into our existing processes, enable better communication between teams and launch new services to help volunteers throughout the district and groups in Southampton City do their roles more easily. The team has more than doubled in size since last year and I'd like to thank the team for their hard work so far. Two new major IT systems have been launched, a District Directory system and a volunteer intranet "Volunteer Hub", both of which have been invaluable to the wider District team in enabling our roles.

Media Team

Additionally following transformation, a new Media team has been formed separately from the Digital Team. This team focuses on social media, photography, videography and press, and they have done a fantastic job so far. We have seen a much more concerted effort to engage with the press and wider community, and a number of news articles have been published promoting local Scouting positively. I'd like to thank the team for their efforts so far and look forward to seeing what they achieve next year.

Wilverley Team

As always, the Wilverley maintenance team have done a fantastic job keeping Wilverley looking great for visitors and campers throughout the year. A new generator has been installed, replacing the previous equipment that had failed in April 2024. This restores power and hot water to the site, and will greatly improve the experience of visitors. The Wilverley Team are looking for volunteers to get involved with the regular maintenance and development of the campsite. The team currently meet on Tuesdays and Fridays to perform regular maintenance and care for the site and welcome all to join in helping with the site.

Woodmill

Whilst the fundraising team has yet to form, we've been working on one of our biggest fundraising efforts in some time: our bid to acquire Woodmill Outdoor Centre. This bid required a monumental amount of effort from a large number of volunteers working together across the

district, across a period of many months.

I'd particularly like to thank Veronica, Mandy, Charlie, Ruth, Luke, Ania, Bonny, Oana, Sally and the 13th Sea Scouts. Josh has also played an important role here, going significantly above and beyond his role as Lead Volunteer to pull together a coalition of over 20 local community groups in under 6 weeks and spent many weeks working until the early hours of the morning with me to get the bid over the line.

We've finally seen the hard work come to life as we received keys on 1st September and have begun to start giving this incredible site the love and care it deserves. Woodmill offers us not only a permanent home in Southampton for the District, but unlocks Sea Scouting and outdoor adventure for thousands of young people right here.

Dan Trickey - District Support Team Lead
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District Treasurer

There continues to be a healthy return to bookings for Wilverley, with an income of £26,138, which is down from the previous year due to the failure of the generator. Against this the maintenance was £6,199, overheads £6,312, utilities £2,371, insurance £2,523, projects £4,499 and a booking refund of £651. This leaves a surplus of £3,583 to be distributed between the Wilverley Long Term Project Fund and the District Dividend Fund.

Price increases of raw materials and commodities continue to rise, reflecting the costs seen in the maintenance figure above. We were successful in our claim for the generator failure with an insurance payment of £31,548, and we will have purchased a replacement machine in 2025/26.

We continue to use NatWest for our current and reserve banking and FreeAgent as our accounting software. NatWest informed us that as we now exceed an annual turnover of £100k, because we process all the groups payments for the annual census fees and county levies. We have therefore been subject to business banking charges from 1st. June 2024. From then to the end of year the costs were £ 94.50.

During the year we made more use of the Equals Money pre-loaded payment cards for members of the district leadership and 14-24 teams. This is proving successful in providing flexibility to card holders and obviating the need for them to be out-of-pocket whilst awaiting refunds.

I can report that our independent examiner Langdowns DFK were given the supporting documentation for the examination of accounts in good time, and a complete and accurate set of figures are presented to the AGM, as set out at the end of this TAR document. We are grateful to Langdowns and pleased to see a continuation of the good service we have received for the previous years in reviewing and examining the accounts, and for the work they have done on our behalf this year.

The annual census was completed in January of this year and invoices issued to the groups and units. I am pleased to say we made our combined subscription payment to the County before the end of the financial year, having received all incoming payments in good time. Early payment reductions and a one-off County rebate were able to be passed on. My thanks again to the groups, units, and their treasurers for their assistance and speedy responses in making their payments.

I will be standing down as treasurer at this AGM. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the Chair, DLV and Executive Committee / Trustee Board members who have supported me and provided invaluable guidance and support during my time as treasurer. I also want to offer my best wishes for the future to my successor.

Please see below for copies of the accounts.

Tony Bradley - District Treasurer
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Southampton City Scout District
Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2024	To	31 March 2025

Receipts and payments

	2024-2025 Unrestricted funds £	2023-2024 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	50,386	50,655
Less:Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	- 53,924	- 50,655
Net membership subscriptions retained	- 3,538	-
Sales	123	137
Activities		
Gift Aid		4,986
Other income (insurance claim)	31,548	
Sub total	28,133	5,123
Grants		
Maintenance grant	-	
Other grants		3,518
Sub total	-	3,518
Fundraising (gross)		
Sections	14,607	11,214
Camps	-	13,021
Wilverley booking	26,138	37,690
Other fundraising activities (Explorers, Network and ASU)	43,370	12,170
Sub total	84,115	74,095
Investment income		
Bank interest	4,246	2,726
Building Society interest		
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		
Property Rent dividend	8,700	7,473
Other investment income		-
Sub total	12,946	10,199
Total Gross Income	125,194	92,935
Asset and investment sales, etc.		
Total receipts	125,194	92,935

Southampton City Scout District
Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts and payments

	2024-2025 Unrestricted funds £	2023-2024 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
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Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	26,643	6,061
Adult support and training	1,086	-
Rent	210	180
Explorers, Network and ASU	36,742	28,880
Insurance	3,699	2,739
Repairs and Renewals (Wilverley Maintenance)	10,698	7,356
(Materials and equipment) Bank charges	95	
Printing and photocopying	108	
Contribution to camp costs	4,583	11,397
Professional fees	1,590	816
Activities	729	3,599
Advertising & promotion	882	83
Leaving & retirement gifts	591	377
AGM Expenses	55	45
Staff Training	1,773	961
Wilverley overhead (Gas, Water, Waste, Phone etc.)	9,334	11,514
Sub total	98,818	74,008
Fundraising expenses		
Web hosting	1,907	1,606
International Jamboree Funding		6,142
ASU cash payment		-
Cash-in-hand written off (Activities and Treasurer)		-
Sub total	1,907	7,748
Total Gross Expenditure	100,725	81,756
Asset and investment purchases, etc.		
Total payments	100,725	81,756
Net of receipts/(payments)	24,469	11,179
Cash funds last year end	139,629	128,450
Cash funds this year end	164,098	139,629

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2024-2025	2023-2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	5,762	22,681
Bank deposit account	54,280	27,278
CCLA Charities Investment Account	80,329	76,537
Explorers, Network and ASU bank accounts	18,069	11,937
Equals card account	5,641	1,179
Cash/Floats (ASU)	17	17
Total cash funds	164,098	139,629
Other monetary assets		

Sub total		4,893	-
Investment assets			
Investment property			
Quoted investments			
Other investments - detail			
Sub total		-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use			
Badge stock		300	611
Shop stock			
Other stock		572	
Land and buildings			
Motor vehicles			
Scouting equipment, furniture. Fixed assets		10,596	6,886
Other			
Sub total		11,468	7,497
Liabilities			
Accounts not yet paid			
Expenses incurred but not invoiced			
Other liabilities.		900	870
Sub total		900	870

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 20 AUG 2025 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Print Name	
MRadford	Dr. V. M. Radford	Chair
Bradley	Mr. J. A. Bradley	Treasurer

Southampton City Scout District - Non Monetary Assets

Assumption: Any asset sold is more than 5 years old and therefore written off

Depreciation of asset value by straight line depreciation over 5 years

Consumables not knowingly included

Buildings at Wilverley District Camp Site NOT counted - Not realisable assets.

Assets bought in 2020-2021	2020/21 value	2021/22 value	2022/23 value	2023/24 value	2024/25 value	2025/26 value
Wilverley Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Archery Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Canoe Club Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Climbing Wall Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Shooting Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
District Camping Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£80.00	£80.00
Network Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Explorer Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Assets bought in 2021-2022	2021/22 value	2022/23 value	2023/24 value	2024/25 value	2025/26 value	2026/27 value
Wilverley Equipment	£869.97	£695.98	£521.98	£347.99	£173.99	£0.00
Archery Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Canoe Club Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Climbing Wall Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Shooting Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
District Camping Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Network Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Explorer Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Assets bought in 2022-2023	2022/23 value	2023/24 value	2024/25 value	2025/26 value	2026/27 value	2027/28 value
Wilverley Equipment	£1,594.49	£1,275.59	£956.69	£637.80	£318.90	£0.00
Archery Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Canoe Club Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Climbing Wall Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Shooting Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
District Camping Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£599.98	£479.98	£359.99	£239.99	£120.00	£0.00

Network Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Explorer Equipment	£931.00	£744.80	£558.60	£372.40	£186.20	£0.00

Assets bought in 2023-2024	2023/24 value	2024/25 value	2025/26 value	2026/27 value	2027/28 value	2028/29 value
Wilverley Equipment	£1,442.90	£1,154.32	£865.74	£577.16	£288.58	£0.00
Archery Equipment	£158.33	£126.66	£95.00	£63.33	£31.67	£0.00
Canoe Club Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Climbing Wall Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Shooting Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
District Camping Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Network Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Explorer Equipment	£2,002.76	£1,602.21	£1,201.66	£801.10	£400.55	£0.00

Assets bought in 2024-2025	2024/25 value	2025/26 value	2026/27 value	2027/28 value	2028/29 value	2029/30 value
Wilverley Equipment	£4,352.22	£3,481.78	£2,611.33	£1,740.89	£870.44	£0.00
Archery Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Canoe Club Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Climbing Wall Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Shooting Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
District Camping Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£867.79	£694.23	£520.67	£347.12	£173.56	£0.00
Network Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Explorer Equipment	£190.00	£152.00	£114.00	£76.00	£38.00	£0.00

2024/25 year end values						
bought in :-	**Current year**	**Current -1**	**Current -2**	**Current -3**	**Current -4**	**Totals**
Wilverley Equipment	£4,352.22	£1,154.32	£956.69	£347.99	£0.00	**£6,811.22**
Archery Equipment	£0.00	£126.66	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	**£126.66**
Canoe Club Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	**£0.00**
Climbing Wall Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	**£0.00**
Shooting Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	**£0.00**
District Camping Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	**£0.00**
Miscellaneous	£867.79	£0.00	£359.99	£0.00	£80.00	**£1,307.78**
Network Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	**£0.00**
Explorer Equipment	£190.00	£1,602.21	£558.60	£0.00	£0.00	**£2,350.81**
					TOTAL	**£10,596.47**

Tony Bradley, District Treasurer, Southampton City Scout District, 31st March 2025

FreeAgent Reference

Wilverley equipment		Tables/benches	£1,071.00	5/7/2024	Wilverley Projects	
		Fridge	£1,299.00	27/8/2024	Wilverley Projects	

			Kitchen refit	£881.38	9/9/2024	Wilverley Projects	
			Kitchen equipment	£199.86	30/9/2024	Wilverley Overheads	
			Portable generator	£900.98	22/10/2024	Wilverley Overheads	
**	District Misc items		Clothing	£571.99	24/2/2025	Miscellaneous	
	District Misc items		Games equipment	£295.80	22/4/2024	Miscellaneous	
***	Explorers Equipment		Compasses	£190.00	23/6/2024	Explorers Equipment	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Southampton City District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Southampton City District Scout Council for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Southampton City District Scout Council 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 Southampton City District Scout Council 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Southampton City District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



Signed:

Name: Mrs L A Parry, ACA
ICAEW

Address: Langdowns DFK
Fleming Court
Leigh Road
Eastleigh
Southampton, SO50 9PD

Date: 20 October 2025

SOUTHAMPTON CITY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

19.00 hrs Wednesday 10th July 2024

13th Southampton (Sea Scouts) HQ Canford Close SO16 9JA

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the AGM and introduced the Annual Report and the main agenda items for the meeting. She mentioned the difficulties of the SA transformation process which should be fully operational by the next AGM. She thanked all the volunteers for the continuing success of the District and pointed out the many scouting opportunities offered in the District to all ages. After thanking the Wilverley maintenance team for the upkeep of our District Campsite she expressed regret at the passing of Graham Wide, a long serving Chair of the District and Wilverley volunteer. She noted the move of Nico and Carolyn Chart to Romsey district and thanked them for their fantastic hard work in training and appointing our volunteers. Warm thanks were given to the outgoing President Graham Meering and District Secretary Erika Corradini and a warm welcome to the new President, Thelma Bishop Young.

2. Apologies were received from: Mike Johnson, Sarah Granger, Josie Anderson, Lucy Blatherwick, and others.

3. The Chair asked all those in attendance to take note of the AGM minutes 2023 approved by the Trustee Board on 5th October 2023.

4. A proposal was made to adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules Chapter 5 and agree that 12 members may be appointed to the District Trustee Board and agree that the future quorum of the District Scout Council will be 20.

Proposer: Josh Smith
Seconder: Ruth Hopgood

Carried unanimously

5. A proposal was made to accept the Accounts and Trustees Annual Report for the Financial Year from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

Proposer: Lloyd Pearson
Seconder: Rex Budd

Carried unanimously

6. The District Commissioner nominated Veronica Radford to be the Chair of the Scout District.

7. After asking if there were any nominations from the floor a proposal was made to elect Tony Bradley as the District Treasurer:

Proposer: George Longhurst
Seconder: Kerry Budd

Carried unanimously

The Chair explained that the role of the District Secretary is now vacant and that nominations are invited.

8. A proposal was made to elect the following members to serve upon the 2024-2025 District Trustee Board: Rex Budd, Lloyd Pearson, Thelma Bishop-Young, Ruth Hopgood.

Proposer Graham Meering
Seconder: David Bowers

Carried unanimously

9. The District Commissioner nominated the following members to serve upon the 2024-2025 District Trustee Board:

Lucy Blatherwick Network DC
Ollie Hyde Deputy DC

10. To appoint the new District President

Thelma Bishop-Young was appointed as the new President of Southampton City Scout District

11. A proposal was made to appoint an Independent Examiner:

Langdowns DFK, Chartered Accountants

Proposer: Tony Bradley
Seconder: Veronica Radford

Carried unanimously

12. Guest Speaker

The Chair introduced Mr Keith Hawkins Deputy County Commissioner Growth and Development as the guest speaker. Keith praised the growth of the leadership team in the district and the work of volunteers in setting up all the Squirrels Dreys across the District. He pointed out that Hampshire is the leading county for Squirrels with the 100th drey being set up in Southampton. It was also pointed out that the SA transformation will happen after the summer. This should allow the SA to slowly modernise and update the structure of scout districts. It was noted that Josh Smith is the County Lead for the transformation in the city district and support from the county is offered throughout the process.

13. District Commissioner Joshua Smith

The DC thanked all the volunteers and teams for supporting the scouts and pointed out that there has been a growth of 3.2% more volunteers in the past year.

14. Presentations

Graham Meering was presented with a gift for his long service to scouting and for serving as District President.

Erika Corradini was presented with a gift for her service as District Secretary.

Amanda Wallace was awarded a Certificate in recognition of her 10-year service in scouting.

15. Bert Cooke Trophy was awarded to the Explorers Section and to the 25th Southampton Scout Group for a wide variety of activities

16. A.O.B.

Kay Wilkinson announced that she will step down from her role as Chair of the Appointments Committee.

16. To confirm the date for the next District Exec Meeting TBC

17. Provisional date for the next AGM was set for 13.7.25

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE COUNCIL: YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

Constitution

The Southampton City Scout District is a registered charity (No 117805). The Scout District is part of the Scout Association, which is incorporated by Royal Charter. The Scout District is a trust established under rules, which are common to all Scout Districts.

Objects

The objects of the District are to support the sections in their mission to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Activities and Volunteers

A summary of the main activities of the District for the year is included in the accompanying Annual Report. We are very appreciative of the considerable amount of voluntary help that is given to all aspects of Scouting throughout the District.

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold an amount of £25,000 to enable it to sustain cash flow needs and support the sections over a projected 2 year rolling programme.

Risk Management

The Trustees are in the process of identifying the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed to, in particular those related to the operations and finances.
All sectional activities are carried out under the guidelines issued by the Scout Association.

Trustees

The District is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Districts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy; Organisation & Rules of The Scout Association and the Scout District's own adopted procedures.

The Accounts

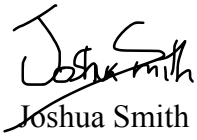
The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payment basis, which is consistent with the previous years.

Approved by the Trustees on the 10th September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Veronica Radford

District Chair



Joshua Smith

District Lead Volunteer



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Accounts

Southampton City
Scout District



2023 - 2024
Annual Report & Financial Statement

Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

TRUSTEES *Ex-Officio* Appointment Name

District Commissioner - Joshua Smith
District Chair - Veronica Radford
District Secretary - Erika Corradini
District Treasurer - Tony Bradley
District Explorer Scout Commissioner - Luke Hall
District Scout Network Commissioner - Lucy Blatherwick
District Youth Commissioner - Josie Anderson
Deputy District Commissioner (Programme) - Ollie Hyde

TRUSTEES

Elected

Jane Cook
Gail Langton
Sarah Granger
George Longhurst

Nominated

Amanda Wallace
Thelma Bishop-Young
Ruth Hopgood
Charlotte Scholefield

Co-opted

Rex Budd (Wilverley Committee)
Kay Wilkinson (Appointments Committee)
Graham Meering (District President)
Joe Butterworth (SSAGO Rep)
Lloyd Pearson (ASU Administrator)

BANKERS: Natwest, Shirley

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER: Langdowns DFK, Chartered Accountants

District Registration number with the Scout Association: 12038

Charity Registration number: 1117805

Contact Name and Address: Tony Bradley
2 Pewsey Place
SOUTHAMPTON
SO15 7RX

District Chair

The Scout Association is in the midst of changing procedures across all areas, a process called Transformation. It has been a difficult gestation and even more difficult birth, with a stop-start dynamic causing confusion and exasperation! This AGM will mark the beginning of our transformation here in Southampton, with a new format, a new Constitution and a much reduced Trustee Board.

However what has not changed is our continuing success story for bringing Scouting to our local young people and community. Our youth membership is ever growing, we have a new 6th Explorer unit and 8 out of our 11 groups have a Squirrel Drey, welcoming children as young as 4. The level of accomplishment continues to be incredible in our young people, with large numbers of each section achieving the highest level of Chief Scout awards for their age group. As ever this is due to the fantastic hard work of you, the volunteers, who give that most valuable commodity -your time. Thank you!

Another measure of our success is that there are so many aspects to our District that offer many opportunities for adults to continue in scouting, with Network, SSAGO, ASU in Activities and Dakota, offering experienced scouters to help in any area of the District; Appointments, Training and Digital Teams, who are invaluable in helping volunteers to establish themselves in their role.

One of the most dedicated group of volunteers is the Wilverley Maintenance Team, who tirelessly look after our District Campsite in the lovely New Forest. They really need your help and offer a warm welcome and friendship while you work. One of the people who dedicated many years to helping at Wilverley was Graham Wide, who was also the District Chair for 25 years. We were sad to hear of his passing and are grateful for all that he gave to scouting in our community.

We are also sad to say goodbye to Nico and Carolyn Chart who have left the District after many years. In his long scouting career Nico was GSL at the 14th, then our District Training Manager and also set up and led the District Media Team. Carolyn was the Appointments Secretary and her efficient processing of our new volunteers was really appreciated. They have only moved to Romsey so we hope they will keep in touch!

