

# COTSWOLD EDGE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 1127669

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2009-01-22

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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

**Activities:** Makes grants to individuals Provides human resources Provides buildings/facilities/open space Provides advocacy/advice/information Acts as umbrella or resource body

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- South Gloucestershire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£111,989	£123,674	-	-
2024-03-31	£111,989	£123,674	-	-
2023-03-31	£144,128	£164,920	-	-
2022-03-31	£232,609	£225,745	-	-
2021-03-31	£114,181	£82,059	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Arnold Richard Tucker		2023-02-01
Christopher Harris		2017-09-21
DEREK JOHN FORWARD		
Jason Newton		2021-09-21
Nicholas Gingell		2024-09-12
Sarah Gingell		2024-09-12
YVONNE ANDOW		2022-09-08

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# Accounts

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the Period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

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### SECTION A - REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name: **Cotswold Edge District Scout Council**

Registered Charity Number: **1127669 (England and Wales)**

Charity's Principal Address: **Mafeking Hall, Serridge Lane  
Ram Hill, Coalpit Heath, BS36 2UF**

Trustees Name's	Position	Date of appointment
Arnold Tucker	Acting chair (Trustee)	12 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Nicholas Gingell	District Lead (Ex officio)	12 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Sarah Gingell	Elected District Treasurer	12 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Yvonne Andow	Elected Trustee	12 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Jason Newton	Elected Trustee	12 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Christopher Harris	Elected Trustee	12 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Derek Forward	Elected Trustee	12 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Jayne Gregson Cross	Elected Trustee	12 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Fin Tewson	Under 18 rep	12 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Will Lightfoot	Under 18 rep	12 <sup>th</sup> September 2024

## SECTION B - STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### Description of the charity:

- Cotswold Edge Scout District's governing documents are those of The Scout Association.
- They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organization and Rules of The Scout Association.
- The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
- The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organization and Rules of The Scout Association.
- The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees 'of the District which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.
- The Board of Trustees consists of the Chair, Treasurer, and trustees together with the District Lead and District Youth Commissioner. Plus, any co-opted members.
- The purpose of the Trustee Board is to work together, as charity trustees, to make sure Cotswold Edge Scout District is run safely and legally, with a focus on strategy, performance, and assurance.

### Risk and Internal Control:

The District Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed, these have been reviewed, and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The principal areas of concern that have been identified are:

- **Damage to buildings, property, and equipment.**

The District would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from Scout Groups and Explorer Units from within the District, neighbouring organizations such as churches, community centres, and other youth organisations. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The

District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

- **Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters, and members.**

The District through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

- **Reduced income from fundraising.**

The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

- **Reduction or loss of leaders.**

The District is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. If there was any reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular area / Unit or section within a Group there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a Unit, Group or Section. In the worst case scenario, the complete closure of the District.

- **Reduction or loss of members.**

The District provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 25. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular area/ Unit or Group or a section within a Group then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation, or closure of that particular Unit / Section. In the worst case scenario, the complete closure of the Group or Unit.

## SECTION C - OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Objectives

The objectives of the District are as a unit of the Scout Association as set in the governing documents of the Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social, and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is to prepare young people with the skills for life by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

### The values of Scouting

As scouts we are guided by these values:

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

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

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

**Belief** - We explore our faiths, beliefs, and attitude's.

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

### The Scout Method

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and;

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun.
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors.
- Learn by doing.
- Share in spiritual reflection.
- Take responsibility and make choices.

## SECTION D - ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

### The Trustee Board Performance & Achievements

- The required number of meetings were held in the reporting period and were properly conducted and minuted.
- An annual budget was set, and expenditure and receipts were monitored.
- Our annual accounts were submitted to the Charity Commission in a timely manner.
- Insurance of persons, property and equipment is in place.
- Mafeking Hall has been managed and operated;
  - annual premises risk assessment has been undertaken,
  - portable electrical Appliances were PAT tested.
  - fire Extinguishers were checked and serviced.
  - emergency lighting checked.
  - Ongoing improvements to the hall and outside activity areas.
- All Trustees are fully compliant with their training requirements.

### The District Lead Volunteer's Report

The District Lead Volunteer's Report which can be found at **Appendix A**, contains all the information regarding operational matters and issues arising during the reporting period.

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## SECTION E - FINANCIAL REVIEW

- The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short, equivalent to 6 months running costs. In addition to this, the District holds separate reserve funds for.
  - the Mafeking Hall Development,
  - to support Scouting at major National and International events,
  - a hardship fund to support disadvantaged youth members.
- The District's Income and Expenditure is small and consequently does not have enough funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The District has therefore adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short-Term Investment Service if appropriate.
- The District Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances, and the interest rates received to ensure the District obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the District Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

## SECTION F - DECLARATION

9. The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above, and the declaration is signed below on their behalf: -

**Arnold Tucker**  
**Acting Chairperson**

**Date:**

**Nicholas Gingell**  
**District Lead Volunteer**

**Date:**

## APPENDIX A

### DISTRICT LEAD VOLUNTEER'S REPORT

So, one year in and the Ex-Cub leader who said they could help the District with “some administration tasks” is now writing this annual report.

Wow what a year, within weeks of the last AGM I had to close down Compass making sure that everyone's Safety, Safeguarding and First Aid was up to date and compliant through until December to allow Scouting to continue whilst Gilwell uploaded and started the new Membership System. Let me tell you, I probably knew only 10% of the volunteers in the district at this point, so when the new system went live, I really was shooting in the dark.

We all know how difficult the Go-Live was, and within hours of it opening for the DLV's to access, we were all told the system was closing down for an hour or so, for urgent updates and repairs. Whilst Dean and Jason tried to help where they could, the system was just not playing ball, and so we struggled on the best we could, to get the basics set up for the GLV's to sign-on and able to use it from the Monday.

Unfortunately, the experience for everyone has not been great, and whilst we hoped ironing out the glitches would be a few days, it was months. I think you will agree that for the last 10 months the new membership system has taken over most of our time, however if I am totally honest, I cannot do my role without it now, and I am hoping GLV's will feel the same very soon.

Whilst trying to get to grips with the dramas of the new membership system from both HQ and within the District, we still had to complete the census, and whilst I knew how to complete a section census, the completion and sign off at District level was a much different thing all together, so a big thank you goes to all of the GLV's and ESU Leaders for their hard work in completing the returns, but especially to Derek Forward for his long hours and dedication to ensuring the 14-25 return was accurate, but also ensuring that the Gift Aid returns were arranged, allowing the District to ensure a healthy return of free funding was captured.

The census numbers are below and overall showed a decrease of 10 young people in total year on year.

<b>2025 Census</b>						
Group	SQ	BE	CU	SC	EXP	
1st Abbotswood		15	10	21		
1st Almondsbury		15	27	17		
2nd Alveston		19	23	20		
1st Chipping Sodbury		15	14	13		
2nd Chipping Sodbury		21	25	14		
1st Falfield		13	16	13		
1st Frampton Cotterell	12	14	16	10		
1st Frampton Cotterell		26	24	17		
1st Frampton Cotterell				9		
1st Olveston		23	23	19		
1st Ram Hill		19	14			
1st Severn Beach		11	20	19		
1st Thornbury		19	22	16		
1st Thornbury		20	28	28		
2nd Thornbury		12	13	20		
3rd Thornbury		14	16	4		
1st Wickwar		14	20	14		
1st Winterbourne		15	26	16		
1st Woodend		17	11	19		
2nd Woodend		13	21			
1st Yate	19	21	31	20		
1st Yate	18	20	28	25		
CESD Young Leaders					19	
Nike					22	
Zeus					51	
Endeavours					27	
Mumvuzi					6	
Pheonix					34	
Sharman					12	
Challenger					21	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>1359</b>
					<b>2024</b>	<b>1369</b>

Our total numbers represent similar trends as seen nationally in Scouting.

Adult volunteer numbers remain a concern and waiting lists especially at Squirrels and Beavers age are still high, with adult volunteer numbers being the biggest factor for this.

HQ remain keen to encourage groups to adopt Squirrel colonies, and HQ assistance is available both in financial support as well as planning support to encourage groups to do this, and also to encourage any new sections within a group.

Currently we have 497 active adult members on the new Membership system, this does not include regular helpers now known as Non-Member DBS required but does include all Network Members who are over 18.

Due to the recent data cleansing carried out by adopting the new system, this number can be considered as being very accurate, with only 9 of these members having not signed in yet, but are all known by HQ and are getting help to access it.