Finally I would like to thank our District President, Graham and our District Secretary, Erika, who are stepping down. I am very glad to say Graham is to continue in the District as District Administrator, but I will be looking for a new Secretary when Erika finishes.

I am very pleased to announce our new President will be Thelma, who is also to take a role in the District Volunteer Team for welcoming, training and development. Thelma brings a wealth of experience in scouting, having been our District Commissioner, held County roles and forged great links with our Council through the City of Culture initiative. Thank you to her and everyone for making scouting in Southampton such a success. Veronica.

District Commissioner

Scouting in Southampton City has bucked the national trend this past year. At a time when many areas have shrunk, we've grown both our youth membership to 927 (+3.2% vs 2023) and total adult volunteers to 315 (+8.2% vs 2023) in the February 2024 census. It's particularly fantastic to see the growth in volunteer numbers, as this is the first year since the pandemic that our total number of volunteers has increased. Thank you to all the amazing volunteers involved in making this growth happen.

Our Programme Team has done a phenomenal job this year, putting on a whole range of exciting District events to bring all groups together, such as our very first District Squirrel Activity Day, and old favourites like the Beavers trip to Marwell Zoo, Cubs Chess Competition, Explorers Paintballing, etc. Sadly our District Camp scheduled for May 2024 had to be postponed to 2025. Instead, a District Activity Camp was held for the Scout section at the start of May. Thank you to everyone who supported these events. Whether organising them, or making sure your young people can attend and have an enjoyable time, such a vibrant offer would have not been possible without your help.

We've continued to support groups that are struggling, working closely with Hampshire Scout's Growth & Development Team. The 9th in particular is in desperate need of more volunteers and the 1st needs a new GSL. If anyone knows anyone who might be interested, please let us know. There has also been a steady stream of support mediation provided to groups and sections to help resolve issues and complaints throughout the year. This is something that appears to be becoming much more demanding on District time and resources each year since the pandemic.

Training compliance remains a high priority for Scouting. All volunteers should now have completed their Safety and Safeguarding within the required timeframes. I'd like to say a particular thanks to our Training Team and GSLs for helping keep this at an acceptable level. Looking ahead, we now need to get First Aid fully up to date as well among relevant roles. Similarly to Safety and Safeguarding training, those with overdue First Aid training will soon be required to step back from Scouting until it is up to date.

Finally, on behalf of the District I would like to express my thanks to everyone across the city and beyond who has been involved in supporting Scouting in Southampton. Without your contribution so many young people would have been deprived of the opportunity to enjoy Scouting and develop their skills for life. It's your hard work and tireless commitment that makes all of this possible.

Joshua Smith | District Commissioner

Squirrels

Squirrels are the youngest members of the Scout family made up of girls and boys aged 4 to 5. Easily recognised by their red tops, they think big, try new things and have fun.

Squirrels have been extremely busy this year and we have had a fun packed fantastic 12 months. The section has continued to grow in the district, and we now have 8 dreys approved with 6 currently up and running. We have 2nd, 9th, 11th, 13th, 14th and the 26th with the 7th and 29th preparing to start.



On the 17th June 23 the Squirrels from across the district came together for the first district squirrel fun day. They took part in many activities including Slack lines, soft archery, soft axe throwing and much more. The event was supported by some of our district explorers, who were fantastic on the day. I would also like to thank all the leaders, adults and squirrels who attended on the day.



In March 24 the squirrels along with the other sections in the district attended the district cross country event at the sports centre. Well done to the 13th squirrels who won the trophy. We are looking forward to the next cross country and hope to see the new dreys joining the fun.

Since January 2023, our youngest section, Squirrels, have been able to enjoy exciting Nights Away experiences. It has been great to see some of the squirrels participating in nights away over the past 12 months. This is a great opportunity for Squirrels.

I have had the pleasure of visiting groups over the past 12 months and presenting over 20 Chief Scout Acorn Awards. This is the highest award a Squirrel Scout can earn. To get it, they need to complete all four Challenge Awards and any two Activity Badges of your choice. The Chief Scout's Acorn Award shows that they have had adventures, helped friends, and learned new things – it's a big achievement, and we are very proud of them all.

We are very excited for the next 12 months and we have several amazing activities planned, such as a district trip to a farm and 2 district camps.

Amanda Wallace

District Squirrel Lead Volunteer

Beavers

Over this past year Beaver colonies across the district have taken part in a wide range of activities, day trips & camps. A number of colonies started the year by attending Marwell's Scouting The Zoo event, held over a weekend in May.

In June we held our annual Loggerheads competition at the 13th Scout HQ. 8 Colonies attended and the young people took part in a range of bases themed around Kings & Queens. The weather was on our side and we ended the day with a much needed water fight.

To get in the festive spirit in December we held our annual Christingle Service at St James Methodist Church, then in January we attended the Pantomime at The Point.
We finished up the year by celebrating Founders Day with an indoor Campfire, a big thank you to Lloyd Pearson for running this for us.
It's been a pleasure attending colony evenings to present Bronze awards, with a large number being presented this year.
As always I'd like to say a huge thank you to all of the volunteers, Adult & Young Leaders, who provide engaging & adventurous programmes for the Beavers across our district.

Abi Bacon (Squirrel)

Cubs

The Cubs section has had a very full District calendar again this year, offering a wide range of activities to many across the 11 Packs.

Sat 13th May 2023:

A huge thankyou to Ant for running Cubs Archery Competition at 22nd HQ. The Competition was well supported and for some Cubs it was the 1st time they had shot arrows.

The competition was won by 7th Southampton (Bassett) Cubs, well done to all those involved.



Sat 10th June 2023:

David's Challenge Camp at Wilverley, Detectives Camp.

We had a fun weekend of Detective themed bases and enjoyed good weather.

The teams of 6 Cubs from access the District had to work and use their Cubs knowledge to complete the set tasks.

Congratulations to the 7th Southampton (Bassett) Cubs team, who won the competition.

Sat 24th June 2023:

Cubs on the water at Testwood lakes.

Thanks to Charlie Bakerfrom 26th for organising the event.

We had 3 packs for this event with 40 Cubs signed up. The Cubs had many different opportunities on the water. We had good weather and a great day.

Unfortunately the following weekend when we had another 4 packs to take out the event had to be cancelled due to bad weather.

Sat 1st July 2023:

Cubs District outing to Blackgang Chine IOW.





172 Cubs and Leaders spent the day at Blackgang.

We enjoyed sailing up the Solent to the IOW, for some Cubs this was the 1st time they had been on a Ferry and the 1st time to the Island.
They had an amazing time on the rides, exploring all the different zones and eating Ice-cream(choosing the flavours was really difficult so many to choose from, the Cubs told me.)
When we were returning the Cubs got to wave to the Cruise liners that were going up the Solent.

Friday 7th July (evening)2023:
Cubs Athletics/Athletics Plus badge at the Running/Athletics enclosure on the Sports Centre.
We had over 100 Cubs join us for a fun evening of sport to earn their badges. It was lovely to have so many parents stay and sit in the seating areas cheering on the Cubs.
Every Cub earned either their Athletics badge or Athletics Plus badge.
Well done everyone and thank you to the leaders and parent helpers for manning the different activities and keeping scores.

Friday 14th-Sunday 16th September 2023:
Survival Camp at Ferny Crofts.
This camp was a challenge as Linda who was organising it for us was taken ill and unable to continue to organise and support the camp.(Thankfully she was alright)
Thank you to all the Leaders who came on board to help us get the activities, bases, timings and groups for activities together in such a short time.
The Cubs enjoyed a full weekend of activities, Climbing, Backwards Cooking, Science, 1st aid with an Ambulance, Mini Pioneering, Tomahaking, Zip line and much more.
A campfire on Saturday evening kept us warm and as always listening to that many young people singing together was amazing to listen to across Ferny.
Sunday however was a little more challenging as we had a storm hit us and had to send Cubs home early and strike camp in torrential heavy rain and high winds. Well done Leaders and parents that stayed to help us pack up as quickly as we could.

Tuesday 5th December 2023:
Cubs Carols service.
It was lovely to return to St James Road Methodist Church and meet the new Minister Stephen who was very keen to support us and anyone else in the District who would like to use their facilities for meetings and Scouting activities.
The Cubs and their families were very generous again this year, with so many gifts supporting SCRATCH. So that children SCRATCH support across the City would receive a present at Christmas.
Thank you once again to all those who supported the evening and to our supporters from ASU for serving drinks, mince pies and biscuits to parents and brothers and sisters of the cubs, while they waited for the Cubs to finish their party.

Tuesday 13th February 2024:

Cubs Chess Competition.
We love this competition, it is lovely to see that a game that is challenging and needs skillful thought processing is still so popular.
The evening was well supported with a Cub that is under 9 ½ years and 1 over 9 ½ years from each pack setting up and playing chess with each other throughout the evening. We had Cubs from 8 packs attending.

Chief Scouts Silvers Awards.
I have had the great pleasure of awarding Silver awards to:
7 Cubs at the 13th Southampton (Millbrook) Cub Pack. April 19th 2023.
9 Cubs at the 7th Southampton (Bassett) Cub Pack. April 20th 2023.
2 Cubs at the 11th Southampton (Freemantle) Cub Pack. April 21st 2023.
12 Cubs at the 1st Southampton (Aldermoor) Cub Pack July 18th 2023.
I know some groups have presented their own so we have had many more completed.
I have been invited to visit 6 Packs and take part in their Cub Forums so that I can see what the Cubs want to add to their programmes to give a wide variety of challenges and activities and a balanced programme. Thank you to those packs for inviting me.
The section continues to go from strength to strength and we are looking forward to another exciting year ahead and Survival camp 2025 at Lyons Copse.

Sarah Granger (Chil)

A.D.C Cubs

Southampton City District



Scouts

We ended 2023 with a District Christmas Camp at Ferny Crofts with around 45 Scouts from across 5 troops taking part. It included a range of Christmassy activities and enjoyed a festive feast as a liking activity between both sections.

Christmas Camp also served as a relaunch for the District offer for our Scout section programme (10-14 years olds). District Scout Leader Meetings to bring troop volunteers together to share ideas, collaborate, and help shape the District Programme now in full swing despite the absence of a District Scout Section Lead. These are now hosted by troops and rotate round the different groups across the city.

Unfortunately our District Camp 2024 had to be postponed. Instead, a District Activity Camp was held for the Scout section at the start of May. This went very well, with 130 young people attending from across 7 groups, supported by over 40 volunteers. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

We look forward to seeing what comes next for the section, which appears to be in a much healthier state than a year ago at a District level. Potential future events being planned are a water activity day, water park trip, incident hike competition, and Christmas camp.

Thank you to everyone who has helped make this possible, particularly those volunteering to run future events.

Joshua Smith | District Commissioner

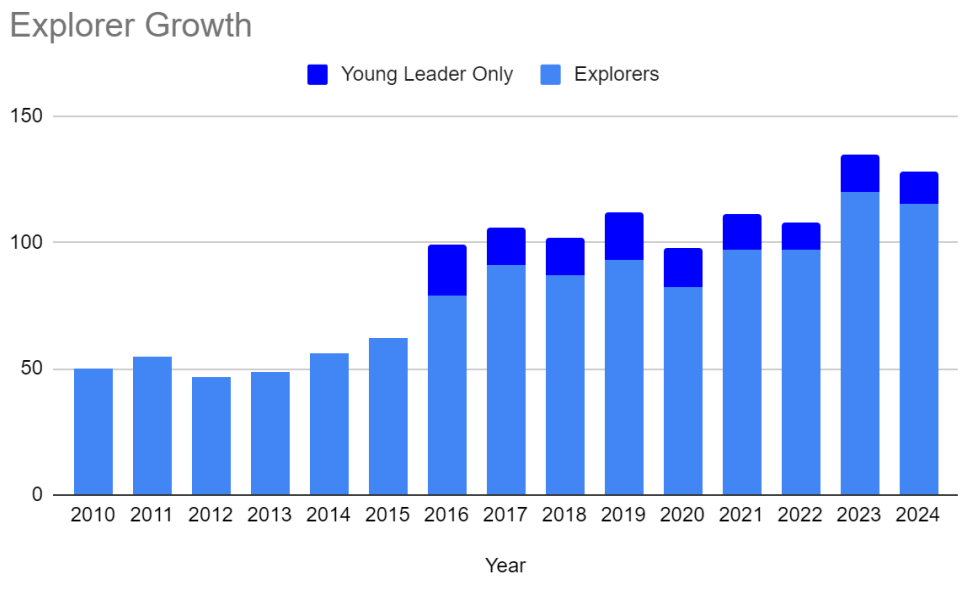
Explorer Scouts

The Explorer section continues to thrive and our teams coordinate effectively to offer a range of activities and events for our young people.
Some district highlights over the last year include:

- Escape to the County Camp in Dorset.
- Christmas Camp at Ferny Crofts
- District Ice Stating evening at WestQuay.
- Summit Mountaineering trip in Snowdonia
- Ferny Fest in the New Forest
- County Kodu
- Paintballing Day
- Monopoly Run in London

We are also very proud to have won the Bronze Kudu Trophy which was held earlier this year in March. Our Silver and Gold teams were also highly placed.
Our teams have also conducted numerous other camps and events throughout the year, for which I am very grateful for their dedication and time.

Size and Growth
We have an exceptional team of adult leaders who provide an outstanding programme to our young people.
We were thrilled to open a new unit to cope with the increased interest in Explorers in the east side of our district. Wyvern ESU opened in October at St Mary's Stoneham Church Hall, where the 26th Southampton Scout Group also meet. We were extremely disappointed that the new unit did not open at 29th Portwood HQ as we had hoped. Our current challenge is to encourage young people to attend Explorers at the new unit which is on the fringe of our district.



DofE and Top Awards

Our district DofE provision continues to gain in popularity. This 2024 season we have 2 Bronze teams and a single Silver team completing their expeditions. Going forward we are looking to appoint a dedicated Top Awards Coordinator to help further improve our DofE provision and increase the number of young people achieving Chief Scout Awards

Looking ahead, we have a Summer Camp to Purbeck to look forward to in August with 24 Explorers. Activities will include a kayak trip to Brownsea island, Corfe castle, rock climbing on the coastline and a trip to the local water park.

In 2025 we are also hoping to visit Kandersteg in Switzerland. So far we have 30 young people signed up for what we hope will be an unforgettable experience.

Lastly, I would like to record my continued thanks to my exceptional leadership team, my leaders– together you continue to achieve some amazing things. I am humbled by your commitment to these Young People and the dedication you have for Scouting.

Luke Hall | District Explorer Scout Commissioner



Network

Activities

Network continues to enjoy a wide and varied programme - from kayaking and climbing to ice cream and board games!
Highlights include the Winchester Fireworks back in November, and taking part in the London Monopoly Run - big shout out to our team for coming 2nd overall in the Network competition! It sounded like a great if not rather tiring day running around London!
Thanks to all those who have helped run activities this year - it's always really appreciated and great to have your input into the programme!

Camps

Network organised and took part in a number of camps this year, including:

- Escape to the Country Camp (Southampton City Explorers and Network Challenge Camp)
- Autumn Ferny Camp
- Christmas Camp
- Winter Camp
- IOW Revolution

We very much enjoyed them all!

Membership

Over the 2023-24 year Network have seen a significant number of our members turning 25 and so beginning to phase out of our programme. We don't ask those turning 25 to immediately leave, but the natural progression is that they tend to drop away. This does mean that some of our regular attendees are coming to less socials, and Network is therefore feeling a little more sparse than previous years.
Oh the flip side it's been great to see more young people considering the move up from Explorers to Network - there is definitely more awareness of Network among the current older Explorers. We've had several come along to various socials, and are hoping to continue to see this trend!
At our peak (at Christmas Camp) we had around 22 active members and although overall at the end of the year we have had a small dip in membership, it's currently nothing to worry about - especially with the promise of new members in September from the SSAGO cohort.

Financials

This year Network and Explorers merged bank accounts. This solved a number of issues we were having, and is a much better system for Network. Thanks to Luke and Tony for helping to work this out!

Lucy Blatherwick - District Scout Network Commissioner

Southampton SSAGO

(Student Scout & Guide Organisation)

In Summer 2023 we had four members complete their Gold DofE Expedition. The expedition was organised and run by our members. Furthermore, we had nine members attend Kandersteg International Scout Centre in an international trip, organised by Southampton SSAGO.

We had a disappointing intake of Freshers this year, with only one new member joining. The poor uptake in freshers this academic year has informed a change in strategy for next academic year. We have begun planning our Freshers term and are hoping for a good turn out.

Our members have continued to support the District in their leadership roles, including helping to set up Wyvern Explorer Unit.

This year we had members attend all three national SSAGO rallies, offering minibus driving to all rallies. We had a few members attend the national ball, something that we don't typically do, including one member being on the organising committee.

Additionally to the national events, we had a freshers camp at Winchester fireworks, a joint winter camp with Network in the Brecon Beacons and attended the Isle of Wight Revolution. This summer we will be running a summer camp for our members at Gilwell Park.

On top of regular camps, we have held regular socials for members including hikes, crafts, our annual christmas meal and cocktail party.

In Summer 2025, we are planning to go on an international trip to Slovenia, and run another Gold DofE expedition.

Joseph Butterworth
Scout Liaison 2024/2025
Southampton SSAGO

Youth Team

In my first year as Youth Commissioner I have spent time supporting district events and using them as an opportunity to hear the suggestions of scouts and explorers in the district.

At the Explorers and Scouts Christmas camp I ran a scouts forum where the scouts shared their views about what they enjoyed about scouting and what events and activities they wanted to see from a district programme. I was able to share these thoughts with the scouts leaders at the camp who will hopefully be able to incorporate these ideas into a programme for the young people. As a programme team we were able to begin this through the Scouts Survival Camp, in replacement for the postponed district camp, which included many of the ideas produced by the scouts, including a longer camp, backwards cooking and Laser-tag.

I have also visited the district's newest explorer unit, Wyvern, where I introduced the young people and leaders to the Youshape award. It was great to hear the variety of ideas they had for growing their unit size and adding more adventure to their scouting journey!

I'm looking forward to attending more district events over the next year, including the upcoming squirrels and beavers camp, as well as visiting more groups and sections to discuss Youshape and what young people want to do with their scouting.

Josie Anderson - District Youth Commissioner

Wilverley Scout Campsite

Bookings for the year have been strong, enabling us to continue to provide a significant return to the Wilverley Dividend Fund, supporting training, equipment and investment in Scouting in our District. Financial details are in the Treasurer's report. Use of the site by our own groups is increasing, taking advantage of free and preferential rates for our own District. This rising trend will hopefully continue. Generator charges have to be passed on at cost, but these were frozen at £8 per hour for 2024.

New posts have been put in alongside the track around the field. This has been successful in preventing vehicles being taken on to the grass, with the resulting damage.

There is now a dual fuel fridge in the Charles Alan Building as well as the Cottage. Both required extra work to improve ventilation and prevent new, more sensitive carbon monoxide sensors being tripped. Other improvements to the Cottage have been to roof ventilation, chimney brickwork, plumbing, emergency lighting and hallway floor support.