The recent Safety Training was completed well, with only a couple of volunteers who had difficulty with getting the certification to work on their "My Learning," and within 2 days of the deadline these were sorted by HQ and the individuals involved.

Work is still required at Group and ESU level to now watch your own "Data Explorer" dashboards and chase up all compliance training and growing roots training, to ensure on time compliance. Alan Northen, Jed Williams and myself are monitoring the district dashboards, however if each Group or ESU look after their own dashboard lists, we as a district are more likely to be compliant, and less likely to have to temporarily suspend hard working and much needed volunteers, (watch the 90 day training tracker to get ahead of issues)

Talking of Volunteers, please let me thank you ALL for everything you do to make the section meetings as special as possible for our Young Scout members, and whilst your spare time is consumed by scouting deeds, there are still some important areas that need some assistance in the District. For example, assistance with IT for those members who just need some help with the online training, website updating, or helping the support teams etc.

A few special mentions for volunteers in the district who you may or may not know but will always be interested in your help or maybe just so you know who to contact if you need them.

Derek Forward, Mike Rickwood and Chris Marshall for MiDAS training and compliance.

Hannah Cameron and Claire Wiltshire for First Response certification compliance

Steve Marshall, supported by Derek Forward, Chris Harris, Henry Park and many other dedicated members who run the Ten Tors training for the TT challenge weekend.

For all things 14-25, Jed Williams supported by Derek Forward and Chris Harris are the best port of call, and happy to sort most queries you have.

Paul Mugenyi, Nick Cook & 1<sup>st</sup> Chipping Sodbury team who improve the Sodbury Challenge year after year.

Rowan Marshall, Jim Godden, Derek Forward and team who administer and run the Duke of Edinburgh scheme.

Alex Bolton and team for Intrepid Explorers, this ESU is ideal for any explorer or Young Leader who shows willingness to do extra for our Young Members and are willing to work towards activity permits. (currently meeting on Wednesday nights once a month at Wood House Park)

Mike and Karl Rickwood who run the Young Leaders training programme.

Alan Northen, District Programme Lead, who checks through all RAs for your NAN's and Activity Notifications and assists me with adult compliance whenever possible.

Mafeking Hall & Campsite- We are looking to operate this under Avon County on behalf of the District from September 2025, Dean Ashpole-Chapman is likely to remain involved by assisting Andy Scully and team going forward, more details will be released soon.

Dannii Newton, Clair Wiltshire and Paula Mainprise for all in-house Squirrel Colony help and guidance.

Jason Newton for all air rifle and crossbow activities information and guidance, plus is our local member of the Avon County Rifles Team.

Andy Scully at Wood House Park Activities Centre, is always happy to help with any membership system or online training queries.

Nick Cook, Hannah Cameron, Baggy Bartlett, Derek Forward, Sandra Carnegie and Andy Scully for Nights away Permit Assessing.

This year I tried to visit a few events this year, including Strategy, Ten Tors Training, Sodbury Challenge, to name a few, and sorry if I haven't got to your group yet, but I will do my best now that I hope the changes of last year are now settling.

One last thank you to Adrian Baxter, who has compiled many photos of our Young Members and Volunteers, doing things they all love to do throughout this past year, and doing a great job of providing Skills for Life!

Lastly, I must also mention the sad loss of a very experienced Scouting Leader, Maria-Patricia Hudd, (1<sup>st</sup> Abbotswood Scout Group), who we lost suddenly this year whilst being treated in hospital. Her funeral was well attended by many Scouters, and she will be missed greatly by us all.



# Cotswold Edge District Scout Council

## Accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Cotswold Edge District Scout Council

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

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Cotswold Edge 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 Cotswold Edge 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 Cotswold Edge District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

JDL

Name:

JONATHAN DATES

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

CHARTERED  
ACCOUNTANTS (ICAEW)

Address:

BLACK COTTAGE, NEW ROAD, OLVESTON

Date:

5 OCTOBER 2025

**Cotswold Edge Scout Council 01/04/2023 - 31/03/2024**

	This Year £	Last Year £
Total receipts for the year	111988.69	144,128.03
Total payments for the year	(123,674.06)	(164,920.41)
Net receipts (payments) for the year	(11,685.37)	(20,792.38)
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	73686.73	94,479.11
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>62,001.36</u>	<u>73,686.73</u>

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees

on ..... and signed on their behalf by

District Trustee Board Chairperson

**Distribution Of Funds**

	£	£
District Development Fund	30496.76 ✓	23979.91
Hardship Fund	2500	2500.00
Asset Transfer (1st W-S-M)	10906.91	10906.91
World Jamboree Fund	0	0.00
Business Fund	18097.69	36299.91
	<u>62001.36</u>	<u>73686.73</u>

**RECEIPTS**

		£ This Year	£ Last Year
ADMIN	General Print/Postage/Stationary	0.00	0.00
	Sundry Admin	0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
BADGES	Badges	171.00	303.40
	Admin/Postage/Stationary	0.00	0.00
		<u>171.00</u>	<u>303.40</u>
HEADQUARTERS	Council Charges	0.00	87.90
	Hall Hire	3529.50	0.00
	HQ REFURB	0.00	491.24
	Sundry HQ	108.05	30.94
		<u>3,637.55</u>	<u>610.08</u>
GENERAL SCOUTING	Scout Leader Training	1590.00	595.00
	World Jamboree	1720.00	5,850.00
	District Events	3860.00	16,020.00
	Sundry Scouting	0.00	0.00
		<u>7,170.00</u>	<u>22,465.00</u>
CAPITATION	Capitation	75295.00	82,012.00
	Gift Aid	5,555.55	3,039.33
		<u>80,850.55</u>	<u>85,051.33</u>

DONATION/GRANTS	Lloyds Bank	500.00	1,000.00
	Gift Aid (Refurb)	0.00	2,502.26
	Just Giving	0.00	0.00
	Amazon	23.52	22.51
	SG Covid	0.00	0.00
	Parish Council	7376.87	400.00
	Gen	0.00	5,328.60
	Lotto	659.16	844.86
	Refurb Grants	7256.66	25,524.08
	Benevity	4010.00	0.00
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	19,826.21	35,622.31	
BANKING	Interest on Accts	333.38	75.91
	Charges	0.00	0.00
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	333.38	75.91	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>111,988.69</b>	<b>144,128.03</b>

		£	£
		This Year	Last Year
TRANSPORT	District Commissioner	0	0.00
	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	-101.30	(118.75)
	Others	0.00	0.00
		<u>(101.30)</u>	<u>(118.75)</u>
ADMIN	General Print/Postage/Stationary	-94.80	0.00
	Midas Training	-708.25	(720.25)
	Sundry Admin	-670.80	(346.20)
	Benevity	-£990.00	0.00
		<u>(2,463.85)</u>	<u>(1,066.45)</u>
BADGES	Badges	-333	(323.94)
	Admin/Postage/Stationary	0.00	0.00
		<u>(333.00)</u>	<u>(323.94)</u>
HEADQUARTERS	Rates & Insurance	-1934.49	(2,767.30)
	Utilities	-988.86	(287.54)
	Website/Licences	-934.57	0.00
	Hall Hire	-240	0.00
	HQ REFURB	-35379.3	(60,629.19)
	Making Maint	-1989.77	(974.48)
	Grounds Maint.	-859.99	0.00
		<u>(42,326.98)</u>	<u>(64,658.51)</u>
14 - 25 Scouting	Leader Training	0.00	0.00
	Eqpt Exp	-481.79	
	Kit Insurance	0.00	0.00
	Exp Uniform	-288.75	
	Hardship Payments	0.00	0.00
	Start Up	0.00	0.00
	Sundry	0.00	0.00
	Young Leader Training	0.00	
	Young Leader Uniform	-706.88	(106.14)
	Young leader Sundry	0.00	
	<u>(1,477.42)</u>	<u>(106.14)</u>	
GENERAL SCOUTING	Group Grants / setup	0.00	0.00
	World Jamboree	-2,380.00	(8,400.00)
	St Georges Day		0.00
	District Events		(17,744.35)
	Leader Training		(30.00)
	Hardship		0.00
	District Jamborees		0.00
	Sundry Scouting	-585.96	(1,560.94)
	<u>(2,965.96)</u>	<u>(27,735.29)</u>	
CAPITATION	Capitation	-68450	(67,872.00)
	Gift Aid	-5555.55	(3,039.33)
	<u>(74,005.55)</u>	<u>(70,911.33)</u>	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>(123,674.06)</b>	<b>(164,920.41)</b>