Forestry England required us to conduct a tree survey in adherence to the terms of our lease. (First occurrence in the 50 years we have had the site.) This identified a lot of work needing to be done. One dead tree was felled, and about 30 trees “dead-wooded”. The last phase was to bring in a “Merlo” heavy machine to halve the height of all the conifers alongside the A35 and around the Cottage activity field. As well as efficiency, the commissioning of this machine was for safety reasons to prevent any chance of wood falling towards the main road. Work was completed in mid-May 2024. A new permanent fence has been erected by us on the inside of the roadside tree line behind the two buildings, replacing our temporary fencing. This was necessary after verge clearance work done by Hampshire Highways in 2023, left the boundary insecure from a safety and safeguarding point of view.

At the end of March, our LPG generator failed, eleven years after being installed new. Work is continuing to source the parts which may resolve the problem. These are only available from the United States. At the time of writing, no supplier has been found who is willing to export to the UK. There is no electrical power on site and therefore no hot water for showers. The lack of cottage heating is not an issue during summer time, but will be by the autumn. This has increased the urgency to secure funding of approximately £150,000 needed to bring mains electricity on to the site from Holmsley.

As always, we are indebted to the six members of the maintenance team, unchanged since last year. More members would be very welcome as it would be very difficult to operate with less people. Our booking secretary Richard Webster who works very hard behind the scenes, has had extra work keeping site users up to date with the generator situation.

As well as mains electricity supply and other electrical work related to this, tasks remaining on the project list until time and manpower permit, are the replacement of the field toilet, and improvement of the drainage in the lower DofE field.

Yours in Scouting,

Rex Budd
Wilverley Committee Chairman

Active support Unit

This year has been a year of steadily trying to ramp things up, and will be what we aim to continue to do going forward. The main focus has been trying to ensure that everybody is aware of what permits are available and ensuring that funding is being used where appropriate to support scouting in our area. Over the past year we've seen more and more scouters applying for funding and signing up to various courses from Top Rope to Power Boat Level 2's. Progress has been slower than we'd have hoped on this though as it's proving difficult to find providers of these courses, but we are steadily getting there, and setting up mailing lists to allow us to distribute details quicker to those who want them in the future to allow more people to sign up, but also allow us to hopefully run our own courses in the future.

Dakota ASU has attended some events over the past year including the Cubs christingle and carol service. They are very keen to attend more events though and I would implore anyone who needs assistance on evenings or events to Carol Nicholls.

Lloyd Pearson
Active Support Unit Manager

District Support Teams

Training Team:

Training

With help from our six Training Advisers (Thelma, Graham, Ellie, Georgie, Iain, David) we have continued to support leaders and assistants in the district through training.

Many thanks to all leaders who have found time to keep themselves chilled and skilled. Between the leaders of the district there are 89 woodbadges in current roles.

14 of those woodbadges were awarded during 2023 and another 8 so far in 2024.

Thanks also to Georgie, Iain, plus help from Andy Ife, who have helped us run 4 first response courses last year and another three so far this year.

Keep up the good work.

Nicholas G Chart

Local Training Manager

Hampshire County Scouts

Appointments Advisory Committee:

Annual Report of the Appointments Advisory Committee for

District AGM, Southampton City Scouts

June 2023 to end of May 2024
Members of the Appointments Committee this year were:
Kay Wilkinson (Chair)
Carolyn Chart (Secretary)
Gail Langton
Jane Cook
Christopher Shanks
Anthony Wilkinson
A huge thank you to every member of the panel for their hard work this year, and for streamlining the appointments and training process through close collaboration with Nico on the training team.
Over the last twelve months since the last AGM, we held eight Appointments Panel meetings (in, July, October, November, January, February, March, April and May) and approved the following 50 appointments.
5 Explorer Scout Leaders
2 Assistant Explorer scout leader
1 Scout leader at 14th
5 Assistant Scout Leaders at the 2nd, 7th and 14th
10 Scouts Sectional Assistants at the 2nd, 9th, 14th, 26th and 29th
1 Cub Leader at the 25th
7 Assistant Cub Leaders at the 1st, 7th, 14th, 26th and 29th
4 Cubs Sectional Assistants at the 2nd, 9th, 26th
1 Beaver leader at 26th
5 Assistant Beaver Leaders at the 11th, 14th, 22nd and 29th
1 Beavers Sectional Assistant at the 29th
2 Squirrel scout leader at the 14th and 26th
5 Squirrels Sectional Assistant at the 11th, 14th and 26th
1 Group skills instructor at 25th
The candidates were all of a very high standard. In addition, we have considered and approved 12 changes of role or additional roles within the District - these are decided without needing to meet the candidate in person. The number of new leaders and of changes of role approved this year is a slight decrease from last year. All of our panel meetings have been on Zoom. We have also regularly sent reminders for

reviews due which are occasionally coming through– thanks so much to all those who have endeavoured to keep on top of these!

On a personal note, I will be stepping down from my role as Appointments Secretary at the end of June after 7 years in the role having started in June 2017. Thank you to all those who have served alongside me on the Appointments Committee and to those GSLs and on the District team who have worked with me to make the appointments process as welcoming and efficient as we can to all the new leaders joining us.
Carolyn Chart
District Appointments Secretary

Digital Team:

The digital team members are Abi Bacon, Charlie Baker, Luke Hall, Oli Bills, Sam Chapman, and me though I am retiring from this role in July 2024. This Team exists to help the District provide communications that are high quality, on-brand, and safety delivered via appropriate technologies in accordance with all relevant laws and guidance from the Scout Association.

We keep the district website and social media informative, we pass out news of district activities, and we help district members with digital communications. We look after the Google Workspace administration of email addresses, etc.

This year we have helped the district to adopt two-factor authentication for access to district email accounts, as this is standard security practice these days.

Anyone who is interested in digital and media topics is invited to coordinate with us to help us develop and encourage good communications within and beyond the district.

The digital team have also been keeping the district website, Wilverley website and group websites updated, especially when adding Squirrel sections. Please continue to let us know if you spot anything that needs to be updated. GSLs can also be added as website editors on request.

Please continue to submit news and anything your group would like to have promoted to our email address digital@southamptoncityscouts.org.uk

Nico is retiring from the Digital Team. We thank him for his time and dedication to the role. If anyone would like to join the team please let us know.

Finally here are some stats!

District Google Workspace Stats:

- Email - 127 weekly active users
- Drive - 51 weekly active users and 183gb of documents stored securely.
- Calendar 42 weekly active users

Website Stats - Page views on district website over the last 12 months:

	Page title and screen class	Views
		16,558 100% of total
1	Southampton City Scouts	2,905
2	Wilverley Youth Campsite	2,529
3	2nd Southampton (Shirley) Scouts	1,152
4	Southampton City Scouts - Join Scouts	973
5	Wilverley Youth Campsite - Location	865
6	Wilverley Youth Campsite - Facilities	843
7	Southampton City Scouts - Locations	839
8	Wilverley Youth Campsite - Prices	630
9	26th Southampton (Swaythling) Scouts	598
10	Wilverley Youth Campsite - Book Now	597
11	Southampton City Scouts - Member Resources	505
12	Wilverley Youth Campsite - Activities	356
13	22nd Southampton (Regents Park) Scouts	354
14	13th Southampton (Millbrook) Sea Scouts	348
15	1st Southampton (Aldermoor) Scouts	328

Nico Chart & Luke Hall

Safety Advisor

There were no incidents or breaches of Health and Safety legislation reported, nor any contact with groups regarding issues or concerns they might have had over the year.

Tony Bradley, Health and Safety advisor

District Treasurer

I can report there continues to be a healthy return to bookings for Wilverley, with an income of £37,690, including a booking refund of £690, despite the fact we suffered a failure of the generator in the spring. Against this the maintenance was £5042, overheads £7130, utilities £4384, insurance £2739 and projects £2314. Taking into account all receipts and expenditure the District generated a surplus of £11,179 to be distributed between the Wilverley Long Term Project Fund and the District Dividend Fund.

Price increases of raw materials and commodities continue to rise, reflected in the increases seen in the maintenance costs above. The Wilverley committee will continue to monitor increases for the next year and going forward.

We continue to use NatWest for our current and reserve banking and continue to use FreeAgent as much as possible. During the year we moved the sum £35,000 to our investment account with CCLA, our charities investment fund, to ensure our holding with NatWest didn’t exceed the NatWest bank guarantee of £85K. NatWest have informed us that we now exceed an annual turnover of £100k and will be subject to business banking charges from 1st June 2024.

During the year we began to make use of pre-loaded payment cards for several Explorer leaders and then ADCs and some of the Wilverley maintenance team.

This is proving successful in providing flexibility to these card holders and obviating the need for them to be out-of-pocket whilst awaiting refunds.

I can report that our independent examiner Langdowns DFK were given the supporting documentation for the examination of accounts in good time, and a complete and accurate set of figures are presented to the AGM, as set out below.

We are grateful to Lucy Parry and Jade Jex of Langdowns and pleased to see a continuation of the good service we have received for the previous years in reviewing and examining the accounts, and for the work they have done on our behalf this year.

The annual census was completed in January of this year and invoices issued to the groups and units. I am pleased to say we made our combined subscription payment to the County before the end of the financial year, having received all incoming payments in good time. Early

payment reductions and a one-off County rebate were able to be passed on. It is because we process over £50k in making the census payment that we now exceed our banking turnover limit.

My thanks again to the groups, units, and their treasurers for their assistance and speedy responses in making their payments.

Tony Bradley

District Treasurer

June 2024.

Southampton City Scout District
Receipts and Payments Account

		Year start date		Year end date
	For the year from	1st April 2023	To	31 March 2024

Receipts and payments

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Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
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Less:Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	- 50,655	- 46,072
Net membership subscriptions retained	-	- 121
Sales	137	15
Activities		
Gift Aid	4,986	4,348
Other similar income (insurance claim)		4,750
Sub total	5,123	8,992
Grants		
Maintenance grant		
Other grants	3,518	500
Sub total	3,518	500
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Wilverley booking	37,690	31,287
Other fundraising activities (Explorers, Network and ASU)	12,170	30,360
Sub total	74,095	83,100
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Building Society interest		
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		
Property Rent dividend	7,473	8,000
Other investment income		-
Sub total	10,199	8,891
Total Gross Income	92,935	101,484
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Sub total	74,008	67,204
Fundraising expenses		
Web hosting	1,606	233
International Jamboree Funding	6,142	9,446
ASU cash payment		-
Cash-in-hand written off (Activities and Treasurer)		128
Sub total	7,748	9,807
Total Gross Expenditure	81,756	77,011
Asset and investment purchases, etc.		
Total payments	81,756	77,011
Net of receipts/(payments)	11,179	24,473
Cash funds last year end	128,450	103,977
Cash funds this year end	139,629	128,450

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2023-2024	2022-2023
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	22,681	31,937
Bank deposit account	27,278	46,660
CCLA Charities Investment Account	76,537	39,429
Explorers, Network and ASU bank accounts	11,937	10,424
Equals card account	1,179	
Cash/Floats (ASU)	17	
Total cash funds	139,629	128,450
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim		
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group		
Insurance claim		
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		

The following table is the declared non-monetary assets at 31st March 2024

Southampton City Scout District - Non Monetary Assets

Assumption: Any asset sold is more than 5 years old and therefore written off

Depreciation of asset value by straight line depreciation over 5 years

Consumables not knowingly included

Buildings at Wilverley District Camp Site NOT counted - Not realisable assets.

Assets bought in 2019-20	2019/20 value	2020/21 value	2021/22 value	2022/23 value	2023/24 value	2024/25 value
Wilverley Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Archery Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Canoe Club Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Climbing Wall Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Shooting Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
District Camping Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£500.00	£400.00	£300.00	£200.00	£100.00	£0.00
Network Equipme	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

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	Explorer Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Assets bought in 2020-2021	2020/21 value	2021/22 value	2022/23 value	2023/24 value	2024/25 value	2025/26 value	
	Wilverley Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Archery Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Canoe Club Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Climbing Wall Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Shooting Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	District Camping Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Miscellaneous	£400.00	£320.00	£240.00	£160.00	£80.00	£0.00	
	Network Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Explorer Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Assets bought in 2021-2022	2021/22 value	2022/23 value	2023/24 value	2024/25 value	2025/26 value	2026/27 value	
	Wilverley Equipment	£869.97	£695.98	£521.98	£347.99	£173.99	£0.00	
	Archery Equipme	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	

	nt							
	Canoe Club Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Climbing Wall Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Shooting Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	District Camping Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Miscellaneous	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Network Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Explorer Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Assets bought in 2022-2023	2022/23 value	2023/24 value	2024/25 value	2025/26 value	2026/27 value	2027/28 value	
	Wilverley Equipment	£1,594.49	£1,275.59	£956.69	£637.80	£318.90	£0.00	
	Archery Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Canoe Club Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Climbing Wall Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Shooting Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	

District Camping Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Miscellaneous	£599.98	£479.98	£359.99	£239.99	£120.00	£0.00	
Network Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Explorer Equipment	£931.00	£744.80	£558.60	£372.40	£186.20	£0.00	

Assets bought in 2023-2024	2023/24 value	2024/25 value	2025/26 value	2026/27 value	2027/28 value	2028/29 value	
Wilverley Equipment	£1,442.90	£1,154.32	£865.74	£577.16	£288.58	£0.00	*
Archery Equipment	£158.33	£126.66	£95.00	£63.33	£31.67	£0.00	**
Canoe Club Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Climbing Wall Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Shooting Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
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Miscellaneous	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Network Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Explorer Equipment	£2,002.76	£1,602.21	£1,201.66	£801.10	£400.55	£0.00	

	2022/23 year end values							
	bought in :-	Current year	Current -1	Current -2	Current -3	Current -4	Totals	
	Wilverley Equipment	£1,442.90	£1,275.59	£521.98	£0.00	£0.00	**£3,240.47**	
	Archery Equipment	£158.33	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	**£158.33**	
	Canoe Club Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	**£0.00**	
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	Miscellaneous	£0.00	£479.98	£0.00	£160.00	£100.00	**£739.98**	
	Network Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	**£0.00**	
	Explorer Equipment	£2,002.76	£744.80	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	**£2,747.56**	***
	Tony Bradley, District Treasurer, Southampton City Scout District, 31st March 2024					**TOTAL**	**£6,886.35**	

*	Wilverley equipment bought:		Fridge	£939.95	10/07/2023	Wilverley Maintenance		
			Battery	£89.99	16/07/20	Wilverley		

			Charger		23	Maintenance		
			Battery Charger	£53.99	29/12/2023	Wilverley Maintenance		
			CCTV equipt	359.97	13/09/2023	Wilverley Maintenance		
**	Archery equipt		Arrows etc	£158.33	12/05/2023	Activities		
***	Explorers Equipment		Tents	£1,910.40	09/11/2023	Explorers Equipment		
			Cookers	£92.36	28/02/2024	Explorers Equipment		

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Southampton City District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Southampton City District Scout Council for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Southampton City District Scout Council 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 Southampton City District Scout Council 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Southampton City District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:

Name: Mrs L A Parry, ACA
ICAEW

Address: Langdowns DFK
Fleming Court
Leigh Road
Eastleigh
Southampton, SO50 9PD

Date: 3 July 2024

Southampton City Scout District
Receipts and Payments Account

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Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group		
Insurance claim		
Sub total	**-**	**-**
Investment assets		
Investment property		
Quoted investments		
Other investments - detail		
Sub total	**-**	**-**
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	611	850
Shop stock		
Other stock		
Land and buildings		
Motor vehicles		
Scouting equipment, furniture. Fixed assets	6,886	3,455
Other		
Sub total	**7,497**	**4,305**
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid		
Expenses incurred but not invoiced		
Subscriptions not yet paid		
Loan - detail		
Other liabilities.		
Sub total	**-**	**-**

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 28th June 2024 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Print Name	
	Dr. V. M. Radford	Chair
	Mr. J. A. Bradley	Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Southampton City District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Southampton City District Scout Council for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Southampton City District Scout Council 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 Southampton City District Scout Council 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Southampton City District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:

Name: Mrs L A Parry, ACA
ICAEW

Address: Langdowns DFK
Fleming Court
Leigh Road
Eastleigh
Southampton, SO50 9PD

Date: 3 July 2024

SOUTHAMPTON CITY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1117805

Accounts

Southampton City
Scout District



2022 - 2023

Annual Report & Financial Statement

Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023

TRUSTEES *Ex-Officio* Appointment Name

District Commissioner Joshua Smith
District Chairman Veronica Radford
District Secretary Erika Corradini
District Treasurer Tony Bradley
District Explorer Scout Commissioner Luke Hall
District Network Scout Commissioner Lucy Blatherwick
District Youth Commissioner Lloyd Pearson

TRUSTEES

Elected

Gail Langton
Ruth Hopgood
Sarah Granger
Jane Cook

Nominated

Kat Jefferies
Oliver Bills
Amanda Wallace
Thelma Bishop-Young

Co-opted

George Longhurst (SAS)
Rex Budd (Wilverley Committee)
Katie Blundell (SSAGO Rep)
Kay Wilkinson (Appointments Committee)
Graham Meering (President)

BANKERS: Natwest, Shirley

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER: Langdowns DFK, Chartered Accountants

District Registration number with the Scout Association: 12038

Charity Registration number: 1117805

Contact Name and Address: Tony Bradley,
2 Pewsey Place,
Southampton, SO15 7RX

District Chair

This Annual District Report serves to illustrate the incredible work of our volunteers in providing scouting opportunities in Southampton. The 11 individual Scout Groups are guided and strongly supported by the leadership of the District Commissioner and his uniformed Team and the District Executive provides an important forum for the District development, innovation and investment. I was pleased to welcome our new District Secretary, Erika Corradini to our team. I have also been pleased to welcome to the Executive the District Youth Commissioner, Lloyd Pearson, Katy Blundell who represents the university students through SSAGO and Lucy Blatherwick, District Network Scout Commissioner. They provide an all-important link to the more youthful scouting members. Lloyd is moving to being Administrator for the District Active Support Unit and I would like to thank him for his great success in promoting the youth focus in the District and for his work with Lucy in encouraging and strengthening the links between sections which helps retain our young people in scouting.

With the economic downturn it is important to ensure that District finances remain robust and it is worth reminding everyone that our District is virtually unique in NOT making our members pay a District levy every year. Following our major investment in the District campsite of Wilverley and the hard work by the dedicated Wilverley Management and Maintenance Team, this beautiful campsite is now so successful it is able to provide a financial return which is used to fund other District activities

Another success story is Squirrels. This new section from age 4 to 6 provides a brilliant opportunity for very young people to experience scouting and start to learn the life skills to help them when they go to school and beyond. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Amanda Wallace whose hard work and determination has grown a single pilot drey into 6, with another 3 planned, meaning nearly all our Groups will have scouting starting at age 4.

One of the amazing opportunities available to children in scouting is to join the World Scout Jamboree, which this year is in South Korea. We have 31 young people preparing for an international trip of a lifetime and our thanks go to Julia and Rozi who have done a fantastic job supporting our young people to fundraise, be it at Scouting events or in the wider community. Their efforts have been so successful that, taking into account the substantial contribution from District funds, each scout has almost been full funded for the trip. This work has also raised the profile of international scouting in the district, and the profile of Scouting in the local community.

We are very fortunate in Southampton to have many people who remain involved in the Scout Movement for most of their lives. A wonderful example of this was Daphne White, a gracious lady who has sadly passed away after a long life in the movement.

Another example of such dedication is our Active Support Unit Manager, George Longhurst. After many decades of commitment to Scouting in Southampton, George is stepping back from an active role. He has had many roles in scouting, most recently providing caring thoughtful leadership of the elderly members of ASU. He has also led the annual collection for the British Legion Poppy Appeal raising thousands of pounds over the years. We are incredibly grateful for everything he has contributed to Scouting and thank him for his many years of service.

The success of our District is down to the dedication of many such individuals and great teamwork to help our young people enjoy the benefits of scouting. Thank you to everyone.

Veronica Radford | District Chair

District Commissioner

The past year has been a fantastic year for Scouting in Southampton, with even more young people now taking part in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts than before the pandemic, as well as a successful rollout of Squirrels across most of the District. It's a very exciting time for growth and development in Southampton, with new sections across most ages opening soon across the city.

Although young person numbers have increased compared to 2022, there is still much work to be done around adult volunteer numbers as these have remained stagnant at around 290, which is around 50 less that our pre-covid levels. This is our next big priority for Southampton Scouting to improve adult volunteer recruitment, as although we are doing more, it is being done by less people.

The District Programme is now back in full swing, with a vast range of events taking place across all sections. Old favourites, such as the Cross or Christingle were back, along with new activities, such as our water activity days for Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, which will be trialled soon! None of this would be possible without our amazing Programme Team whom I'd like to say a huge thank you to for their tireless work making the fun stuff happen! I'm very excited to see what they do with District Camp next year to make it bigger and better in 2024.

Our training compliance as a District is finally at an acceptable level. This has been an incredibly arduous task for the city, to ensure all volunteers have completed their Safety and Safeguarding training. I'd like to say a particular thanks to our Training Team and GSLs for helping get this back to acceptable level post-covid. Looking ahead, we now need to get First Aid fully up to date as well among relevant roles. Similarly to Safety and Safeguarding training, those with overdue First Aid training will soon be required to step back from Scouting until it is up to date.

We have also worked to improve governance within our groups. In November the District hosted a joint GSL and Trustee Board workshop, providing a space where everyone could share expertise, showcase successes and inspire each other. This is something we look forward to continuing, with the next workshop scheduled for October 2023.

Finally, on behalf of the District I would like to express my thanks to everyone across the city and beyond who has been involved in supporting Scouting in Southampton. Without your contribution so many young people would have been deprived of the opportunity to enjoy Scouting and develop their skills for life. It's not been an easy few years, but it's your hard work and tireless commitment that makes all of this possible.

Josh Smith | District Commissioner

Squirrels

Squirrels is our newest section for four- to six-year-olds aimed to help young people gain skills for life at a time when it matters most and where it's most needed. Squirrels can achieve anything they set their minds to – and they have lots of fun along the way.
The one-hour sessions are a brilliant opportunity for young people to take their first step into being part of Scouts, and they'll help everyone get ready for the adventure of school too. Sessions are packed with outdoor activities, fun, games, badges, laughter, and so much more to help our youngest members learn the skills they need for life. Of course, none of it would be possible without the support of the amazing leaders who plan and deliver such an inspiring programme.

In the past 12 months the district has seen amazing growth of the Squirrel section. We have increased from two Drey's to five Drey's up and running and the sixth registered and starting in June. We now have Squirrels in the 2nd, 9th, 11th, 13th, 14th groups and soon the 26th and plans are in place for 25th, 29th and 1st.

In January the Scout Association approved Squirrels nights away after the successful trials. I am delighted that the 13th and 14th both have nights away planned for May 23 and I look forward to seeing all the amazing things the Squirrels will be doing at these events.



On the 9th September 2022 the 2nd, 9th and 13th Squirrels attended the first County Squirrel event at Ferny Croft. They had an amazing day participating in activities such as wall climbing, tunnel bus, open fire cooking, aero ball, inflatables, leaf bashing, space hopper racing and much more. Fun was had by all. And a well done to Elaine (GSL at the 2nd) who appeared on the County's new recruitment video that was recorded at the event.

In March both the 9th and the 13th Squirrel participated in the district cross County event, we had 10 Squirrels join the run and they all did such an amazing job.
In January 2023 we had our first district Squirrel Leaders meeting. Every group was represented and together we set out plans for 2023. We have plans for a fun day with a picnic in June and an event in October. I look forward to telling you all about these in next year's report.

As Squirrels in the district starts to grow, I would like to welcome Erin (Squirrel Leader from 2nd) and Isobel (Young Leader from the 13th) to the Squirrel district team, both have a wealth of experience of working with Squirrels, I look forward to working with them both to grow and develop Squirrels over the next 12 months.

Amanda Wallace | Assistant District Commissioner Squirrels

Beavers

Abi Bacon | Assistant District Commissioner - Beavers

It's been a busy year for Beavers across the District, with a full programme of events and continued growth in numbers. It's been great to see our colonies grow from strength to strength, with new ones opening soon.

Events this past year have included Loggerheads, Christingle and a pantomime visit. Thank you to everyone who helped make these happen, it wouldn't have been possible without all your support.

I'd like to say a particular thanks to Elaine, who stepped back from the role of ADC Beavers earlier this year. I'm excited to see where we take the section next as we head on into 2024.

Thank you everyone for you support with making Beavers such a success in Southampton.

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cubs

ADC Cubs Report 2022-2023.

It's been another amazing year in the Cubs Scout Section.

We have all been really busy.

Leaders have delivered excellent programmes and are keeping their Cubs' ideas and contributions at the core of their meetings.

We have run many District events together:

Brownsea Island Outing:

144 Cubs, Young Leaders and Leaders went to Brownsea Island on the 2nd of July, we had an amazing day, and the weather was very kind to us.

Leaders have reported that it is becoming more difficult to get the Cubs to attend weekend events as their lives at the weekends are busy with non-Scout activities.

Cubs Athletics badge evening at the Sports Centre.

Over 100 Cubs and parents enjoyed an evening at the Sports Centre Athletics area.

We had our largest amount of Cubs Athletics Plus badges earned in the evening.

Thanks to Jane for helping with the paperwork and badges and Leaders for their support.

2023, so far.

Cubs Chess Competition:

The under 9 ½ and over 9 ½ winners went on to represent the District at the County Competition in Basingstoke. Well done to both boys.

Ready Steady Cook Competition.

We had 7 packs represented by teams of 6 Cubs. Ready Steady cook competition is where teams have to choose ingredients from the table and create a main course and pudding as a team without any adult intervention, they have Leaders with them just to make sure they kept safe, cutting and using gas.

The team from the 7th were the winners, and the judges were highly impressed with all the teamwork and meal results. Well done, Team Chefs.

Cubs Archery Competition:

The winning individual archer was from the 7th Southampton (Bassett) and the winning team was also from the 7th Southampton (Bassett) well done to the 4 Cubs that attended in the team

Thanks again to Ant, and his team for putting the Archery on for the Cubs.

Still to come:

David's Challenge Competition Camp. 9-11th June at Wilverley.

36 Cubs are taking part in this Competition, A detective Camp weekend.

BlackGang Chine IOW, District Outing. 1st July.

We have 140 Cubs 30+Leaders and Young Leaders descending on Blackgang for a fun day out.

Also

Cubs on the water.

Survival Camp.

Cubs Carol Service.

This will be the end of another fully packed year for Cubs in Southampton.

As always, Leaders have been fantastic in helping each other out. Working hard, writing risk assessments and sharing program ideas, they have again stepped up to the challenge and all worked hard to keep providing the Young People with the Scouting Adventure.

Since Easter, myself and Mang (from the 7th) have been running the 25th Southampton (Northam) Sea Scout group Cubs Pack each week while they have been looking for a new Leadership Team. The Team will be in place from September. Then in September we will be supporting the 2nd Shirley Pack.

I have had great pleasure in awarding over 20 Chief Scout Silver awards, which shows that our young people are still engaged in their Scouting journey.

As a Cubs Team we have so much to look forward to in the future, lots of days out, camps, competitions, and plenty of fun to be had!

I am so proud of all the packs and their Leaders in the District; they always go above and beyond to give the Young People the best Scouting Experience possible.

WELL DONE EVERYONE!



Sarah Granger (Chil) | ADC Cubs Southampton City District Scouts

Scouts

It's been a relatively quiet year for the Scout Section while the District Scout Section Lead position (ADC Scouts) has been vacant. A few Gold Awards have been presented across the city, and census figures have been very good with a strong growth in numbers.

We are excited to see how water activities return to the District Programme for Scouts later this year, and hope to continue this in future years. Thank you to all the volunteers who are involved in making this happen for all our young people.

Looking to the future we need a new volunteer to step forward and coordinate our citywide programme for the section. If you are interested in getting involved in this, please do get in contact with us. It doesn't have to be one person, it could be a team or role share.

Explorer Scouts

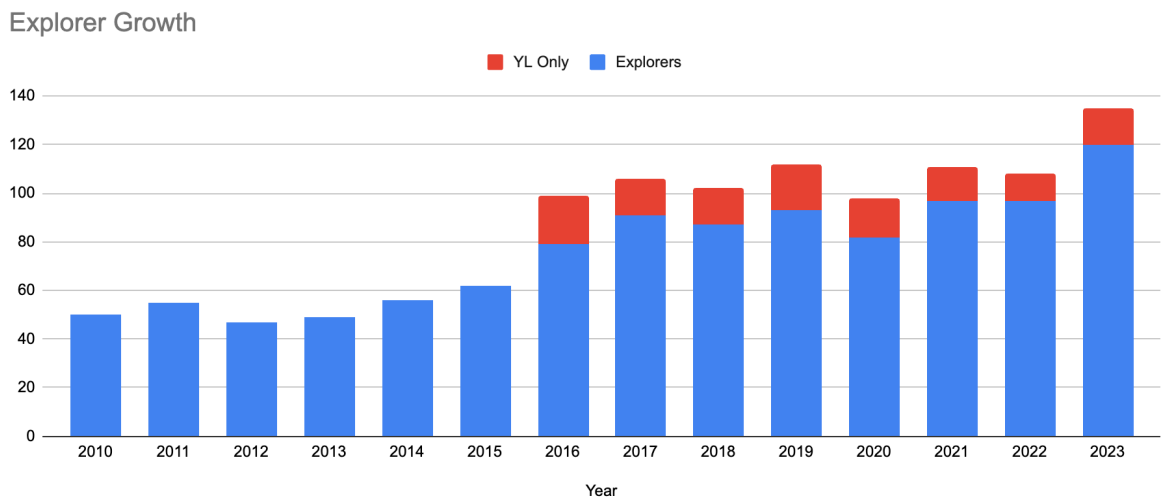
This is my first year at DESC. I wish to thank Sam Chapman for a smooth transition and his continued support.
The Explorer section is well organised and our teams coordinate effectively to offer a range of activities and events for our young people.
Some highlights over the last year include:

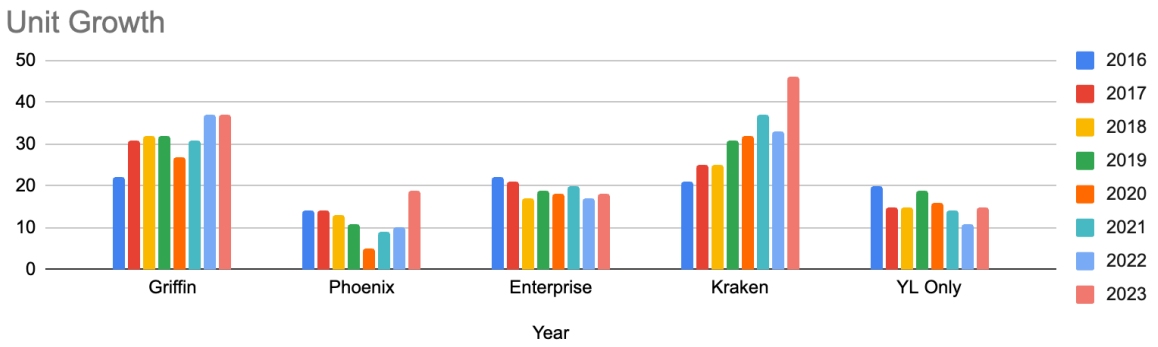
- District Explorer Summer Camp in Dartmoor
- District Winchester Fireworks Trip
- District Ice Stating evening at WestQuay. Attended by 90+ explorers!
- Summit 50th Year Anniversary trip in Snowdonia
- Explorers 20th Birthday Celebration at Alton Towers

We are also very proud to have won the County Kodu Trophy which was held earlier this year in March.
Our teams have also conducted numerous other camps and events throughout the year, for which I am very grateful for their dedication and time.

Size and Growth

We have an exceptional team of adult leaders who provide an outstanding programme to our young people. As a result we have seen the Explorer section continue to grow and over the last year it is clear that our current provision needs expanding to continue to meet the needs of our participants.





It has been pleasing to see Phoenix's growth with numbers almost doubling in the last year. Well done to Lloyd, Amanda and Jack for their hard work. The team at Kraken have also been incredible at reorganising their programme, dividing their unit in order to keep young people off the waiting list once they reach 14. Since March we have begun the process to hopefully expand the Explorer section soon.

DofE and Top Awards

Our district DofE provision continues to gain in popularity. This 2023 season we have 2 Silver teams and a single Bronze team completing their expeditions. We are on track to have our most successful year for top awards.

Lastly, I would like to record my continued thanks to my exceptional leadership team, my leaders– together you continue to achieve some amazing things. I am humbled by your commitment to these Young People and the dedication you have for Scouting.

Luke Hall | District Explorer Scout Commissioner

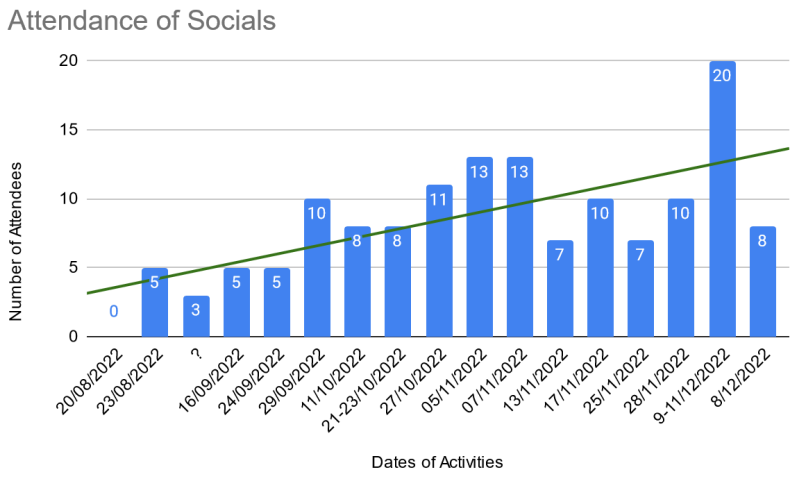
network

As my first year as District Scout Network Commissioner comes to an end, it's great to look back over the year and think about all the great stuff we've been doing as a Network!

Over the past year Network have had lots of opportunities to take part in a very varied programme, with activities stretching from Archery and Kayaking to pudding parties and hikes. Adventurous activities generally have a larger uptake, although our halloween pudding party was also very popular! We've also taken part in several camps, with Christmas Camp at Foxlease being our annual festive get together, and Winter Camp joint with Southampton SSAGO also garnering a large attendance.

We've also made some good progress in spreading out the workload of social and event organisation, with several members stepping up to help out resulting in a more varied and fuller programme - many thanks to those who have helped!

It's been a good year for Network membership - after a dip in attendance around the end of July/August 2022, our numbers slowly climbed again to a peak around Christmas time as can be seen by the graph below. We have recently seen numbers dropping a little due to the summer term has started - partly an impact of exams at the university, but otherwise remain stable with around 5-7 people attending each social. Camps are usually more popular with around 8-15 people attending. We currently have a healthy level of members with a core group that attend most things.



We continue to have a consistent source of members from Southampton SSAGO, and a smaller source of members from those moving to the city. We've also now begun to see the results of our efforts to make Network more visible within the district, as several of our newer members have come from within the Explorer section. We're hoping to continue this trend and see more of our local members continuing their scouting within Southampton beyond 18.

As part of our efforts to see an increase in the conversion of Explorers leaving and joining Network, we've begun to host and take part in a number of linking activities. This not only provides a chance for the Explorers to get to know members of Network and the idea of Network more broadly, but also means that both sections gain a wider range of programme and support. I hope that we can continue to work closely with the Explorer section and give our 'older' young people within the district even more amazing opportunities - on both sides of 18!

Within our Network there's also been some brilliant progress on top awards, with a good proportion of our members working on their Gold DofE and King's Scout Award. We've also got at least 2 of our members working to achieve their Explorer Belt, with 3 more completing theirs this past year. Alongside this we've also had a Scouts Of the World Award achieved, with another member making good progress on theirs. Several of our members also attended the day of celebration at Windsor this year, celebrating their amazing achievements with their Queen's and King's Scout Awards, or their service in Operation Feather during the Queen's funeral preparations. Many congratulations to everyone who was invited to take part this year!

In summary, it's been a great year to be part of Southampton City Network! Here are a few aims for the future to keep the momentum going and the membership engaged and enthusiastic:

- Continue our efforts in linking with the Explorer Section, making sure to expand to visiting all the units.
- Continue to engage more of the membership in planning and organising socials and events to encourage variety and continuity within our programme.
- Go camping more!

Lucy Blatherwick | District Network Scout Commissioner

Youth Team

In April last year the District Youth Team got to see the fruits of their labour, getting to see the impact that their suggestions had had on the District Camp. The youth team also ran the quiz on the Friday night. Also at District Camp we saw the addition of Amalka as a deputy district youth commissioner.

In July we held a Youth Team meeting where we discussed the 2024 district camp as well as what competitions people would like to see come back, if any. This meeting also re-highlighted one of the major problems that the youth team faced, and that is that explorers have jam-packed lives. Although we got a healthy number on the day, trying to get a date proved an enormous challenge. So in this last year of my time as District Youth Commissioner, I decided to refocus my energy on trying to increase the number of district events we have, as many of these are popular among young people, and have the added benefit of encouraging leaders amongst the district to meet each other. Something that had been one of the key focuses of the district camp.

With this renewed approach, we've brought back the District Cross Country Competition in March this year. And we're working on trying to create more events going forward.

As mentioned in this report though, my time as a youth commissioner is coming to an end soon, and the role itself shall be taking on a new shape during the transformation. We believe we've found a suitable successor, which we hopefully will be able to announce in due course. I wish them the best of luck with the role, and that they are able to keep helping Southampton to stay youth focused.

Lloyd Pearson | District Youth Commissioner

Wilverley Scout Campsite

Wilverley has now had it's first full financial year uninterrupted by the effects of Covid. It has been a successful one with strong bookings and a substantial, best ever return to the District's Wilverley Dividend Fund. Bookings for 2023-24 are high, with a busy summer ahead. The pricing structure works well, enabling free and preferential rates for groups in our own District to make use of the site. Bookings from City District groups are rising, but there is still plenty of scope for this to increase further. I would encourage all to plan well ahead. The generator charges had to be increased from £5 to £8 per hour to cover the big increase in supply costs. No profit is made from this.