**MONETARY ASSETS**

	£	£
Bank Current Account	97,474.60	105,177.97
Bank Interest Account	30496.76	30,163.38
	127,971.36	<u>135,341.35</u>
Less Outstanding Cheques	-69060.00	(68,392.08)
Plus Outstanding Receipts	3090.00	6,737.46

**Total Carried Forward****62,001.36****73,686.73**

Land	£150,000.00	£150,000.00
Buildings	£250,000.00	£250,000.00
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc. - Replacement Value	£7,279.00	£7,279.00
Badge Stock	£349.00	£306.50

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Signed:

*JDL*

Name:

*JONATHAN DAVES*

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

*CHARTERED  
ACCOUNTANTS (ICAEW)*

Address:

*BRIAR COTTAGE, NEW ROAD, OLVESTON*

Date:

*5 OCTOBER 2025*

**COTSWOLD EDGE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 1127669

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# Accounts

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# LD EDGE DISTRICT SCOUT

ALFIELD

1st WOODEND

SHARMAN

1st THORNBURY

THORNBURY

3rd

ON

ENDEAVOUR ESU

2nd ALVESTON

SBURY

SEVERN BEACH

MVU

BOURNE DOWN & BURYSIDE

1st PUCKLE

BOURNE ST MICHAEL

1st FRAMPTON CO

2nd FRAMPTON COTT

YOUNG LEA

ER ESU

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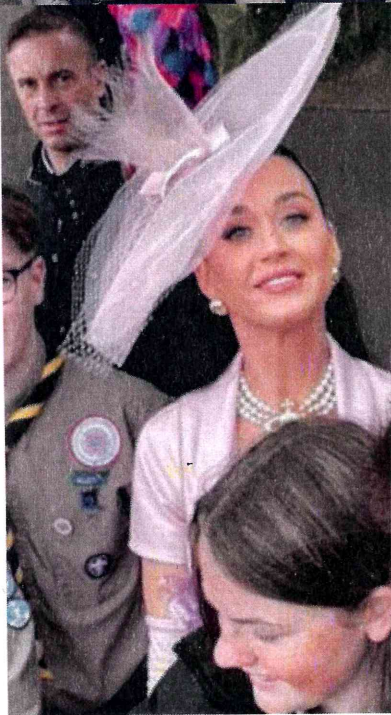
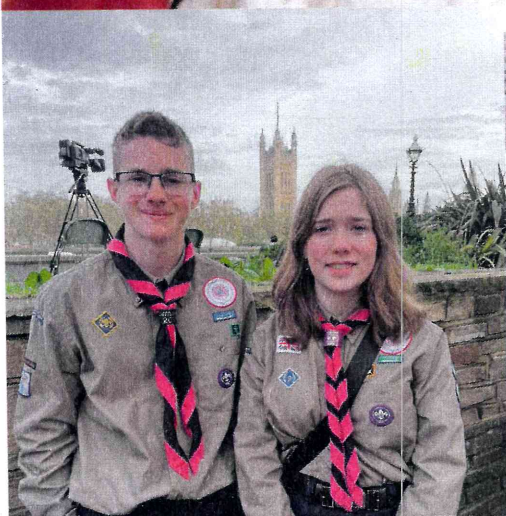
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These boards were from the previous Mafeking Hall that stood on this site from 1972 to 2020 and were machined by Alan "Baggie" Bartlett, District Scouter.

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# Dean Ashpole-Chapman District Commissioner Report

As I write this my final report as District Commissioner for Cotswold Edge, it is time to reflect and to look at not just 2023/24 but my time from 2019 to this years AGM.

When I was interviewed for the role, I was full of enthusiasm and optimism for the future which started off well, planning a large District Jamboree near Chipping Sodbury, the future of Mafeking and of course growth.



Just before I started the District Joined in with the County for our First Scouting attendance at Bristol Pride, attended various Groups from the District. And we have attended each one since.

Progress was starting and as we moved into 2020 a new virus was emerging in China little did we know what impact this was going to have on the World, Scouting, young people and our Volunteers. As we sat in a cold, freezing Mafeking in March discussing the future plans for the site around me phones started pinging with text messages and emails with the heart wrenching news *“all Face-to-face Scouting activities must cease for an indefinite period.”*

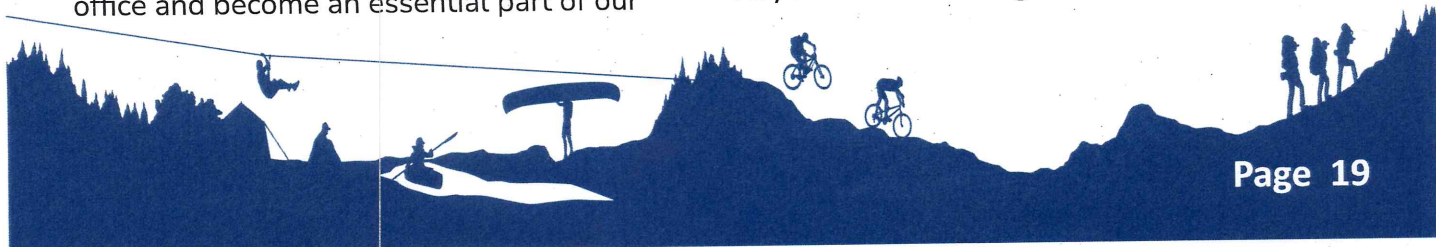
We all headed home and reflected on the news and the start of great change, ingenuity and challenges. Our volunteers and young people didn't let us down, leaders created activity packs, zoom/teams left the realm of the office and become an essential part of our

lives, walked the height of Mount Kilimanjaro (Indoors), we celebrated St George's Day online, we made funny videos about toilet rolls, created online programmes, met in a social distance way and reconnected with friends they had not seen for months.



Through this period we also saw Volunteers reflect on their positions and unfortunately saw numbers drop of our Adult Volunteers.

As we came out we entered a brand new world we started to see the impact of COVID on our young people, for a lot of our younger members they had only ever known Online or very reduced Scouting start to transition into



face to face groups post COVID has seen a lack of confidence, increased anxiety and loss of communication skills, as they missed out on the important milestones transitioning between year groups in school.

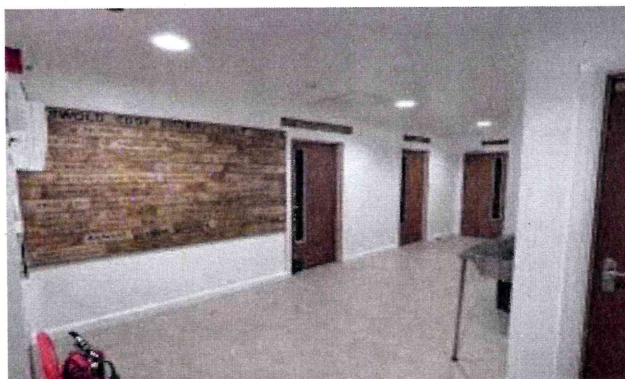


Through this period when we were allowed to meet outdoors we turned our thoughts to our older young people and getting Mafeking ready for opening back up for our young people to use especially as an outdoor space, we held weekly cleanup/tidy sessions on site



for anyone who wanted to join us, these working party days helped our young people and adults to come together and re-connect. As we worked through the site we started to see how tired and exhausted Mafeking was becoming. This started off my what I call my COVID madness of starting work on replacing the old hall. This was a project of passion and of enthusiasm to provide a new facility for future generations to enjoy and to call home.

The journey was not easy, as we had contractors put up prices or cancel contracts, costs of raw materials increasing and changes in design from the original supplier. I am immensely grateful of all the Volunteers who gave up their time to support with their expertise and determination and to everyone who helped raise funds including our Groups, Young People and Grant Funders.



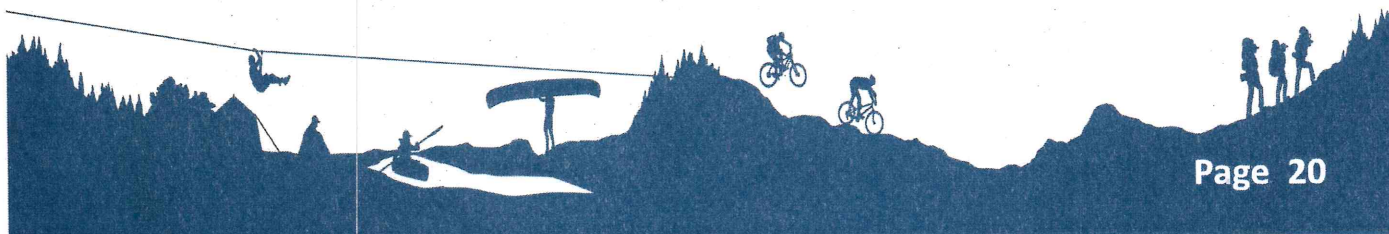
September 2021 saw our newest section launch called Squirrels (ages 4 to 6) we are very fortunate to have three drays in the District, first was at 2nd Frampton Cottrell (Now merged with 1st Frampton Cottrell) and two drays at 1st Yate. These young people are having some amazing adventures and their leaders are enjoying the adventure as well.

June 2022 saw the District come together with Bristol South for the First Ever Big Fiesta at Woodhouse Park which had been taken back



into County hands to run by the amazing Andy Scully and his Team. We couldn't have asked for a better weekend Andy even put on

the weather for us. Over 870 young people and 300 Adults come together from the two



Districts sharing stories, equipment and making long lasting friends and connections.

or Good Service Awards showing appreciation for their hardwork and dedication.



**The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service**

*The MBE for volunteer groups*

June also saw the County awarded with the Queens Award for Voluntary Service (MBE for Volunteer Groups).

As I move on to look after Mafeking as the District Centre Lead Volunteer, I wish you all the best for the Future and hope you give my replacement the support you have all given me.

Yours in Scouting

Unfortunately in 2020 we saw Marshfield Scout Group move over to Bath taking the District from 20 Groups to 19.

Dean Ashpole-Chapman  
District Lead Volunteer

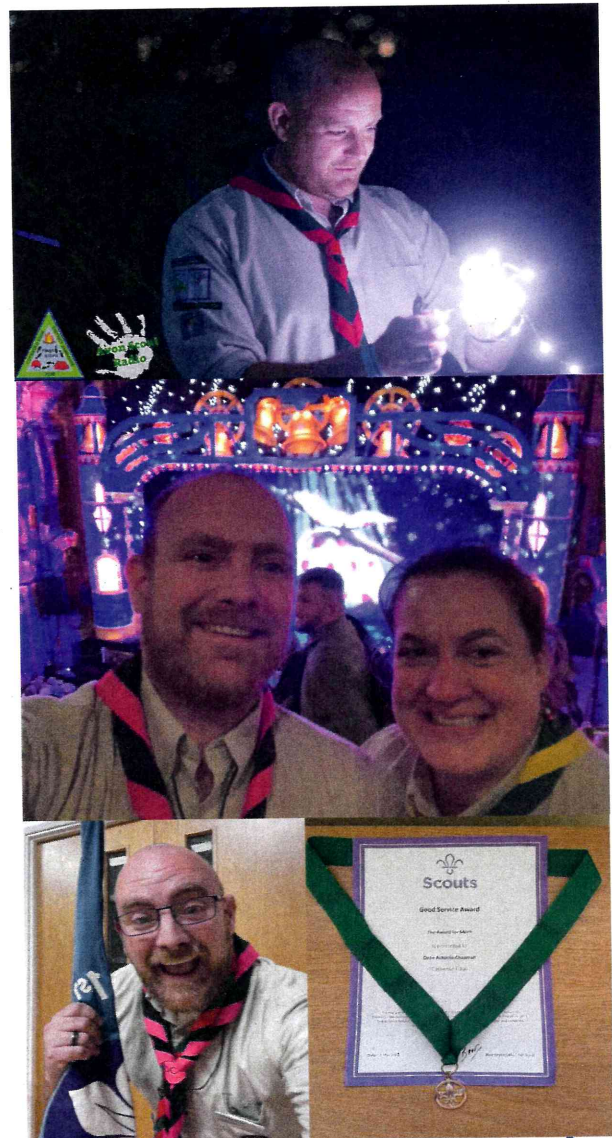
In 2021 we saw 1st Winterborne (St. Michaels) close its doors taking group numbers down to 18.

In 2023 saw 1st Pucklechurch close suddenly at the end of the School Year and 2nd Frampton Cottrell Merge with 1st Frampton Cottrell.

In 2024 saw 1st Raysfield close it's doors but we are thankful to 1st Yate who were able to take a lot of the Young People in.

Many people will know that these closures took a personal tone with myself and my mental health which has impacted me massively on my love of Scouting. But as I am writing this we see some slithers of new hope and Growth as people are starting to come forward to volunteer and even more exciting a new Group starting at Mafeking, 1st Ram Hill which starts in September 2024.

The role of a District Commissioner for me has been a manager, friend, shoulder to cry on, referee, odd job man and much more. It always makes me happy to visit Groups/Units, award our amazing volunteers with Long Service and/



# Charity Details

Charity name:

Cotswold Edge District Scout Council

Charity Number:

1127669 (England and Wales)

Charity Registered  
Address:

Mafeking Hall, Serridge Lane  
Ram Hill, Coalpit Heath, BS36 2UF

Charity  
Correspondence  
Address:

District Lead Volunteer  
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Bankers

Lloyds Bank

Address:

12 Rowcroft, Stroud, GL5 3BD

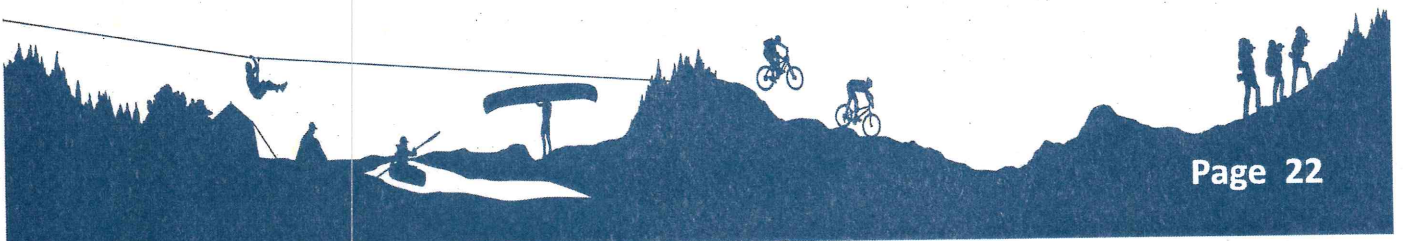
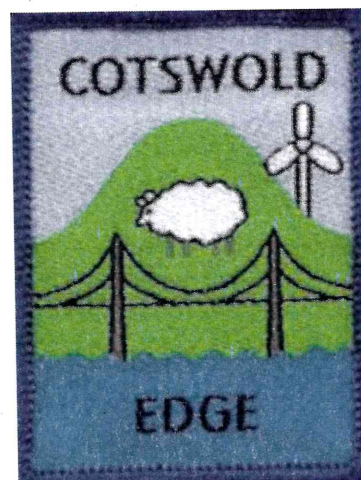
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# Our governance structure, Board membership and Team Structure

1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

## District Executive Committee

### District Vice Presidents

Steve & Pat Spokes

### District Commissioner

Dean Ashpole-Chapman

### District Chair

Vacant

### District Treasurer

Deb Bryden

### District Minutes Secretary

Jayne Cross

### District Explorer Scout Commissioner

✓ Derek Forward

### Deputy District Commissioner

Alan Northern (Until March 24)

### Elected Members

✓ Arnold Tucker

✓ Chris Harris

Ian Robinson =

✓ Yvonne Andow

✗ James Chandler

✗ Henry Park

## District Team

### District Commissioner

Dean Ashpole-Chapman

### Deputy District Commissioner

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### District Explorer Scout Commissioner

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### District Youth Commissioner