Maintenance needs continue, minimising the amount of work that needs to be done using skills bought in. Material costs have risen disproportionately, making it ever more important to re-use and upcycle. We currently have six team members; Clive Finder, Arthur Ashton, Steve Andrews, Gary Joyce, Tony Kench and myself. Whilst we are coping with the workload, more members would be very welcome. Without their routine, and year round volunteering commitment, the site could not operate. I congratulate and thank them very much. In addition, we have our booking secretary Richard Webster who very efficiently gets through a phenomenal amount of work behind the scenes and we are very grateful to him for this.

The District Trustees have agreed in principal for me to proceed with work to identify sources of funding for the installation of mains electricity. A provisional quote for the installation shows that between £125,000 to £150,000 (inc. VAT) will be needed, based on current costs. The supply would be by overhead cables alongside the A35 for approximately half a mile from near to Holmsley Tea Rooms. This will hopefully happen in 2025, funding permitting.

Short term projects are for the ageing posts around the main camping field to be replaced, then in the Autumn, to replace the field toilet with a new wooden building. Suitably fitted out, this is likely to cost around £5,000 from our Project fund, of which £2,000 is from charitable grants made in previous years for this purpose. In view of the need to raise funds for the electricity supply, this project has been scaled back from the original £10,000 specification. Financial information for 2022-23 is in the Treasurer's report.

Rex Budd | Wilverley Committee Chairman

Active support Unit

Active Support have had a fairly quiet year.To help ease the electricity bill for the 11th Group we met at members houses during the winter months,resuming at the 11th in May.Our regular active members number only about 8 now,as age and retirement have reduced our numbers.During the past year we have supported the British Legion Poppy Appeal by manning our stand at Sainsburys.My thanks to Chris Thompson who has taken over organising this event with B L now.We assisted the Cub Section with Stewarding and Car Parking for the Christmas Carol Service.Two of us also ran a session for the 11th Squirrels,that was a new experience!,we also provided some judges for the cub cooking competition.I have also continued to do my talks to cubs,on “old Southampton'' for their “local Knowledge badge” as and when required. We went out socially for a Christmas Meal.This will be my last report as Active Support Manager,as i feel the time has come for me personally to stand down,as of tonight’s AGM .Carol Nicholls who has supported me for many years in ASU will take over as Co-ordinator and future enquiries should go to her. Please give her the support you have always given me.. I would like to thank all of my members,past and present for their support over the years,it’s been a pleasure. I shall still be a member of ASU and will still be available to anyone who wants help or advice. I understand from the DC that there will now be a new Active Support Manager to oversee the admin of the various units that now come under the Active Support “umbrella”.I wish him well.Our thanks go to the District Executive,for their support during the past year.

George Longhurst | Active Support Manager

Appointments Advisory Committee:

Carolyn Chart

District Appointments Secretary e: appointments@southamptoncityscouts.org.uk

Annual Report of the Appointments Advisory Committee for

District AGM, Southampton City Scouts

June 2022 to end of May 2023
Members of the Appointments Committee this year were:
Kay Wilkinson (Chair)
Carolyn Chart (Secretary)
Gail Langton
Jane Cook
Christopher Shanks
Anthony Wilkinson
Many thanks to Kris Partridge who stepped down from the Appointments Advisory Committee after many years of service, and Anthony Wilkinson who has joined us to help out when we are short of team. And a huge thank you to every member of the panel for their hard work this year, and for streamlining the appointments and training process through close collaboration with Nico on the training team.
Over the last twelve months since the last AGM, we held seven Appointments Panel meetings (in June, July, September, November, January, March and May) and approved the following 54 appointments.
1 Explorer Scout Leaders
1 Assistant Explorer scout leader
2 Explorer scout section assistants
8 Assistant Scout Leaders at the 1st, 2nd, 11th, 13th, 14th, 22nd
6 Scouts Sectional Assistants at the 2nd, 9th, 11th, 26th and 29th
1 Cub Leader at the 9th
3 Assistant Cub Leaders at the 2nd, 9th and 29th
8 Cubs Sectional Assistants at the 2nd, 7th, 9th, 26th and 29th
5 Assistant Beaver Leaders at the 2nd, 11th and 14th
10 Beavers Sectional Assistants at the 7th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 25th and 26th
1 Squirrel scout leader at the 14th
7 Squirrels Sectional Assistant at the 2nd, 9th, 11th and 14th
The candidates were all of a very high standard. In addition, we have considered and approved 28 changes of role or additional roles within the District - these are decided

without needing to meet the candidate in person. The number of new leaders and of changes of role approved this year is another huge increase from last year, we have been busy. The majority of our panel meetings have been on Zoom. We have also regularly sent reminders for reviews due which are occasionally coming through– thanks so much to all those who have endeavoured to keep on top of these!

Carolyn Chart
District Appointments Secretary
e: appointments@southamptoncityscouts.org.uk

Leader Training

Nico Chart

Currently we have 89 roles in the district filled by leaders with woodbadges ranging from Neil Webb's 1981 woodbadge to the most recent: Sam Jasper (ACSL) and Martin Bugbee (CSL) at the 29th.

20 of those are new woodbadge awarded in the past 12 months - well done to all who completed their training!

Thank you too all the Training Advisers, GSLs and leaders who have helped new leaders to get their e-learning "Getting Started" modules done and their three-year Safety and SafeGuarding renewals too.

Training Courses are available face-to-face at Ferny Crofts as well as Zoom courses being made available in Webinar style.

Safety Advisor

There have been no reported incidents or issues notified.

I can report I had some correspondence with the incoming chair of the 11th, and was able to advise on gas and fire risk-related compliance matters. I also contacted the 9th again to follow up on the initial meeting that we held, and am awaiting feedback.

I met the GSL of the 7th in January, and we had a good discussion on premises management and general H&S matters.

Tony Bradley
June 2023

District Treasurer

1) This financial year was one of near normal activity, similar to years we had experienced before the pandemic.

2) I am able to report there has been a healthy return to bookings for Wilverley with an income of £31249, and badge sales of £38, totalling £31287.

Against this the maintenance was £7295, overheads £9229, and insurance £1502, leaving a surplus of £13223 to be distributed evenly between the Wilverley Long Term Project Fund and the District Dividend Fund.

Price increases of raw materials and commodities continue to rise, reflected in the increases seen in the maintenance costs above. The Wilverley committee agreed it would continue to monitor increases for the next year and going forward,

There was a break-in at the site in December 2002, and a successful claim in the amount of £4750 was made. There have been some purchases made to replace some of the items taken.

3) We continue to use NatWest for our current and reserve banking, and continue to use FreeAgent as much as possible. It's proving to be a very useful tool in accounting for the district expenditure and income streams, and feeds well into the end of year balance sheet. The Explorer, network and ASU accounts are integrated into this at the end of each year for independent examination purposes.

4) I can report that our independent examiner was given the supporting documentation for the examination of accounts in good time, and a complete and accurate set of figures are presented to the AGM, as set out at the end of this AGM document.

I can report that our nominated accounts examiner, Parry Hancock merged with Langdowns DFK, an Eastleigh based accountancy firm.

Although the change took place on 1st April 2023, so strictly not in this Financial Year, it was Lucy Parry, having become a partner at Langdowns who has carried out the examination of the accounts for the year 2022-2023.

We are grateful to Lucy and pleased to see a continuation of the good service we have received for the previous two years in reviewing and examining the accounts, and for the work she has done on our behalf this year.

5) The annual census was completed in February of this year and invoices issued to the groups and units. I am pleased to say we made our combined subscription payment to the County before the end of the financial year, having received all incoming payments in good time. Early payment reductions and a one-off County rebate were able to be passed on. The sum of £121 was returned to the groups pro-rata as the County rebate changed in 2021/22 after the subscriptions were collected, meaning we had this small surplus.

My thanks again to the groups, units, and their treasurers for their assistance and speedy responses, in making their payments.

6) This year saw an unprecedented number of young people accepted onto the international jamboree programme, and a lot of transactions passed through the accounts as fundraising took-off in earnest. A number of lump-sum payments were made to County and to The Scout Association.

7) As district, we are joint owner of a commercial property in Eastleigh, along with Itchen North and South. At the January 2023 meeting of the SJSFC Committee it was agreed:

Ownership Reporting.
Following circulation of the agreement on the "dissolution of the Southampton City Scout Council and its functions" and the ensuing discussions it was agreed that the asset was owned by the Southampton Joint Scout Finance Committee and should not be shown as an asset in the Annual accounts of the Three Districts (IS, IN and City).
Proposed, EG, Seconded, DM. Unanimous

(Please note, the City District referred to here was the previous city district before central and west were merged).
Whilst this has no bearing on our day-to-day activities and we continue to receive an annual dividend, the value of the property is not now shown on our annual returns as an asset.

Tony Bradley
District Treasurer
June 2023

Please see below copies of the accounts.

Southampton City Scout District
Receipts and Payments Account

		Year start date		Year end date
	For the year from	1st April 2022	To	31 March 2023

Receipts and payments

	2022-2023 Unrestricted funds £	2021-2022 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	45,951	37,895
Less:Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	- 46,072	- 37,774
Net membership subscriptions retained	- 121	121
Sales	15	210
Activities	-	-
Gift Aid	4,348	
Other similar income (insurance claim)	4,750	-
Sub total	8,992	331
Grants		
Maintenance grant		
Other grants	500	11,729
Sub total	500	11,729
Fundraising (gross)		
Sections	9,417	1,074
Camps	12,036	
Wilverley booking	31,287	14,622
Other fundraising activities (Explorers, Network and ASU)	30,360	17,471
Sub total	83,101	33,167
Investment income		
Bank interest	891	10
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Property Rent dividend	8,000	7,000
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	8,891	7,010
Total Gross Income	101,484	52,237
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	
Total receipts	101,484	52,237

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	For the year from	1st April 2022	To	31 March 2023
Receipts and payments				
		2022-2023		**2021-2022**
		Unrestricted funds		**Unrestricted funds**
		£		£
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Youth programme and activities		5,085		673
Adult support and training		744		1,201
Rent		160		80
Explorers, Network and ASU		29,334		21,721
Electricity and Gas				-
Insurance		2,690		1,711
Repairs and Renewals (Wilverley Maintenance)		7,295		5,151
Materials and equipment		-		
Printing and photocopying		-		-
Contribution to camp costs		10,152		2,865
Wilverley booking refund				2,062
Professional fees		780		594
Activities		1,244		123
Advertising & promotion		75		20
Leaving & retirement gifts		-		356
AGM Expenses		194		-
Staff Training		222		-
Wilverley overhead (Gas, Water, Waste, Phone etc.)		9,229		6,429
Sub total		67,204		42,986
Fundraising expenses				
Web hosting		233		200
International Jamboree Funding		9,446		497
ASU cash payment				-
Cash-in-hand written off (Activities and Treasurer)		128		-
Sub total		9,807		697
Total Gross Expenditure		77,011		43,682
Asset and investment purchases, etc.		-		-
Total payments		77,011		43,682
Net of receipts/(payments)		24,473		8,555
Cash funds last year end		103,977		95,422
Cash funds this year end		128,450		103,977
Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year				

	2022-2023	2021-2022
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	31,937	13,277
Bank deposit account	46,660	46,456
CCLA Charities Investment Account	39,429	38,742
Explorers, Network and ASU bank accounts	10,424	5,374
Cash/Floats (ASU)		128
Total cash funds	128,450	103,977
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	208
Insurance claim (in income C18)		-
Sub total	-	208
Investment assets		
Investment property - see District Treasurer report	-	85,215
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	85,215
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	850	1,000
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture. Fixed assets	3,455	3,083
Other	-	-
Sub total	4,305	4,083
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities.		-
Sub total	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 6th July 2023 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Print Name	
V Radford	Dr. V. M. Radford	Chair
Bradley	Mr. J. A. Bradley	Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Southampton City District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Southampton City District Scout Council for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Southampton City District Scout Council 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 Southampton City District Scout Council 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Southampton City District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:

Name: Mrs L A Parry, ACA
ICAEW

Address: Langdowns DFK
Fleming Court
Leigh Road
Eastleigh
Southampton, SO50 9PD

Date: 12 July 2023

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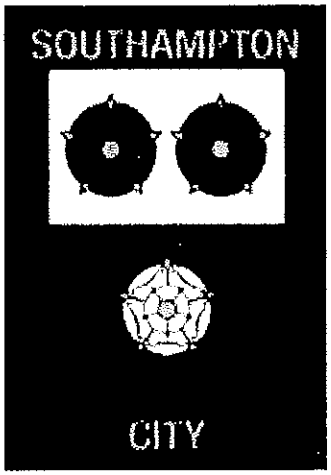
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SOUTHAMPTON CITY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1117805

Accounts

Southampton City
Scout District



2021 - 2022

Annual Report & Financial Statement

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TRUSTEES *Ex-Officio* Appointment Name

District Commissioner Joshua Smith
District Chairman Veronica Radford
District Secretary Richard Cook
District Treasurer Tony Bradley
District Explorer Scout Commissioner Sam Chapman
District Network Scout Commissioner Abi Bacon
District Youth Commissioner Lloyd Pearson

TRUSTEES

Elected

Sarah Granger
Jane Cook
Ruth Hopgood

Nominated

Amanda Wallace
Andy Clasby
Kris Partridge
Gail Langton

Co-opted

George Longhurst (SAS)
Rex Budd (Wilverley Committee)
Thelma Bishop-Young (Group Support)
Rishi-Nayan Varodaria (SSAGO Rep)
Kay Wilkinson (Appointments Committee)
Graham Meering (President)

BANKERS: Natwest, Shirley

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER: Parry Hancock, Chartered Accountants

District Registration number with the Scout Association: 12038

Charity Registration number: 1117805

Contact Name and Address: Tony Bradley
2 Pewsey Place
SOUTHAMPTON
SO15 7RX

District Chair

Hello everyone

It's a really good feeling to be fully functioning as a District again, with face to face scouting available across the board. We have come through the last two years in a strong financial position in all areas, thanks to the various grants made available to the groups and our District campsite at Wilverley. Even more importantly we have even more young people in our sections than before the pandemic. We should recognise that this is the fantastic result of the dedicated, unceasing hard work of all our scouting volunteers in Southampton, who maintained scouting throughout, not least by adapting to the use of electronic aids such as zoom, in creative and innovative ways. On behalf of all the parents and young people we say an enormous 'Thankyou'!

Special thanks must go to our DC, Joshua, who has established a great team to offer strong support within the District. This has enabled District led events to start again culminating in the amazing Camp in May, with very high attendance and non-stop activities. Also doing amazing work is our District Appointments Committee and Training Team, who have helped so many volunteers to work in scouting. The work of our District Youth Commissioner Lloyd is promoting the voice and opinions of the young people as never before, which is exactly what we need in the District. It is also important to recognise the role of Amanda Wallace and her team who have worked incredibly hard to establish the newly created Squirrel section for 4-5 year olds within our District and which offers huge potential for expansion and recruitment.

We do need more adult volunteers. We need to highlight the reward and satisfaction that scouting can bring to all ages and the opportunity to be part of a team and that there is something for everyone. An example of someone who has enjoyed scouting all his life is George Longhurst, who amongst his many roles over the years has led a team to collect for the British legion Poppy Appeal. Under his leadership the scouts have enjoyed a tremendous boost to public relations while collecting thousands of pounds for this great charity. We are very grateful to George for the many, many ways he contributes and now ask for someone to offer to take over the Appeal in his place.

Finally I would like to thank Richard Cook who is stepping down as District Secretary after 15 years. Richard and I both came into our posts at the same time and it has been a real pleasure working with him and I truly appreciate his support and hard work, not least in his annual battle to complete the census for our District!

So there we are, in full flow scouting again with ever increasing numbers of young people. Spread the word – come and join us!

Veronica Radford

District Commissioner

The past year for Scouting in Southampton has been a journey of recovery and change. We've returned to face-to-face activities and regrown our numbers. This wouldn't have been possible without the fantastic continual contribution of our hundreds of volunteers across the city whom it's been a privilege to work alongside to deliver Scouting to our young people.

In 2020 we entered the pandemic with 11 groups, 861 young people and 362 adult volunteers. Our membership took a significant dip throughout the pandemic, but since then we've not lost a single group, and in the 2022 census have surpassed our pre-pandemic figures with 863 young people. This has been achieved in part due to the introduction of two new Squirrel Dreys (4 - 6 year olds) at the 2nd and 13th, and also the hard work and dedication of our volunteers have put in to allow us to return to face-to-face activities safely. Unfortunately volunteer numbers are still down 18% on our pre-pandemic levels. Adult recruitment remains a top priority for the District going forward.

Gradually our District programme has come back to life. Initially, with smaller section events such as a trip to Paultons Park, cooking competition, and a combined Maddison & Walkabout competition, moving on more recently onto bigger events such as our District Camp in May 2022. This was one of our largest events to date with nearly 600 young people coming together for a long weekend on non-stop activities. I'd like to express particular thanks to everyone that has been involved in making these events as successful as possible, be that organising them or making sure your young people are able to take part. It's been fantastic to see everyone come back together after so long.

In June 2021 we said farewell to David as District Commissioner who steered Southampton Scouting through the worst of the pandemic and hello to a new District Team. The team is constantly evolving, with a mix of fresh and familiar faces who have worked tirelessly over the past year to bring the Scouting community together and support our volunteers. I would like to particularly highlight the work of the Training Team who have tackled the mammoth task of working through our training backlog and ensuring we are able deliver safe Scouting.

It's now time as a District to look beyond recovery and ask ourselves what Scouting in Southampton should look like in the future. Part of this will include how we grow and develop our existing offering, so we can reach parts of the community we don't currently reach. There are over 30,000 young people in the Southampton City District area aged between 4-18, with only just over 800 of them involved in Scouting. There is also an opportunity for us to refresh our citywide programme and develop our volunteer experience to bring everyone together as one Scouting community.

Finally, on behalf of the District I would like to express my thanks to everyone across the city and beyond who has been involved in supporting Scouting in Southampton. Without your contribution so many young people would have been deprived of the opportunity to enjoy Scouting and develop their skills for life. It's not been an easy few years, but it's your hard work and tireless commitment that makes all of this possible.

Josh Smith | District Commissioner

Squirrels

On the 9th of September 2021 the Scout Association announced the launch of the newest section Squirrels. It was an historic milestone as the first new age range in Scouting for 35 years. Squirrels get active, explore nature and have fun learning with friends, all while earning badges – just like other Scouts. New badges include Feel Good, Be Active, Explore Outdoors, Brilliant Builder and Exciting Experiments.

We were very proud to have had our 13th Southampton Millbrook group pilot this section (known as Hedgehogs throughout the pilot) starting back in 2019 for the Scout Association and have played a crucial part in the development and delivery of Squirrels. We are also extremely proud they have continued to support the scout association by triling the first ever night away in the country, the sleepover back in November was very successful and they went on to trial a second night away, this time in tents at the District camp in April. This also went extremely well and the feedback from the Scouts early years team was extremely positive.

On 14th September 2021 the 2nd Southampton Shirley opened their Squirrel Drey. It was a great first night where the squirrels did All About me Flowers and got to know each other. Erien and her team have done a fantastic job with launching squirrels at the 2nd and it has been great to see them grow and develop the new section.