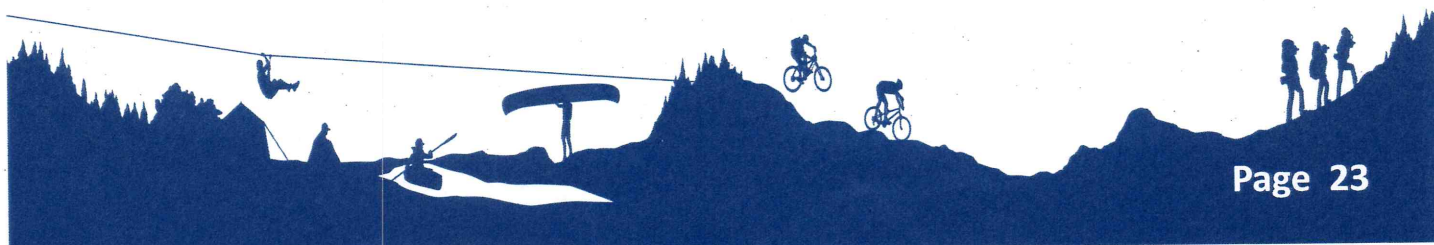
Vacant

### ADC Scouts

✓ Jason Newton

### District Quartermaster

Steve Spokes

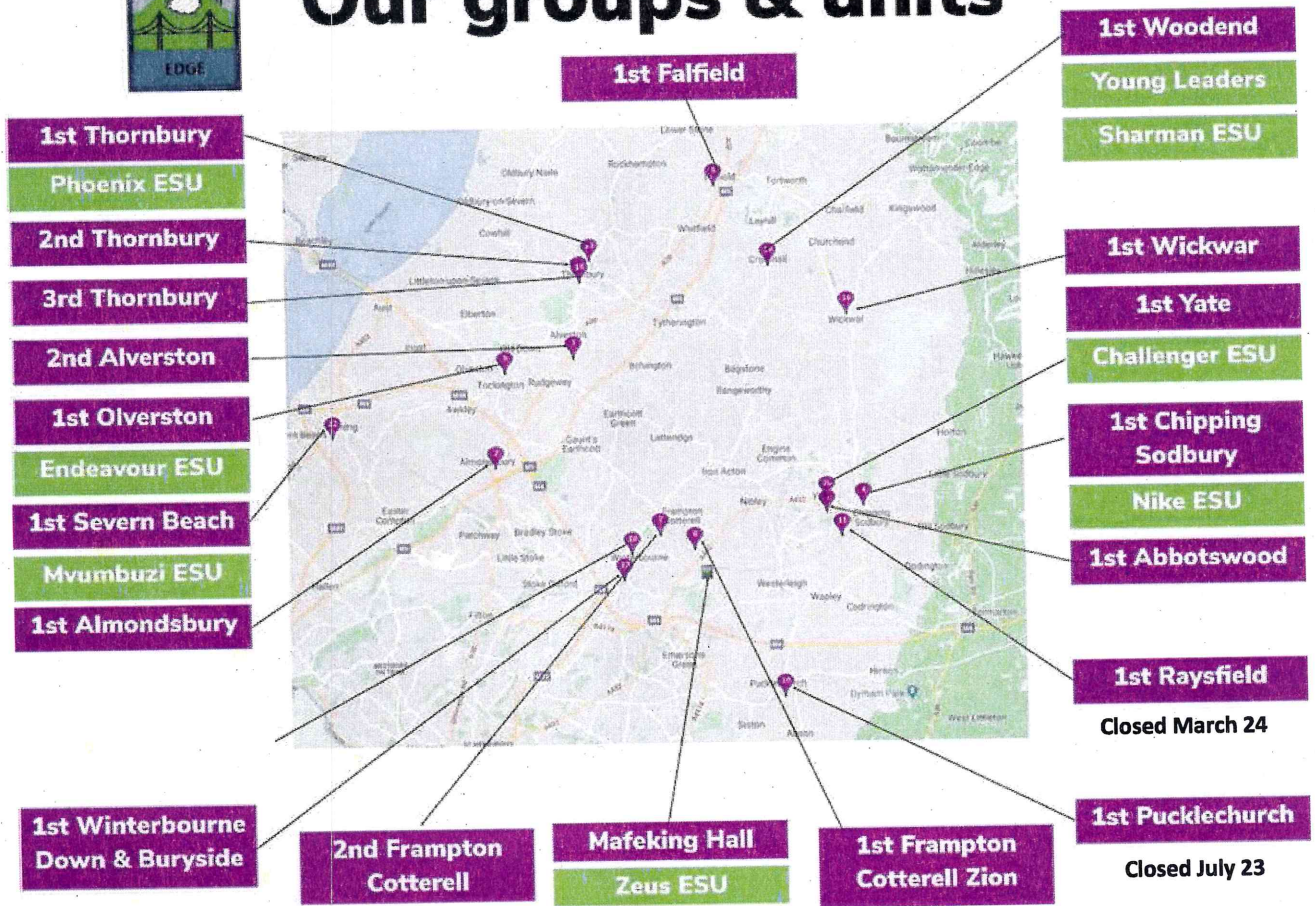


# Our Groups & Units

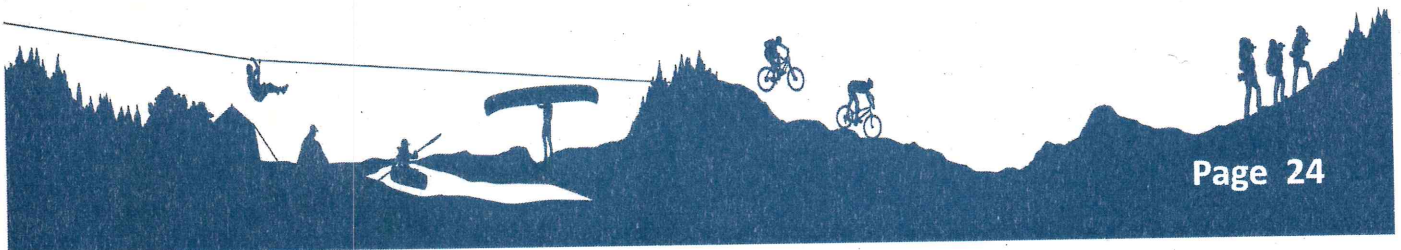
Cotswold Edge District covers a large area of South Gloucestershire mainly North of the M4 with Pucklechurch to the South. With 16 Groups, 7 Explorer Units and 1 Young Leader Unit we are one of the largest Districts within the Scouting County of Avon.



## Our groups & units



Merged with 1st Frampton Cottrell  
March 24



# Description of the charity's trusts

Cotswold Edge Scout District's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organization and Rules of The Scout Association.

The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

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

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

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives a) Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the District Commissioner, Youth Commissioner, and District Explorer Scout Commissioner, Network Commissioner, elected members, nominated members and co-opted members. The committee meet 4 times a year at approximately three-monthly intervals.

This District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance and upkeep of the District Headquarters (Mafeking Hall);
- The raising of funds and the administration of District finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- District public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing District Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.
- Explorer Scout Units and Young Leaders Scouting across the District.
- Network Scouting across the District.
- Scout Active Support Unit



# Risks and Internal Control

The District Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

## **Damage to buildings, property and equipment.**

The District would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from Scout Groups and Explorer Units from within the District, neighboring organizations such as churches, community centers and other youth organisations. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

## **Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters, and members.**

The District through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

## **Reduced income from fundraising.**

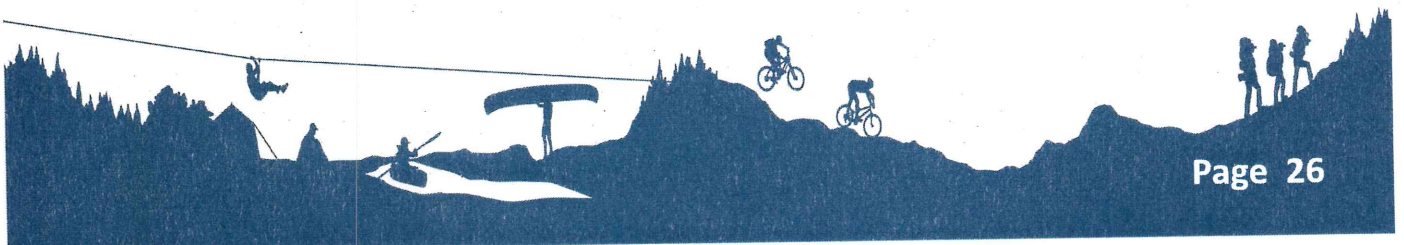
The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

## **Reduction or loss of leaders.**

The District is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. If there was any reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular area / Unit or section within a Group there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a Unit, Group or Section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the District.

## **Reduction or loss of members.**

The District provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 25. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular area/ Unit or Group or a section within a Group then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of that particular Unit / Section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group or Unit.