On the 6th of March 2022 both the 2nd and 13th Squirrels attended the founders day camp fire with the district Beavers at Ferny Croft. This was the first District event both dreys had attended and it was great to see the Squirrels all together, they had a great time singing campfire songs and doing a founders day quiz trail.

I am really excited for the next 12 months and looking forward to welcoming more Squirrel Dreys to the district as more groups start to open the new section. I know we have got lots of amazing adventures ahead of us and we are already busy planning some fun events for Squirrels later this year and in 2023.

Amanda Wallace | Assistant District Commissioner Squirrels

Beavers

The past couple of years have been very challenging, when we were eventually able to return to face-to-face activities, the Beaver Leaders chose to wait until the less inclement weather was with us, they continued in the virtual world providing amazing programs for the young people each week, so that they could still earn their badges.

Once we were all meeting in person we had a start - stop - continue meeting, the Beaver Leader's decided to move a few activities but generally they are happy with the District Beaver program.

We started by celebrating our founder Lord Baden Powell's Birthday with a campfire at Ferny Crofts Activity Centre, it was an amazing afternoon with nearly every colony attending.

We didn't have as many Bronze Chief Scout Awards achieved in this 12 months, but I'm sure this will be made up for in the next year, we offered an amazing 300 Beaver places from April 2021 to March 2022.

Going forward we will be holding Logger Heads in June of this year, followed by Christingle and the Panto.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the Adults and Young Leaders in the sections, who have continued to provide excellent programs for the Beaver Scouts by adapting their activities to fit in with the virtual world, I would also like to thank all the Beavers who have embraced the changes.

Elaine (Clover) | Assistant District Commissioner - Beavers

Scouts
Southampton City
#SkillsForLife

cubs

It has been great for everyone to get back to Face to Face Scouting.
Although it has still been a challenging year for some, catching up with planning and badge work to deliver Face to Face Skills For Life again.
Leaders have delivered excellent programmes and are keeping their Cubs' ideas and contributions at the core of their meetings.
We have able to run some District events together:
Scrapheap Challenge: The winning team from the 25 th Northam went on to County to represent the District. Thanks again to George, Carol and Sue from Active Support for setting the theme and judging.
Cubs Archery Competition: The winning team was from the 7th Bassett and the highest scorers from the event are off to County archery in September. Thanks again to Ant, Kay and their team for putting the Archery on for the Cubs.
Unfortunately, the Cooking competition had to be cancelled at the last minute due to unforeseen circumstances.
144 Cubs, Young Leaders and Leaders are off to Brownsea Island on the 2nd of July, we are excited to be going back, it seems such a long time since we have been there.
Leaders have reported that it is becoming more difficult to get the Cubs to attend weekend events as their lives at the weekends are busy with non-Scout activities.

As always, the pack Leaders have been fantastic in helping each other out. Working hard, writing risk assessments or sharing program ideas, they have again stepped up to the challenge and all worked hard to keep providing the Young People with the Scouting Adventure.
I supported the 9th Shirley Warren to help rebuild their Cub pack.
They held an open day which was well supported by the local community and as ADC Cubs I helped run an activity and talked to parents and their children about the Scouting Adventure open to the whole family.
The Cubs now have a new Leader, and I would like to welcome Abi to the Cub Leadership team.
I have helped at the 25th Northam on several evenings and enjoyed working with their Cubs and leadership team.
I have also been invited to award Chief Scout Silver awards, which shows that our young people are still engaged in their Scouting journey.

As a Cubs Team we have so much to look forward to in the future, lots of days out, camps, competitions, and plenty of fun to be had!

I am so proud of all the packs and their Leaders in the District; they always go above and beyond to give the Young People the best Scouting Experience possible.
WELL, DONE EVERYONE!

Sarah Granger (Chil)

ADC Cubs Southampton City District Scouts

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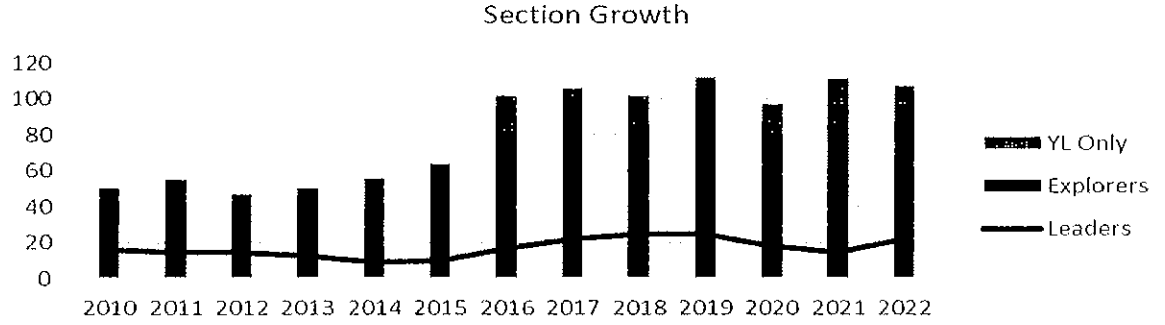
It's been a relatively quiet year for the Scout Section while the District Scout Section Lead position (ADC Scouts) has been vacant. A few Gold Awards have been presented across the city, and census figures have been very good with a strong recovery in numbers.

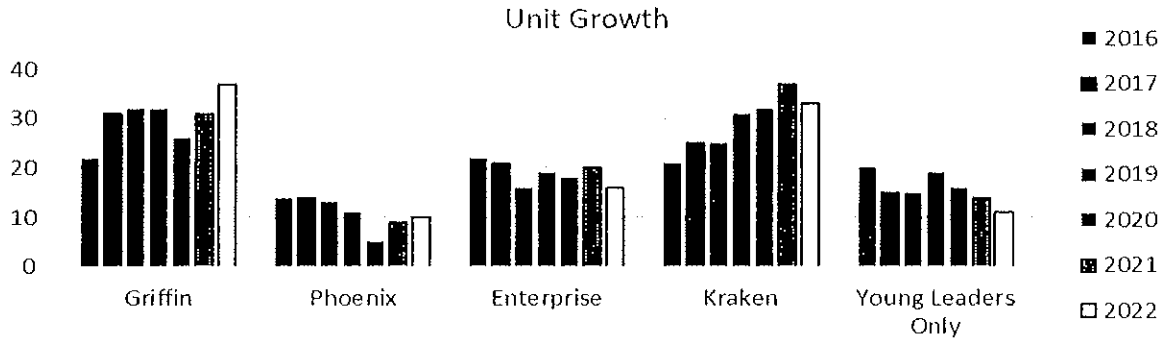
Since the pandemic so far one Scout Section District Event has returned with a twist to combine both our Walkabout and Maddison Hunt walking competitions. This took place in November 2021, with several groups taking part. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen! We've since come back together again for District Camp in May for an activity packed weekend with other sections from all over the District.

Looking to the future we need a new volunteer to step forward and coordinate our citywide programme for the section. If you are interested in getting involved in this, please do get in contact with us. It doesn't have to be one person, it could be a team or role share.

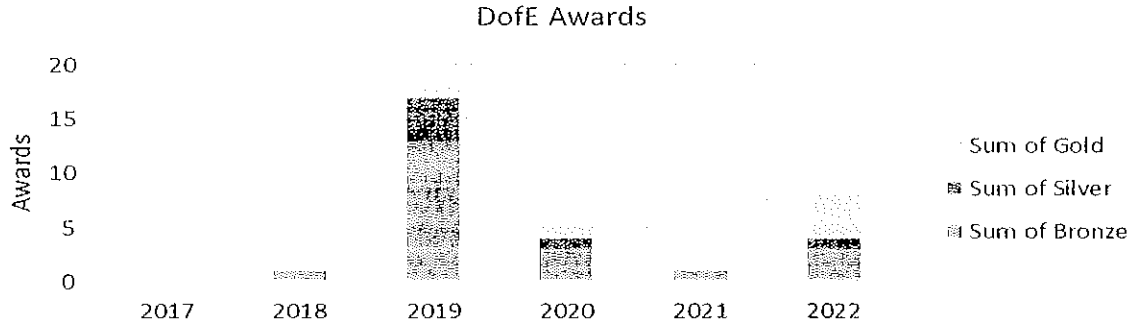
Explorer Scouts

My fifth year in post and it has been remarkably positive. The section continues to be resilient, growing even after the worst effects of the COVID pandemic. This year in 2022 we had 61 Explorers on District Camp which is the biggest that we have ever achieved. Numbers of awards are increasing and general numbers of Explorers are stable. Importantly we have increased our base of leaders this year which a number of really great and talented adults joining our leadership team.





All of our units are stable in terms of numbers with a new leadership team at Phoenix recovering well.



Lastly, I would like to record my continued thanks to my exceptional leadership team, my leaders and my DESA Julia Hall – together you continue to achieve some amazing things. I am humbled by your commitment to these Young People and the dedication you have for Scouting.

Sam Chapman | District Explorer Scout Commissioner

Network

Network has kept going strong and gradually returned to a fully face-to-face programme. Some highlights over the past year have been our Christmas Camp at Ferny Crofts in 2021 with a full Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings, range of adventurous activities and a ton of boardgames. Other events have included everything from bowling, to New Forest walks, air rifle shooting and some silly games.

There has been a change of leadership recently for the section, with us saying goodbye to Abi as District Scout Network Commissioner in May, and welcoming Lucy to the role. We'd like to express our thanks to Abi and her team for all the hard work they've put into the section and keeping it going as we've gradually returned to face-to-face activities.

Looking ahead to the future, we are excited to see where Lucy takes the section over the next year with a renewed focus on linking with Explorers and improving communication across the section.

Network is the final youth section of Scouting for young people aged 18 - 24 years old. If you'd like to get involved, please do let us know. They have no fixed meeting location or venue as they move around the city to ensure the section is inclusive as possible to all. Unlike with Explorer Units. There is only one Network per District.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the section this year.

Youth Team

This year has been a fairly successful one for the youth team. The Youth Team has doubled in size gaining a new member from every explorer unit and has had an impact on a number of things from what things would be seen at District Camp to how money should be spent on international participants. At the end of the year we've also seen the addition of two new Deputy District Youth Commissioners Amalka and Bailey both of whom will help us to make youth representation within the district even stronger and help us to improve for a number of the younger sections too.

Lloyd Pearson | District Youth Commissioner

Wilverley Scout Campsite

At the start of the 2021-22 year, the site was still closed due to covid. Opening was planned from then, but with a wholly volunteer workforce we were unable to meet the covid cleaning schedules required by Hampshire County Office to permit us to receive campers again. Although the Scout Association did not change to a "GREEN" state of readiness until September, we were able to take advantage of reduced cleaning requirements to re-open in mid-July. However, we still had several cancellations during the remainder of the summer due to infection rates among children and leaders.

Maintenance and improvement work has continued throughout the year. Richard Webster, our Bookings Officer has been receiving bookings for 2022 and it will be a busy season until October, with other bookings through to the end of March 2023.

The government business support grants during covid have helped Wilverley to cover its' costs and also make up for much of the lost income from camping fees. As a result, there is a healthy surplus to be divided between the Wilverley Project Fund and the District Wilverley Dividend Fund, giving over £5,000 to each. District are currently inviting bids for money from the Dividend Fund.

Incentives have been put in place to encourage more use of Wilverley by groups in City District and by District itself. This includes free use for three nights once a year and reduced rates for further use.

The on-site maintenance team led by Clive Finder, has been joined during the year by Tony Kench. He is a long-term friend of the District and another ex-Venture Scout to join us. Anyone with spare time on Tuesdays and/or Fridays who wishes to join the volunteer team, please contact me.

Work to extend the life of the field toilet was done prior to covid, so with less use during 2020/21, the planned rebuild has been deferred until winter 2023/24.

Financial figures for 2021-22 are included in the District Treasurer's AGM report.

Rex Budd

Wilverley Committee Chairman

Active support Unit

The Active Support Unit is continuing to function although with reduced membership. We now have only seven members who attend meetings on a regular basis. However, although small in number we have been able to fulfil any tasks that we have been asked to perform by the District. During the past year of course as there were no Beaver or Cub services at Christmas we were not required. We ran a base for the Madison Hunt, and the Walkabout competition. We provided the storyteller and judges for the Cub Scrapheap Challenge competition. We were ready to judge the Cub cooking competition but sadly this was postponed. Recently we were at District Camp, providing marshals for the car park over the four days of the camp. Our ladies provided beverages and cake and biscuits in the Scouters Cafe, on the Saturday and the Sunday. Our members also provided a base, cooking twists over an open fire, which was very popular. I continue to do a talk for Cubs on knowing their city and what life was like when I was their age. I have two packs booked for the near future, please give me a call if you want me to visit your pack. In the near future we are planning an afternoon tea excursion to Lepe. In November last year we once again supported the British Legion, Poppy Appeal. Active Support provided the nucleus of people staffing our stand at Sainsburys in Portswood. We had great support from other members of the District Team and the 7th, 11th,13th,26th and 29th groups. Thank you. Unfortunately, the support from the management at Sainsburys was not as good as the previous year. I have decided not to organise the Poppy Stand for next year. I have informed my members and the District Executive of my decision. As yet no-one has come forward to take on the job. It is not particularly onerous, but time consuming. I see it as a wonderful way to show Scouts doing their bit in the community.

Finally thank you to the 11th Group for letting us make our home in your HQ, and to the District Executive for supporting us as a unit. To all my loyal members thank you for supporting me as Manager, you never let me down, our meetings are a joy to "chair".

George Longhurst.

Active Support Manager

District Support Teams

Training Team:

First of all many thanks to our Training Adviser team and our First Aid training team who have given up evenings and hours to help our leaders achieve their training targets!

We had a really successful bounce-back year with over 36 Wood Badges being awarded in the past 12 months!

Thank you too all the GSLs and leaders who have helped new leaders to get their e-learning "Getting Started" modules done and their three-year Safety and SafeGuarding renewals too. We are getting better at staying compliant with the POR rules. Well done everyone.

Courses are now being run face-to-face at Ferny Crofts once again as well as zoom courses being made available.

Nico Chart

Local Training Manager

Appointments Advisory Committee:

Members of the Appointments Committee this year were:

Kay Wilkinson (Chair)
Carolyn Chart (Secretary)
Gail Langton
Kris Partridge
Jane Cook
Christopher Shanks

Richard Jacob and Paul Collett both stepped down from the Appointments Advisory Committee after many years of service - happy to give way to some younger committee members. Chris Shanks has proved to be an excellent new member of the team and has been on the panel for nearly all of the meetings this year.

Over the last twelve months since the last AGM, we held five Appointments Panel meetings (in July, October, November, January and March) and approved the following 34 appointments.

1 GSL at the 9th

3 Explorer Scout Leaders

1 Assistant Explorer Leader

1 Scout Leader at the 14th

7 Assistant Scout Leaders at the 2nd, 14th, 1st, 9th, 13th

3 Scouts Sectional Assistants at the 7th, 25th, 2nd

1 Cub Leader at the 1st

2 Assistant Cub Leaders at the 22nd, 26th

3 Cubs Sectional Assistants at the 25th, 26th

6 Assistant Beaver Leaders at the 22nd, 13th, 29th, 14th, 29th, 9th

5 Beavers Sectional Assistants at the 26th, 25th, 2nd

1 Squirrels Sectional Assistant at the 2nd

The candidates were all of very high standard. In addition, we have considered and approved 24 changes of role or additional roles within the District - these are decided without needing to meet the candidate in person. We have another 16 new leaders waiting to be approved at our next panel meeting at the end of May 2022 and a further 9 changes of role! The number of new leaders and changes of roles approved this year is more than double those from last year, we have been busy. The majority of our panel meetings have been on Zoom but we did hold a successful appointments/welcome brunch at the 11th HQ in October. We have also regularly sent reminders for reviews due which are occasionally coming through– thanks so much to all those who have endeavoured to keep on top of these!

Carolyn Chart

District Appointments Secretary e: appointments@southamptoncityscouts.org.uk

Safety Advisor

There had been a halt to meeting groups and helping them to get to grips with requirements and obligations in managing the various Scout HQ's, due to the lockdowns and Covid restrictions. Thankfully things seem to be getting back to some normality, and so I have been making contact with the groups again.

As I am also chair of the 25th it seems appropriate to start there and so a sub-committee under the exec had now been set up and we have run over the high-level requirements. This will now be gone into in more detail and findings and actions relayed back to the group exec in due course.

I've also been able to meet the 9th recently, and I expect to be able to run through a similar process of identifying any risks and then working with them to ensure compliance and control as things move forward.

A number of groups were on the right path when I'd met them in 2019, and I will be back in contact with them soon to see how they have been progressing, and also making contact with those groups who I still need to meet up with.

Tony Bradley
March 2022

District Treasurer

This financial year saw a return to something nearer normal activity, as the effects of the Covid Pandemic reduced.

I am pleased to report we have finally managed to add our DC, Josh Smith, to the authorised signatory list for our bank, NatWest. I continue to use FreeAgent as much as possible, it's proving to be a very useful tool in accounting for the district expenditure and income streams, and feeds well into the end of year balance sheet. The Explorer, network and ASU accounts are integrated into this at the end of each year for independent examination purposes.
I can report that our independent examiner was given the supporting documentation for the examination of accounts in good time, and a complete and accurate set of figures are presented to the AGM, as set out at the end of this AGM document.
We continue to use the services of our accountants, Parry Hancock, to review and examine the accounts for 2021/2022, and I am grateful to them for the work they have done for us this year.

I am pleased to report there has been a resurgence in bookings for Wilverley with an income of £14622, added to this is the income from Covid and other related grants of £10677, giving a total of £25289.
Against this the maintenance and overheads, insurance and booking refund costs were £14975, leaving £10324 to be distributed evenly between the Wilverley Long Term Project Fund and the District Dividend Fund.
Unfortunately the global price increases of raw materials and commodities have meant that it is now impossible to contain the increase in costs of Wilverley maintenance, and the current £4000 P.A. has been exceeded. The Wilverely committee agreed it would be prudent to increase the advised budget to £5000 for the next year and going forward, with the proviso that this be kept under review as the volatility elsewhere is hard to predict.

The annual census was completed in February of this year and invoices issued to the groups and units. I am pleased to say we made our combined subscription payment to the County before the end of the financial year, having received all incoming payments in good time. Early payment reductions and a one-off County rebate were able to be passed on. There was a discrepancy between the County rebate advised to us, and the actual rebate applied. This has meant the groups overpaid and District is in credit by £121.20.
In the coming year this rebate surplus will be paid back to the groups, pro-rata their census numbers.
My thanks again to the groups, units, and their treasurers for their assistance and speedy responses, in making their payments.

As there were now some face-to-face meetings being held during the year, it was agreed that the District would pay a slightly reduced fee to those groups who host Explorers, ASU and Young Leaders, with the intention of paying the full agreed amount in the coming year.