# Summary of the objects of the charity

## Objectives

The objectives of the District are as a unit of the Scout Association as set in the governing documents of the Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is to prepare young people with the skills for life by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

## The values of Scouting

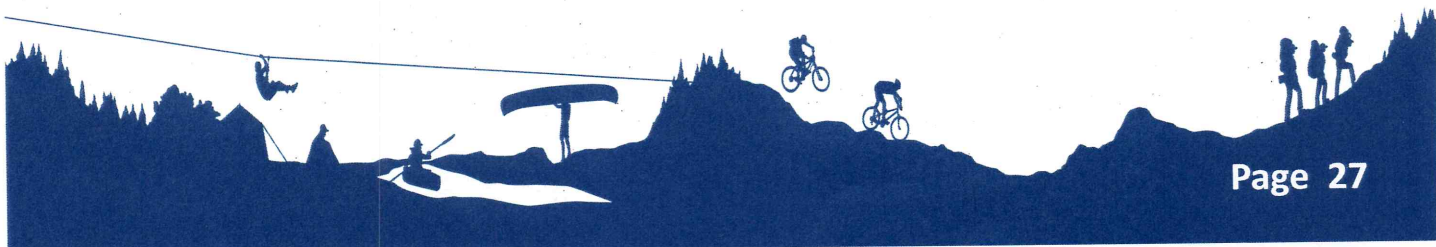
As scouts we are guided by these values:

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| <b>Integrity</b>    | We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal                |
| <b>Respect</b>      | We have self-respect and respect for others                                |
| <b>Care</b>         | We support others and take care of the world in which we live.             |
| <b>Belief</b>       | We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitude's.                             |
| <b>Co-operation</b> | We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends. |

## The Scout Method

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and;

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun.
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors.
- Learn by doing.
- Share in spiritual reflection.
- Take responsibility and make choices.



# Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

## Growth

*In Cotswold Edge there is a large number of young people on our waiting lists, and many more who have not been able to consider joining because there is either no Scout Group or Explorer Unit near where they live or the ones that are there are full. We will work to give more young people the opportunity to join the everyday adventure of Scouting.*

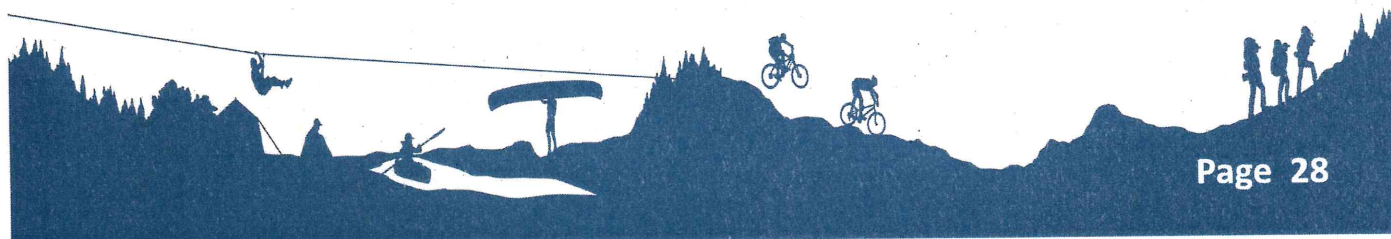
	Male	Female	Self Identify	Total
Youth Membership	1034	332	3	1369
Adults	208	162	0	370

## Inclusivity

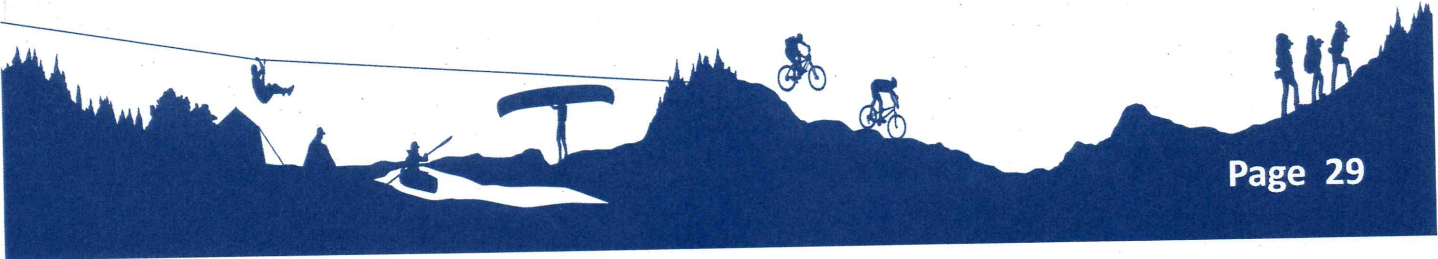
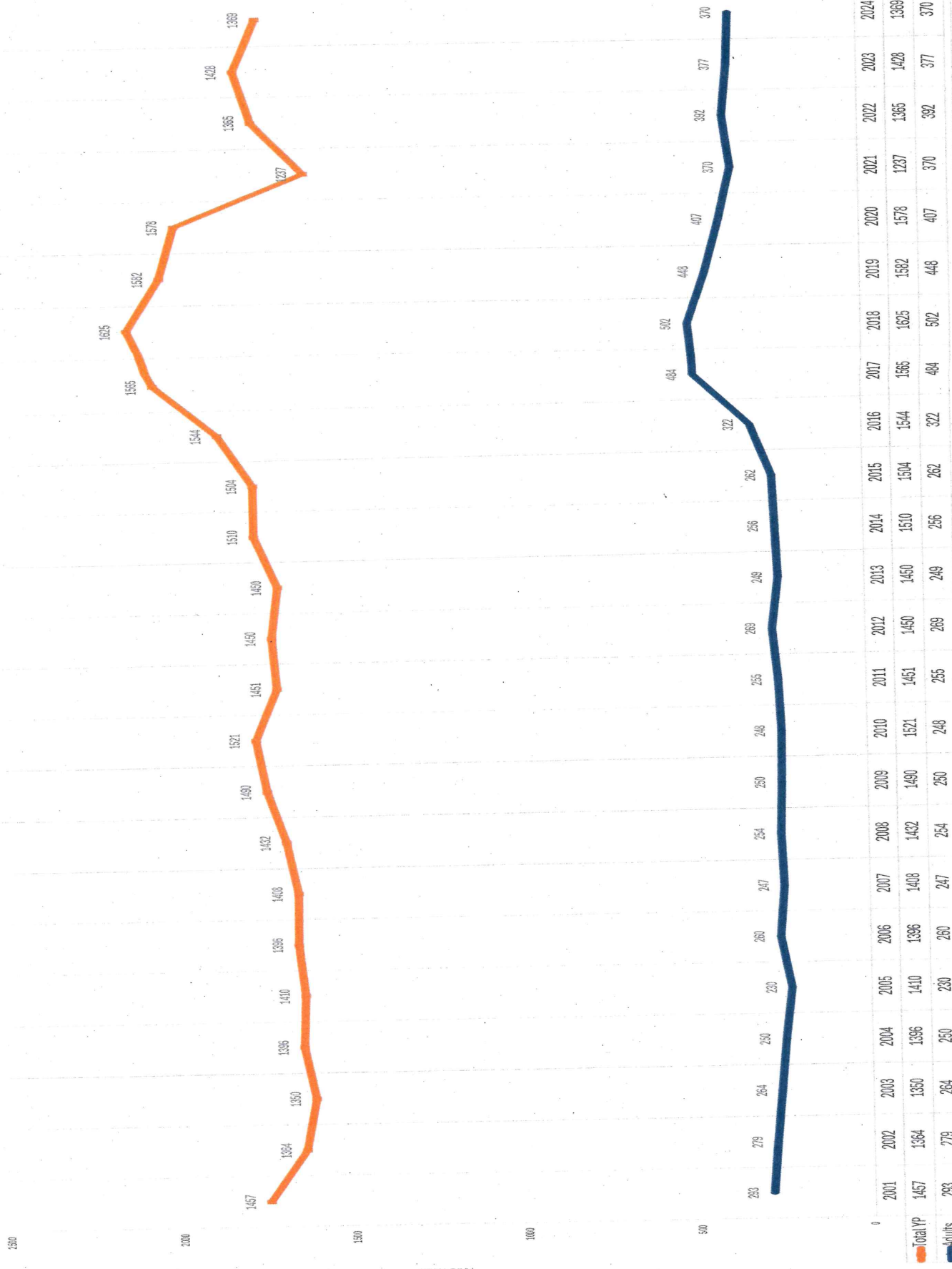
*We will ensure Scouting develops and is sustainable in the most deprived parts of our District, we will welcome all members of society, and be seen as open to people from all backgrounds by the general public.*

	White	Mixed/ Multiple ethnic Groups	Asian/ Asian British	Black/ Caribbean or African	Prefer not to say	Total
Youth Membership	1210	37	19	5	2	1369
Adults	326	1	3	0	40	370

	Developmental	Physical	Mental Health	Sensory	Injury	Medical	Progressive	Prefer not to say	No disability	Total
Youth Membership	107	4	13	22	1	99	3	54	1066	1369
Adults	9	5	9	3	3	31	0	43	267	370



MEMBERSHIP CENSUS NUMBERS FROM 2001 TO 2024



# Cotswold Edge District Scout Council

## Accounts from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Cotswold Edge District Scout Council

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

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Cotswold Edge 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 Cotswold Edge 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 Cotswold Edge 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: HANNAH SAUNDERS

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

CLERK & RFO CILCA

Address: 9, THE BUELTONS,

CROMHALL,

S. GLOS. GL12 8BH.

Date:

23/8/24

**Gotswold Edge Scout Council 01/04/2023 - 31/03/2024**

	This Year £	Last Year £
Total receipts for the year	111988.69	144,128.03
Total payments for the year	(123,674.06)	(164,920.41)
Net receipts (payments) for the year	(11,686.37)	(20,792.38)
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	73886.73	94,479.11
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	62,001.36	73,686.73

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees

on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and signed on their behalf by

District Trustee Board Chairperson

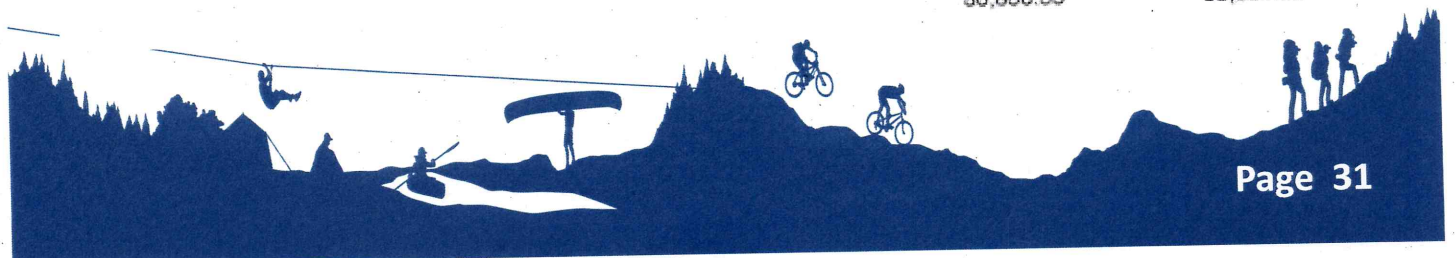
*Deva Ashpole-CHAPMAN  
District Lead Volunteer.*

**Distribution Of Funds**

	£	£
District Development Fund	30496.76	23979.91
Hardship Fund	2500	2500.00
Asset Transfer (1st W-S-M)	10906.91	10906.91
World Jamboree Fund	0	0.00
Business Fund	18097.69	36299.91
	62001.36	73886.73

**RECEIPTS**

		£ This Year	£ Last Year
ADMIN	General Print/Postage/Stationary	0.00	0.00
	Sundry Admin	0.00	0.00
BADGES	Badges	171.00	303.40
	Admin/Postage/Stationary	0.00	0.00
		171.00	303.40
HEADQUARTERS	Council Charges	0.00	87.90
	Hall Hire	3529.50	0.00
	HQ REFURB	0.00	491.24
	Sundry HQ	108.05	30.94
		3,637.55	610.08
GENERAL SCOUTING	Scout Leader Training	1590.00	595.00
	World Jamboree	1720.00	5,850.00
	District Events	3860.00	16,020.00
	Sundry Scouting	0.00	0.00
		7,170.00	22,465.00
CAPITATION	Capitation	75295.00	82,012.00
	Gift Aid	5,555.55	3,039.33
		80,850.55	85,051.33



DONATION/GRANTS

Lloyds Bank	500.00	1,000.00
Gift Aid (Refurb)	0.00	2,502.26
Just Giving	0.00	0.00
Amazon	23.52	22.51
SG Covid	0.00	0.00
Parish Council	7376.87	400.00
Gen	0.00	5,326.60
Lotto	659.16	844.86
Refurb Grants	7256.86	25,524.08
Benevity	4010.00	0.00
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	19,826.21	35,622.31

BANKING

Interest on Accts	333.38	75.91
Charges	0.00	0.00
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	333.38	75.91

**TOTAL RECEIPTS**

**111,988.69**

**144,128.03**



		£	£
		This Year	Last Year
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	District Commissioner	0	0.00
	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	-101.30	(118.75)
	Others	0.00	0.00
		<u>(101.30)</u>	<u>(118.75)</u>
<b>ADMIN</b>	General Print/Postage/Stationery	-94.80	0.00
	Midas Training	-708.25	(720.25)
	Sundry Admin	-670.80	(346.20)
	Benevity	-£990.00	0.00
		<u>(2,463.85)</u>	<u>(1,066.45)</u>
<b>BADGES</b>	Badges	-333	(323.94)
	Admin/Postage/Stationery	0.00	0.00
		<u>(333.00)</u>	<u>(323.94)</u>
<b>HEADQUARTERS</b>	Rates & Insurance	-1934.49	(2,767.30)
	Utilities	-988.86	(287.54)
	Website/Licences	-934.57	0.00
	Hall Hire	-240	0.00
	HQ REFURB	-35379.3	(60,629.19)
	Making Maint	-1989.77	(974.48)
	Grounds Maint.	-859.99	0.00
		<u>(42,326.98)</u>	<u>(64,658.51)</u>
<b>14 - 25 Scouting</b>	Leader Training	0.00	0.00
	Eqpt Exp	-481.79	
	Kit Insurance	0.00	0.00
	Exp Uniform	-288.75	
	Hardship Payments	0.00	0.00
	Start Up	0.00	0.00
	Sundry	0.00	0.00
	Young Leader Training	0.00	
	Young Leader Uniform	-706.88	(106.14)
	Young leader Sundry	0.00	
	<u>(1,477.42)</u>	<u>(106.14)</u>	
<b>GENERAL SCOUTING</b>	Group Grants / setup	0.00	0.00
	World Jamboree	-2,380.00	(8,400.00)
	St Georges Day		0.00
	District Events		(17,744.35)
	Leader Training		(30.00)
	Hardship		0.00
	District Jamborees		0.00
	Sundry Scouting	-585.96	(1,560.94)
		<u>(2,965.96)</u>	<u>(27,735.29)</u>
	<b>CAPITATION</b>	Capitation	-68450
Gift Aid		-5555.55	(3,039.33)
		<u>(74,005.55)</u>	<u>(70,911.33)</u>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>(123,674.06)</b>	<b>(164,920.41)</b>



## MONETARY ASSETS

	£	£
Bank Current Account	97,474.60	105,177.97
Bank Interest Account	30,496.76	30,163.38
	127,971.36	135,341.35
Less Outstanding Cheques	-6,906.00	(68,392.08)
Plus Outstanding Receipts	3,090.00	6,737.46
<b>Total Carried Forward</b>	<b>62,001.36</b>	<b>73,686.73</b>

Land	£150,000.00	£150,000.00
Buildings	£250,000.00	£250,000.00
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc. - Replacement Value	£7,279.00	£7,279.00
Badge Stock	£349.00	£306.50

Name

Position:

Date:



Dean Ashpole-Chapman

District Lead Volunteer (Outgoing)

12th September 2024



**COTSWOLD EDGE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 1127669

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Remembering our Patron  
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

We will never forget you.



HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II

1926-2022



# Dean Ashpole-Chapman

## District Commissioner

### Report

Who could have know this would be a year or two halves.

At the beginning of this year we had a successful Ten Tors 2023 on weekend of 29-30 April (a week earlier than usual) with all 3 teams completing the event (2 x 35mile and 1 x 45 mile challenge teams). Each member should be proud of their efforts and dedication.

In June the County has been awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Service for all our volunteers hard work and dedication towards all out Young People.

As a District we followed on the foundations of the 2018 District Jamboree, First Steps with our 2022 District Jamboree, The Big Fiesta we came together with Bristol South to put on a Jamboree for all. With over 900 young people coming together from both Districts to enjoy a action packed programme.

And we look forward to our Jamboree in 2024 again at Woodhouse Park “The Big Fiesta— Part two”

As the year progressed and our Jamboree contingent were getting ready for their adventure in South Korea, undertaking a strong training programme and camps.

As we came into the Summer term we heard the sad news that our Patron and Queen had passed away peacefully on 8th September 2022. Joining in the national period of

mourning sections shared memories of meeting the Queen and what was to happen in the Days and weeks since.

Groups and Units were represented at the Proclamations of His Majesty King Charles III across the District.

As we move from the Elizabethan age into a new Carolean era, Scouting Grows and continues to attracted new young people.

We still struggle with attracting new Adult Volunteers into the Movement which has resulted in sections and some groups on the verge of closure.

A new campaign and transformation will hopefully attract new volunteers to take that first step in joining us.