Tony Bradley
District Treasurer
May 2022

Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Southampton City Scout District

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **Southampton City Scout District** for the year ended **31st March 2022**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the **Southampton City Scout District** 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 **Southampton City Scout District** 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the **Southampton City Scout District** as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed: 

Name: Mrs Lucy A Parry ACA 1st August 2022

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address:

Parry Hancock
Webb House
20 Bridge Road
Park Gate
Southampton
SO31 7GE

Southampton City Scout District
Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	1st April 2021	To	31 March 2022

Receipts and payments

	2021-2022 Unrestricted funds £	2020-2021 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	37,895	33,708
Less:Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	- 37,774	31,023
Net membership subscriptions retained	121	2,685
Sales	210	126
Activities		-
Gift Aid	- 0	1,535
Other similar income		-
Sub total	331	4,347
Grants		
Maintenance grant	- 0	500
Other grants	11,729	10,000
Sub total	11,729	10,500
Fundraising (gross)		
Sections	1,074	-
Camps	- 0	3,136
Wilverley booking	14,622	117
Other fundraising activities (Explorers, Network and ASU)	17,471	2,651
Sub total	33,167	5,904
Investment income		
Bank interest	10	46
Building Society interest	- 0	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	- 0	-
Property Rent income	7,000	8,000
Other investment income	- 0	-
Sub total	7,010	8,046
Total Gross Income	52,237	28,797
Insurance claim	- 0	4,406
Total receipts	52,237	33,203

Southampton City Scout District
Receipts and Payments Account

	For the year from	1st April 2021	To	31 March 2022

Receipts and payments

		2021-2022 Unrestricted funds £		2020-2021 Unrestricted funds £
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Youth programme and activities		673		1,015
Adult support and training		1,201		88
Rent		80		80
Explorers, Network and ASU		21,721		5,095
Electricity and Gas				-
Insurance		1,711		2,145
Repairs and Renewals (Wilverley Maintenance)		5,151		7,029
Materials and equipment				921
Printing and photocopying				-
Contribution to camp costs		2,865		1,085
Wilverley booking refund		2,082		2,996
Professional fees		594		1,749
Activities		123		676
Advertising & promotion		20		422
Leaving & retirement gifts		356		204
Wilverley overhead (Gas, Water, Waste, Phone etc.)		6,429		2,883
Sub total		42,086		26,387
Fundraising expenses				
Web hosting		200		-
Charitable donation		497		-
				-
				-
Sub total		697		-
Total Gross Expenditure		42,782		26,387
Asset and investment purchases, etc.				-
Total payments		42,782		26,387
Net of receipts/(payments)		8,555		6,819
Cash funds last year end		95,422		88,606
Cash funds this year end		103,977		95,422

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2021-2022 Unrestricted funds £	2020-2021 Unrestricted funds £

Cash funds		
Bank current account	13,277	47,540
Bank deposit account	46,456	563
CCLA Charities Investment Account	38,742	38,725
Explorers, Network and ASU bank accounts	6,374	8,458
Cash/Floats	128	148
Total cash funds	**103,977**	**95,422**
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	208	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	**208**	**-**
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	85,215	85,215
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	**85,215**	**85,215**
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	1,000	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture. Fixed assets	3,083	3,241
Other	-	-
Sub total	**4,083**	**3,241**
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	497
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities. Open invoice 56, 25th to Explorers		-
Sub total		**497**

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 8th June 2022 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

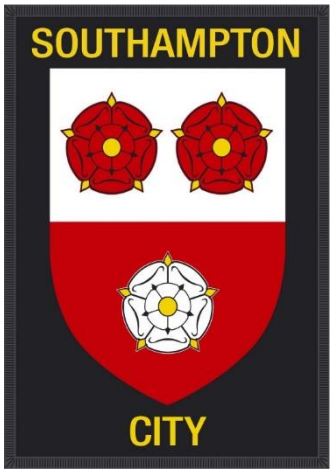
Signature	Print Name	
	Dr. V. M. Radford	Chair
	Mr J.A. Bradley	Treasurer

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SOUTHAMPTON CITY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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	Appointment	**Name**
TRUSTEES *Ex-Officio*	District Commissioner	David Bowers
	District Chairman	Veronica Radford
	District Secretary	Richard Cook
	District Treasurer	Tony Bradley
	Deputy DC	Kerry Budd
	Deputy DC	Ian Budd
	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	Sam Chapman
	District Network Scout Commissioner	Josh Smith
TRUSTEES *Elected*		
	Jane Cook	
	Gail Langton	
	Alice Mintoff	
	Kris Partridge	
Nominated	Thelma Bishop-Young	
	Ruth Hopgood	
	Graham Meering	
Co-opted	George Longhurst (SAS)	
	Rex Budd (Wilverley Committee)	
	Rishi-Nayan Varodaria / Georgia Horwich (SSAGO Rep)	
	Kay Wilkinson (Appointments Committee)	
	Lloyd Pearson (Youth Commissioner)	

BANKERS	Natwest, Shirley
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Parry Hancock
District Registration number with the Scout Association	12038
Charity Registration number	1117805
Contact Name and Address	Tony Bradley 2 Pewsey Place SOUTHAMPTON SO15 7RX

District Chair

Hello everyone

After a challenging year for us all it is good to feel optimistic that the worst of the pandemic is over and we are on the way back to face-to-face scouting again. As I write the scout readiness level is yellow, one step away from the green level and normality. Before the second lockdown, the Explorers, Network and SSAGO had been very active and some group sections had been getting back together, while some groups have had no face-to-face scouting since March. A rigorous system of Risk Assessment was put in place, with the GSL's and District working closely together and I would like to thank all involved for making it work so well. The census has shown that we are slightly down on numbers but we are confident that scouting, along with the everything else, will experience uplift when restrictions are removed. To this end our organisation has been greatly improved by establishing a new District Media Team, which runs the website, helps us all to comply with GDPR and is proving a fantastic District resource.

I am very pleased to report that the financial burden of the pandemic has been eased by most of the groups receiving the £10000 grant from Southampton City Council. We were also able to secure this for our campsite at Wilverley and this has put our District in a good position for the future re-opening of scouting. We have also been delighted to welcome our District Youth Commissioner, Lloyd Pearson, who will help our young people develop their leadership qualities as well as a youth forum, all of which serves our aim to put the children at the forefront of scouting.

In remembering those who have given long and dedicated service to our District scouting I would like to thank Colin Floyd who has retired from his role of Wilverley site manager. Colin was at the forefront of upgrading Wilverley, obtaining many grants and renegotiating our lease with the Forestry Commission. I would also like to thank Jonathan, who has stepped down from the Wilverley maintenance team after eight years of service, Pat Davies, Daphne White and Mike Jackson, who have all stood down from Active Support. A further acknowledgement of incredible commitment to scouting is due to Gail Langton, GSL of the 7th, who has received her Silver Wolf award.

I am sure I speak on behalf of you all in giving a massive thankyou to David Bowers, who is stepping down as District Commissioner. David has been a pleasure to work with, bringing the district together through teamwork and good communication. I am very glad to say that David is to carry on in the district through his role at the 25th.
I also thank the two DDC's, Ian and Kerry Budd, who have given David such good support, as well as their huge contribution to the district over many years.

Finally, I know you will all join me in congratulating Joshua Smith on his appointment as our new District Commissioner. Joshua has been an important part of our scouting, most recently as our Network District Commissioner. The handover will be at our AGM and I look forward to you joining me in that celebration.

District Commissioner

2020 / 2021 - A year of massive challenges due to the Covid restrictions placed on the whole country... Yet through that, Scouting kept going and I'm massively thankful to all those who found a way to keep young people moving forward.

During this time phrases like Virtual, Zoom, Online and Blended Program have been the new normal. We have to manage Risk Assessments and differing Readiness Levels from the Scout Association and different rules of what we can and couldn't do. We lost our District Camp in 2020 and then our Wye Valley Camp in 2021 but we still had Virtual camps at Group and Sections Levels. We had Online Founders day with the Beavers and Explorers and many other online events run by the Leaders access the District and Sections - Thank you all!

As the rules changed so did the way Leader teams approach how we deliver Scouting. Lots on Zoom Planning and then Zoom Meetings and reviews. Home Delivery of earnt badges and project kits and surprise awards with the help of parents we made. I'm so proud of the way the team has met the challenges head on and ran with the program and delivery ideas. I'm thankful to all the Executives and supporters who have helped the Leader teams and for the parents who have made the computers available to their children for Online Scouting to take place.

My thanks also go to the District Executive for the support on handling the Risk Assessment process that has been so important to all us during the restrictions.

This year we again recognised the adult's achievements in the district as well as all the top awards achieved by those young people in the sections. Well done to all those recognised including Gail Langton for gaining her Silver Wolf Award in January. Hopefully Gail will get to Windsor for a formal presentation soon.

Lots of good Scouting has continued this year despite the restrictions and the Hedgehogs pilot is an example of that - the scheme will go live this year with more details being released this spring - the Squirrels will be the new name going forward.

Groups are now starting to come back to Face To Face as the restrictions ease and some AGM's are planned. We can only hope that restrictions continue to be lifted and we hope that by September we will be able to do more for the young people.

Lastly I'd like to say thank you to both the Deputy District Commissioners, Kerry Budd and Ian Budd for all their help over the last 5 years (+). As we come to the end of our time in the DC role we hope to support groups and the District going forward and with the next DC and their team all the best for the future - hopefully post Covid…….

YIS, David Bowers, **District Commissioner**

BEAVERS

It was a challenging year for everyone, unfortunately face to face activities had to be put on hold, but the leaders took the bull by the horns and welcomed the new virtual world. Most colonies have managed to provide excellent activities (stargazing, cooking, craft activities, martial arts, guest speakers, to name but a few) and completed hundreds of badges. Leaders have also engaged with The Scouts UK and Hampshire Scout organised events – The Great Indoors Challenges, Race around the World and Hampshire Camping Challenge.

The Beavers were asked to build their own Wacky Race Cars with their families and have races in their gardens.

A virtual skills swap evening was held – giving leaders the opportunity to share virtual programme ideas.

Colonies were encouraged to participate in St James Methodise Church virtual Christingle service.

Our Founders Celebrations related to our founder Robert Baden-Powell's birthday. Virtually we came together to learn about BP through games, talked about what we are thankful for and made cards to thank someone in our local community. We also had a surprise guest in the form of our UK Chief Commissioner, Tim Kidd.

Even though colonies had been unable to meet face to face, 12 beavers completed their Bronze Chief Scout Awards in the last 12 months, thanks to their leaders.

The District Want To Join list, grew as the year progressed as parents were still adding the names of their young people, with restrictions now lifting many children will be offered places in the next few months.

As always, this report gives me the opportunity to publicly say thank you to all the adults in the section; they have continued to provide excellent and enjoyable activities for the Beaver Scouts by adapting their events/activities in these thought-provoking times, also to all the beavers who have embraced the changes.

Thelma (Danezaa)

Though this has been a challenging year for everyone, many packs have kept doing their best working hard and carrying on. Leaders have been embracing Zoom to deliver their programmes and keep teaching skills for life. Cubs have still been earning lots of badges with some Cubs even completing their Chief Scout Silver Awards.

Although we have been unable to do events together, it has been amazing to hear of all the brilliant activities Leaders have been able to deliver online. So much fun in a time when it was needed.

The Cubs have been adjusting to online based Scouting well, taking on all the challenges they were set and continuing to keep the Cub Scout Promise to do their best. Additionally, to attending their pack night meetings, Cubs from lots of groups have been taking part in online county camps and competitions. Furthermore, Cubs took part in the national 'Hike To The Moon' challenge to raise money for Scout Groups in need.

As always, the pack Leaders have been fantastic in helping each other out. Whether it was setting up zoom or other social medias, writing risk assessments or sharing program ideas, they have again stepped up to the challenge and all worked hard to keep providing the Young People with the Scouting Adventure.

Some of the programs the Leaders and Cubs have put together are spectacular, Science, Cooking, Pioneering, Astronomy, Quizzes, Scavenger hunts, Book reading, Entertainer badge and so much more. Everything was so well adapted to being done on an online format.

Some packs have now returned to Face 2 Face Scouting and taking the steady path back to normality keeping everyone safe in the process. On the other hand, some packs / groups feel happier to continue Zoom for the time being which is great.

We will continue to support them and help them start to get out and about again when they feel ready.

We have so much to look forward to in the future, lots of days out, camps, competitions, and plenty of fun to be had!

I am so proud of all the packs and their Leaders in the District, they always go above and beyond to give the Young People the best Scouting Experience possible. Even when the world stopped moving, the Cubs kept marching on.

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Sarah Granger (Chil)

Since the AGM in 2020the Scout Section has been hit hard by the restrictions and only a hand full of event have taken place. We have a gap of time in the back end of 2020 then more restrictions, so it's been difficult to get a joined-up approach across the Scouts team.

That said as we've come into the Spring signs of life have returned and Troops have been active again!
There have not been any District Based activities this year, but Groups and Troops have all been busy with Zoom meeting and activities where allowed.
This year we've still been able to award 4 chief scout gold awards, and a Commissioners Commendation Award

None of which would have been possible without the tireless work from our many invaluable teams working Online with Zoom and delivering packs and Badges to their Scouts so I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all.

In the true spirt of scouting we've found a way to provide opportunities for young people this year and will do going forward.

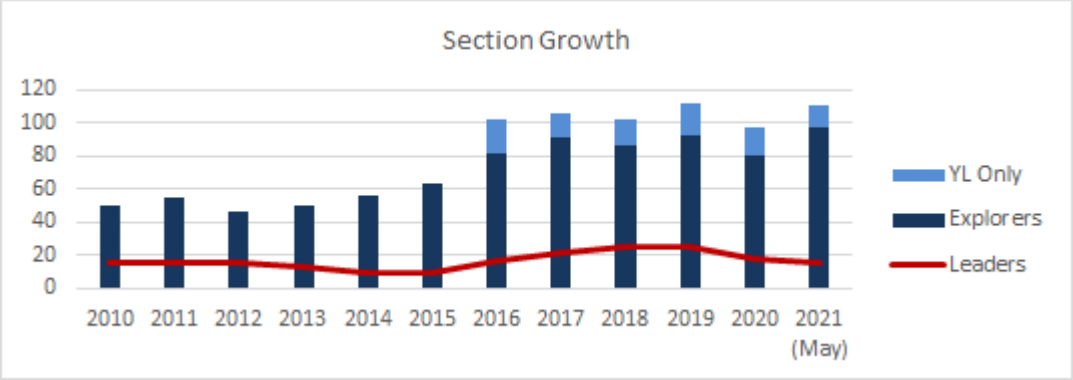
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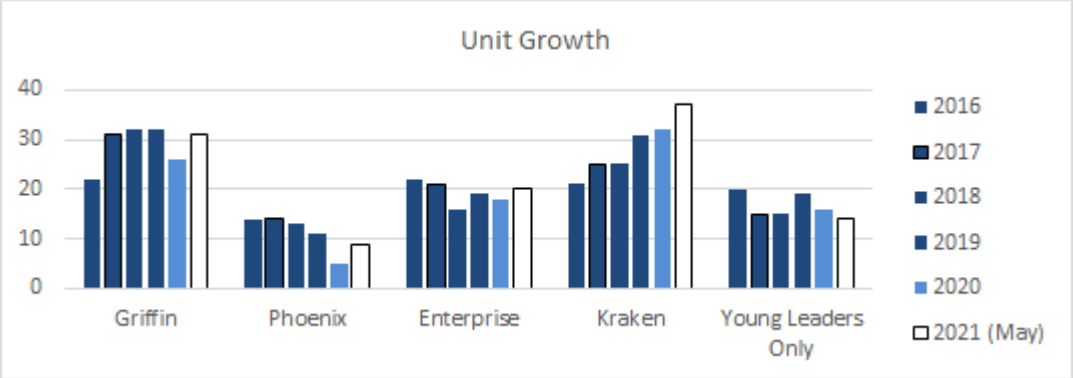
My fourth year in post (this is now for my reference really) and it's been a tough one. The effects of lock down and restrictions on expeditions, camps, activities and meetings has had a profound effect on the section. In the same instance the Explorer Section Leaders have risen admirably to the challenge and have provided a brilliant virtual programme ensuring that whilst numbers retracted slightly we are already bouncing back. Our resilience I believe is a result of having an amazing cohort of dedicated, passionate and talented leaders currently in situ in the section, the credit is theirs.

Size & Growth

At the time of the census our size had contracted, with many Scout Sections not meeting our pipeline of Explorers reduced whilst we continued to lose over 18s. Number of leaders also fell owing to reductions in student volunteer helpers and other work and social commitments. As I'm writing in May we have already regained our numbers post lockdown and have our highest number of subscribing Explorers (ex YLs) ever.



The individual units are all doing well, however efforts remain to stabilize and support Phoenix which was harder hit than most during 2020 :



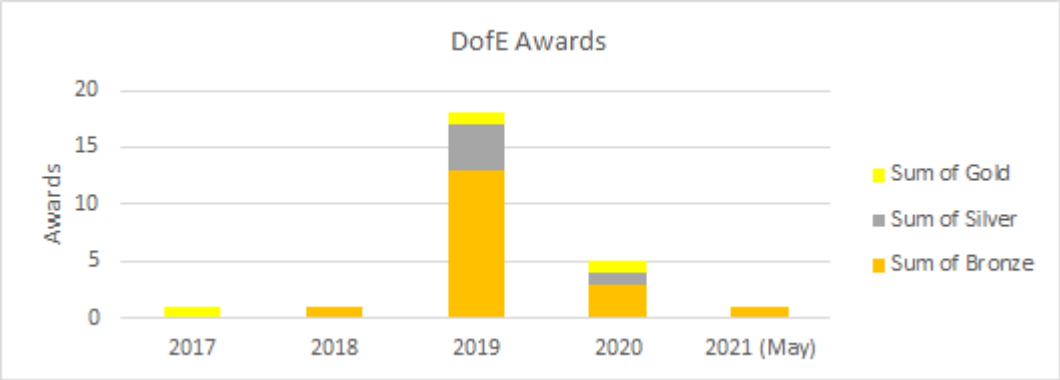
Explorer Section Events

Despite all of our events being cancelled we did manage to get together as a section a couple of times.

- **St Georges Day Parade**: 35 Explorers attended a virtual section event completing a full programme of activities in an action-packed evening.

Achievement

- Our 2020 Explorer Section DofE programme coordinated by Amanda Jukes, suffered last year from a lack of expeditions. However even with the adversity several awards were achieved by the Explorers and DofE team. The programme is back in full swing and we are hoping for another good year in 2021.



- We were particularly pleased as a section to hear that Amanda Jukes has been awarded a Chief Scout Commendation which has been fully deserved for everything she has put into Scouting.
- Additionally and (in some cases) not before time we were also pleased to see an additional 7 Woodbadges awarded across the section.

Cause for Optimism

In summary, despite a difficult year there is still cause for optimism as the section pivots back to face to face scouting. We have a few gaps in Leadership teams and a long list of Scouting activities we are keen to get back to. Our first camp in August is tentatively booked and if we can get there it'll be a remarkable achievement.

Lastly, I would like to record my continued thanks to my exceptional leadership team, my leaders and my DESA Julia Hall – together you continue to achieve some amazing things. I am humbled by your commitment to these Young People and the dedication you have for Scouting.

explorers@southamptoncityscouts.org.uk



Sam Chapman - District Explorer Scout Commissioner

network

In the last year we have partaken in a wide range of great activities and adventures, with the majority of them organised by the members. This year also heralded the introduction of a Network Team, elected from the group by members to take on coordinating activities, events, and other details such as improving linking with Explorer units. The team consists of Abi as Chair, Poppy as Secretary, and James and Megan as joint Treasurer.

Network currently has 43 members with 25-30 of these being regular and active, and the majority of them leaders at a variety of sections in groups around the city. We are currently working to improve the number of Explorers turning 18 who continue on to join us. This year has seen us say a fond farewell to some older members as well as welcoming some new faces to the section including students and individuals new to both the area and Scouting.

This year we were very pleased to be able to act as virtual audience to two of our members' QSA presentations and we congratulate Karen and Hazel on their success and hard work. Throughout lockdown Network ran over 20 virtual quizzes hosted by a wide range of members which helped to keep us all connected and enthusiastic. Other virtual events we've had included regular catch ups, a live escape room that involved the host being directed around an escape room via Zoom, baking and cooking challenges such as homemade pizza, and games nights where we made the most of the wide range of internet-based games available. An excellent bridge between virtual and in person Scouting for us this year has been scavenger hunt challenges, with members taking part in several, including one in conjunction with Southampton SSAGO, with great success.

We have unfortunately not been able to have any in person camps this year, but we did make up for it with common favourites such as Christmas Camp and Halloween Camp getting an 'all-but-the-camping' revamp with typical activities held around the city and virtually, including hikes, games, pumpkin carving, crafting challenges and virtual bake-offs.

When we have been able to meet face to face, Network have been able to enjoy old favourites such as campfires, New Forest hikes, and backwoods cooking, as well as a trip on the Hythe ferry for a very wet hike. We also greatly appreciated the chance to try our hands at tomahawk throwing, thanks to Russ at the 29th Scout Group. We are hoping to do more activities in this vein as we progress further away from lockdown, including plans to return to semi-regular climbing sessions, further hikes, and a camp open to all members who have turned 25 this year and as such missed out on a last camp.

This year would not have been possible without everyone who has run an event and those who have kept attending them so a massive thank you to all who have contributed to Network's continuing success through this difficult year.

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As one might expect I have little to report concerning the Active Support Unit. We have not met for over a year due to the Covid restrictions. I have kept in touch with my members on a regular basis, and I am pleased to report all are well. As previously reported, I have 3 members who have stood down, however I have had two enquiries about joining us, so that levels things out a bit. Plans for the new Active Support Unit are still in their early stages. My Co-ordinator for that unit will be Antonia Mintoff. We hope to hold an inaugural meeting soon. Although there has not been much happening of late i would still like to thank my members for their loyalty, and the District Executive for their continued support. Here's hoping for a better year to come.

George Longhurst,
Active Support Manager

Southampton SSAGO

Despite the challenges that Coronavirus presented us, Southampton SSAGO has had a very successful year. We have gained 7 new members bringing our total number of members to 42. We also have 5 new student Scout leaders that have signed up in the district bringing our total number of student volunteers with Scout units to 21. We have also been in contact with Hampshire Scouts in Hospitals and hope to be able to provide leaders to assist with them in the near future.

Throughout lockdown we continued with our weekly Monday meetings and held a variety of weekly socials including quizzes (some held jointly with Network), Taskmaster-style competitions, Murder Mystery Evenings, film nights and badge sewing evenings. We even held a virtual summer camp putting on a range of virtual activities for our members to take part in for a week in August.

One highlight during the November lockdown was 'Build-A-Rally' a very successful (and the first) online rally open to all members of the Student Scout and Guide Organisation across the country, hosted by our SSAGO club. Having been in the works for a while, the very dedicated group of Southampton SSAGO members led by Lucy, supported by Elizabeth, Jake, Tim, Henry, Rebecca, Poppy, Becky, Alex and Leon did a brilliant job of planning and adapting their event under the everchanging guidance. From campfire cooking to mini pioneering, from escape rooms to whittling, the virtual event offered something for everyone.

As a society we held our AGM in February to elect our new committee with Jake as Chair, Holly as Secretary, Rob as Treasurer, Rishi as Scout Liaison, Isabel as Guide Liaison, Elsie as Archivist, James as Quartermaster, and Leon as Webmaster. Since then we have transitioned into a blend of online and in-person activities including hikes in the New Forest, a BBQ on Southampton Common.

With restrictions easing we hope to continue more in-person events including a planned Monopoly run in Winchester and hopefully a Summer Camp in early September.

We look forward to hitting the ground running at the start of the next academic year, welcoming new members, running a range of in-person activities, and (restrictions permitting) running a Fresher's camp.

Youth Commissioner

After being appointed to the position of District Youth Commissioner at the end of October last year, the circumstances we have found ourselves in have meant it has been hard to hit the ground running with encouraging Youth Shaped Scouting across the district. Despite these challenges, I am currently working towards forming a District Youth Team made up of representatives from all the 14+ youth sections in the District. To this end, we now have a representative from each of the Explorer units (Enterprise ESU - Darcey, Griffin ESU - Archie, Kraken ESU - Amalka, and Phoenix ESU - Vickie), Southampton City Network - Daniel, and Southampton SSAGO – Rishi, with only the Young Leader Unit yet to select a representative. The team are soon to have their first meeting and are hoping to meet within the next month.

The Youth Team will play an important role in the district going forward; ensuring that the district is taking Youth representation into account in all aspects. They will enable Youth-shaped ideas to be truly acknowledged on a variety of issues, whilst empowering young people to take the lead. This will span from topics discussed at District Exec Meetings to input on District Camp and other events within the District - potentially even going on to run events and activities of their own. Once the Youth Team has established itself you will likely see members of the Team, including myself, across the district attending Scout Troops, Cub Packs and Beaver Colonies to encourage even more youth led scouting. This is hopefully the first of many youth-led programmes in the district, so keep your eyes peeled!

Lloyd Pearson - District Youth Commissioner (DYC)

Wilverley Campsite

The year started with the site closed, and the maintenance team unable to attend until Covid restrictions eased enough around the end of May for us to resume the ongoing work necessary to keep the site in good order. Safe working wasn't without it's challenges, but by employing the recommended practices for social distancing, ample fresh air and good hygiene, much was achieved. Necessary work to replace rotten framework in part of the Charles Alan building progressed, as well as work to improve security and are range of other tasks in the grounds and regular grass cutting.

As hopes began to dim for re-opening, all booking deposits had by now been refunded and no new ones were being taken. As a Scout campsite, we are bound by the readiness levels set by the Scout Association who in turn are guided by the National Youth Agency. Wilverley would not be able to re-open until the readiness level is set to GREEN.

Autumn brought a worsening Covid situation with no prosect of opening, so the decision was taken to exploit the unique opportunity and undertake a major re-alignment of the heating system in the cottage. The work to switch pipework from high level to being boxed in at floor level, has continued throughout the winter, except for the period when lockdown restrictions meant that once again, we were unable to attend the site. We are very grateful to Arthur Ashton for his expertise which enabled this to happen. Had it been necessary to pay commercial rates for this task, the refurbishment would have cost in the region of £10,000. A full redecoration is currently under way.

The on-site team is led by Clive Finder, the other members being Arthur Ashton, Steve Andrews, Gary Joyce and myself. Clive and I are now joint Wardens for the site. During the year, Jonathan Gardiner decided to step down from the team after several years and we are grateful to him for his contribution during that time. As always, we would welcome anyone who would like to become part of the maintenance team and join us on either or both of the work sessions on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Bookings are being taken by Richard Webster on a provisional basis for a possible re-opening this summer. Due to the uncertainty around this, no deposits have been taken. We await news from the Scout Association on whether the move to GREEN status will happen from the last step of the government "road map" on 21st June.

Expenditure has been kept low by not using New Forest District Council for grass cutting, plans for regular rubbish collection have been shelved, use of gas and foul water collection has been minimal. Maintenance costs are less, but project work has involved modest levels of expenditure.

Inevitably, income from site fees has not been possible. When, and how quickly bookings will return to previous levels is hard to predict. A change to booking policy from when we resume, is that we will be taking day bookings from our own District (and no-one else). This will be possible for up to two months in advance, when it is less likely that this would block any potential camping or residential overnight bookings. This is to offer the opportunity for a covid safe location for activities away from group's own regular meeting places. The Charles Alan activity centre building will be available, but not the cottage. No site fees will be charged for this, other than for the use of the generator if it is required.

Finally, a big thank you to the District Media Team for doing a brilliant job improving the web pages for Wilverley.

Financial figures for 2020-21 are included in the District Treasurer's report.

Rex Budd
Wilverley Committee Chairman

Leader Training and Compliance

Your district training adviser team is: Thelma Young, Nico Chart, David Horseman, Gail Langton, Ben McDonagh, Graham Meering, Ellie Thompson, Woody Wood, Victoria Woods, Elaine Moles, Georgie Horwich. Thanks to the team for all the validation meetings held during the past year.

12 Wood Badges were earned in past 12 months. Congratulations to: Michael Coomer, Ryan Parry, Chris Shank, Gavin Babbage, Andy Pell, Alice Mintoff, Lisa Scott, Luke Bennalick, Amy Beach, Ieuan Grainger, Liam Flavin, and Ollie Bills. A further 8 Managers and 66 Section Leaders / Assistant Section Leaders are enrolled in the woodbadge training scheme. About 30 of those Wood Badges are overdue for completion (past the three year limit). We hope to whittle this down to ZERO by the 1st September national deadline.

First Aid training team: Iain Redmill, Georgie Horwich, Doc Coomer, Jake Jukes, Simon Holt. Hot of the press - Module 10B (face-to-face first aid) is about to restart! We have more than 50 leaders waiting for this.

Getting Started training [note this is all done by e-Learning now]. Still about 40 people need to complete at least one of GDPR, Safety, SafeGuarding, or Essentials. Nico is running the Compliance Report each month and passing on the spreadsheets to the relevant managers. Many thanks to all managers who have encouraged their leaders to get cracking on their training recently.

Don't forget that all leaders should record at least five hours new training each year. You may want to work towards holding a Permit for Nights Away, or for adventurous activities, or consider doing Train-the-Trainer, Camp Leader skills, or the Management training where relevant.

Nico Chart

Appointments

Members of the Appointments Committee this year were:

Kay Wilkinson (Chair)
Carolyn Chart (Secretary)
Gail Langton
Kris Partridge
Jane Cook
Richard Jacob
Ryan Parry
Paul Collett

Over the last twelve months since the last AGM, we held three Appointments Panel meetings (in September, December and April) and approved the following appointments.

1 Explorer Scout Leader
5 Scouts Assistant Leaders (2nd, 7th, 11th, 14th, 26th,)
3 Scouts Sectional Assistants (14th, 14th, 26th)
4 Cubs Assistant Leaders (7th, 14th, 25th, 26th)
1 Beavers Sectional Assistant (29th)
1 Group Skills Instructor (25th)

The candidates were all of very high standard. In addition, we have considered and approved 10 changes of role or additional roles within the District. We currently have no leaders that are Pre-Provisional. We have also regularly sent reminders for reviews due – thanks so much to all those who have endeavoured to keep on top of these!

We recently produced a guide and a flow chart for Line managers and GSLs to help them understand the process for appointing new leaders and changes of roles.

Ryan Parry joined the committee but has been released to take up a role as DC in the New Forest area. Our thanks go to him for adding some youth to our team. We are actively seeking to recruit some younger members to join the committee – contact me on the email below if you're interested!

Carolyn Chart
District Appointments Secretary

District Media Team

The team is: Luke, Sam, Abi, Oli and Nico. If you have someone in your group who is into websites and communications then we'd like to talk to them about being on the media team.

This year we have continued to be custodians of the district electronic storage and communication systems, chiefly using the Google suite of tools. Key district documents are stored and shared from Google Drive. Our website and domain is managed from Google Sites.

The District Data Protection, Confidentiality and Privacy Policy is published here
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gKJPuHfntQ90AnVNChHDBiq8rqtJzsme/view?usp=sharing.

Our Media Team Terms-of-Reference document is also on the district Google Drive.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tBsx7FkUW6_K2m8QmiZ81xRETGu2yEWk/view?usp=sharing

Many district members have taken up the offer to have firstname.lastname@southamptoncityscouts.org.uk email addresses and we also maintain group/section email addresses. This is the best way to keep our communications GDPR compliant so we recommend it for all adults communication across the district. Let us know if you would like such an email address.

We have kept the district website content up-to-date throughout the pandemic and we have refreshed the site with a new layout this year: https://southamptoncityscouts.org.uk/.

In particular we have created new dedicated website for the district Wilverley Campsite wilverley.southamptoncityscouts.org.uk.

We have also helped several groups with updating their own websites to meet current standards and we are available to help with others if needed.

Health and Safety Advisor

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there have been no visits to group's HQ's for the purposes of assisting in their H&S compliance during the past year.

As part of a district team I have been reviewing Covid-19 Risk Assessments that groups, their sections and units have submitted in support of some activities that were either virtual or limited face-to-face meetings.

I was also involved in sourcing and providing PPE to groups and units in advance of them being able to meet face-to-face either on outdoor activities, or occasionally in their HQ's. We were successful in obtaining a grant of £500 which went toward this PPE provision, as well as a number of free face visors courtesy of BAT, and the Chair of the 1st Aldermoor.

Now that there is hope that the lockdowns are coming to an end I trust we can start to get back to meeting the groups and their committees in the coming year, picking up on the H&S activities already started.

Tony Bradley
Health and Safety Adviser

Treasurer

The whole of the financial year was quieter than would be expected, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

For this year we have fully adopted the use of FreeAgent, provided by our bank, NatWest. This is an on-line accounting package with direct automatic bank feeds, which allows examination and scrutiny of all expenditure and receipts by various categories going through district and associated bank accounts. The executive committee have access to FreeAgent and are able to independently view transactions and reports at any time.
FreeAgent generates a Profit and Loss statement, which is then used to complete the Scout Association balance sheet template. This is the document which must be externally examined and submitted to the AGM for approval, and which can be found elsewhere in this booklet.

We used the services of an accounting company, Parry Hancock, to review and re-examine the accounts for 2019/2020 and to help us migrate to the use of the SA balance sheet. This was then used to provide the previous year's comparison figures.
Parry Hancock have also carried out the obligatory external examination of accounts for 2020/2021, and I am grateful to them for the work they have done in both aligning our accounts with the SA standard, and also preparing the annual statement for this year.
In doing this work I have removed the holding fund details from the balance sheet, and I will provide the executive committee with these various funds details outside of the published accounts. Of course this year there has been very little activity at all.

At the end of the year we transferred trusteeship and authority for the CCLA COIF deposit account to three members of the executive committee.
We have strengthened our payment process such that approval is sought from another member of the executive committee to agree any and all expenditure paid through the bank account by BACS, other than recurring Direct Debits. Cheques still require a second signature, although we haven't raised any cheques during this period.

The annual census was completed in February of this year and invoices issued to the groups and units. I am pleased to say we made our combined subscription payment to County before the end of the financial year, having received all incoming payments in good time. Early payment reductions and a one-off County rebate were able to be passed on.
My thanks to the groups, units, and their treasurers for their assistance and speedy responses.

During the latter part of last year the Canoe Club was dissolved as previously stated. Subscription money already paid to the canoe club was all refunded to groups and units.
There were some outstanding payments for 2019 Wye Valley, and all these were collected during the year.
As there were no face-to-face meetings, it was agreed District would pay a reduced fee to those groups who host Explorers, ASU and Young Leaders.
These payments were made during the year.

A claim was made for gift aid, in respect of Explorers subscriptions and the funds transferred back to the Explorers bank account.
We were successful in claiming the government grant for small businesses and Wilverley received £10,000.
We also refunded £2996 in respect of cancelled bookings. There was no dividend to distribute between District and the Wilverley Project Fund.

Tony Bradley
District Treasurer

Southampton City Scout District
Receipts and Payments Account

Updated 17 June 2021 to V9 (Tony Bradley)	For the year from	Year start date 01 04 2020	To	Year end date 31 03 2021

Receipts and payments

		2020/2021 Unrestricted funds		2019/2020 Unrestricted funds
		£		£
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions		33,708		46,969
Less:Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)		- 31,023		- 65,986
Net membership subscriptions retained		2,685		- 19,017
Sales		126		789
Activities (Canoe Club)		- 0		
Gift Aid		1,536		-
Sarah Marten Loan Fund				10,080
Sub total		4,347		- 8,148
Grants				
Maintenance grant		500		-
Other grants		10,000		1,250
Sub total		10,500		1,250
Fundraising (gross)				
Sections		- 0		8,105
Camps		3,136		1,715
Wilverley booking		117		27,903
Other fundraising activities (Explorers, Network and ASU)		2,651		21,324
Sub total		5,904		59,047
Investment income				
Bank interest		46		237
Building Society interest		- 0		- 0
				- 0
Property Rent income (SJSFC)		8,000		5,000
Other investment income				-
Sub total		8,046		5,237
Total Gross Income		28,797		57,386
Insurance claim		4,406		-
Total receipts		33,203		57,386

Southampton City Scout District
Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date | Year end date

	For the year from	01 04 2020	To	31 03 2021

Receipts and payments

		2020/2021		2019/2020
		Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds
		£		£
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Youth programme and activities		1,015		7,951
Adult support and training		88		557
Rent		80		78
Explorers, Network and ASU		5,095		19,859
Electricity and Gas		- 0		- 0
Insurance		2,145		2,614
Repairs and Renewals		7,029		4,320
Materials and equipment		921		23
Printing and photocopying		- 0		- 0
Contribution to camp costs		1,085		7,421
Wilverley booking refund		2,996		1,020
Professional fees		1,749		- 0
Activities		675		1,312
Advertising & promotion		422		267
Leaving & retirement gifts		204		
Wilverley overhead (Gas, Water, Waste, Phone etc.)		2,883		8,439
Sub total		26,387		53,860
Fundraising expenses				
Charitable donation		- 0		1,134
Sarah Marten Loan Fund		- 0		4,436
Other costs		- 0		109
Sub total		- 0		5,679
Total Gross Expenditure		26,387		59,539
Asset and investment purchases, etc.		- 0		-
Total payments		26,387		59,539
Net of receipts/(payments)		6,816		- 2,153
Cash funds last year end		88,606		90,759
Cash funds this year end		95,422		88,606

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

		31st March 2021		31st March 2020
		Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds
		£		£
Cash funds				

Bank current account	47,540	40,475
Bank deposit account	553	453
CCLA Charities Investment Account	38,725	38,679
Explorers, Network and ASU bank accounts	8,458	8,853
Cash/Floats	146	146
Total cash funds	95,422	88,606
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
		-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	85,215	71,300
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	85,215	71,300
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	3,241	5,989
Other		-
Sub total	3,241	5,989
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	497	497
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	497	497

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 10th June 2021 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Print Name	
	Dr. Veronica Radford	Chair
	Mr. John A Bradley	Treasurer

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Southampton City District Scout Council

I repolt to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Southampton City District Scout Council for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Southampton City District Scout Council you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 201 1 ('the Act').

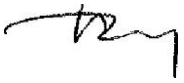
I report in respect of my examination of the Southampton City District Scout Council accounts carried out under section 145 of the 201 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Southampton City District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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,

Signed: 

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Date: Septembe