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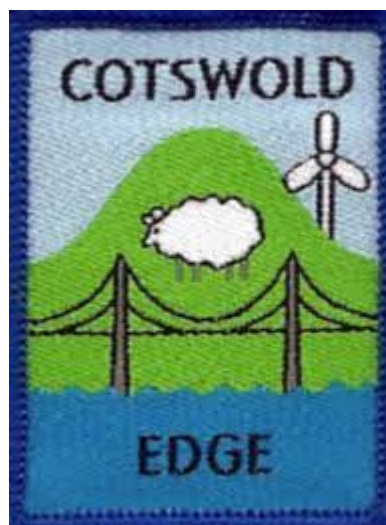
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Arnold Tucker (Acting from March 23)

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Deb Bryden

### **District Minutes Secretary**

Jayne Cross

### **District Explorer Scout Commissioner**

Derek Forward

### **Deputy District Commissioner**

Alan Northern

Clive Sandrey (Until Nov 22)

### **Elected Members**

James Keeping (Until March 23)

Alan Bartlett

Chris Harris

Ian Robinson

Yvonne Andow

James Chandler

Henry Park

## **District Team**

### **District Commissioner**

Dean Ashpole-Chapman

### **Deputy District Commissioner**

Alan Northern

Clive Sandrey (Until Nov 22)

### **District Explorer Scout Commissioner**

Derek Forward

### **District Youth Commissioner**

Jack Bateman (Until March 23)

### **ADC Scouts**

Jason Newton

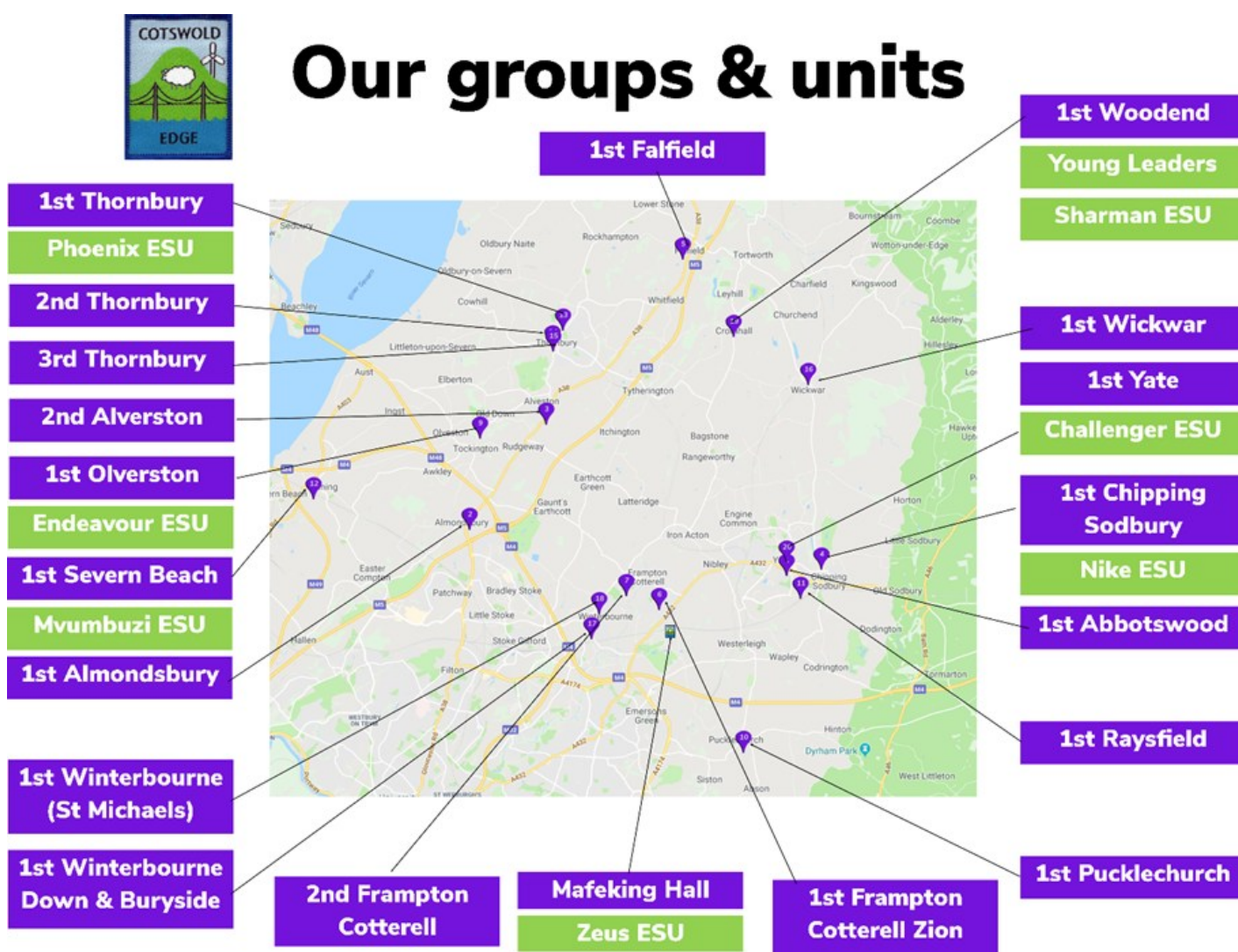
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# Cotswold Edge District Scout Council

## Accounts from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of [Cotswold Edge District] Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the [Cotswold Edge District Scouts] for the year ended [31st March 2023].

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the [Cotswold Edge District Scouts] 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 [Cotswold Edge District Scouts] 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:

accounting records were not kept in respect of the [Cotswold Edge District Scouts] as required by section 130 of the Act; or

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: HANNAH SAUNDERS

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

Address: 9 THE BURLTONS; CROMHALL; W-U-E; S.GLOS. GL12 8BN.

Date: 20/9/23.



**Cotswold Edge Scout Council 01/04/2022 - 31/03/2023**

	This Year £	Last Year £
Total receipts for the year	144,128.03	232,609.70
Total payments for the year	(164,920.41)	(225,745.39)
Net receipts (payments) for the year	<b>(20,792.38)</b>	<b>6,864.31</b>
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	94,479.11	87,614.80
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>73,686.73</u>	<u>94,479.11</u>

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees

on Thursday 17th August 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Dean Ashpole-Chapman (District Commissioner)



**Distribution Of Funds**

	£	£
District Development Fund	28979.91	49623.48
Hardship Fund	2500.00	2500.00
Asset Transfer (1st W-S-M)	10906.91	10906.91
World Jamboree Fund	0.00	0.00
Business Fund	31299.91	31448.72
	<u>73686.73</u>	<u>94479.11</u>

**RECEIPTS**

		£	£
		This Year	Last Year
ADMIN	General Print/Postage/Stationary	0.00	0.00
	Sundry Admin	0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
BADGES	Badges	303.40	375.00
	Admin/Postage/Stationary	0.00	0.00
		<u>303.40</u>	<u>375.00</u>
HEADQUARTERS	Council Charges	87.90	0.00
	Hall Hire	0.00	0.00
	HQ REFURB	491.24	0.00
	Sundry HQ	30.94	10,908.91
		<u>610.08</u>	<u>10,908.91</u>
GENERAL SCOUTING	Scout Leader Training	595.00	587.60
	World Jamboree	5,850.00	320.00
	District Events	16,020.00	2,430.00
	Sundry Scouting	0.00	218.03
		<u>22,465.00</u>	<u>3,553.63</u>
CAPITATION	Capitation	82,012.00	76,444.50
	Gift Aid	3,039.33	909.39
		<u>85,051.33</u>	<u>77,353.89</u>
DONATION/GRANTS	Lloyds Bank	1,000.00	2,000.00
	Gift Aid (Refurb)	2,502.26	0.00



	Just Giving	0.00	989.27
	Amazon	22.51	44.34
	SG Covid	0.00	10,905.21
	Parish Council	400.00	27,970.13
	Gen	5,328.60	11,424.02
	Lotto	644.86	1,088.22
	Refurb Grants	25,524.08	85,925.17
	Fundraiser	0.00	0.00
		<u>35,622.31</u>	<u>140,416.36</u>
<b>BANKING</b>	Interest on Accnts	75.91	3.01
	Charges	0.00	0.00
		<u>75.91</u>	<u>3.01</u>
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>144,128.03</b>	<b>232,609.70</b>

		£	£
		This Year	Last Year
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	District Commissioner	0.00	0.00
	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	(118.75)	(45.20)
	Others	0.00	0.00
		<u>(118.75)</u>	<u>(45.20)</u>
<b>ADMIN</b>	General Print/Postage/Stationary	0.00	0.00
	Wages	0.00	0.00
	Midas Training	(720.25)	(402.70)
	Sundry Admin	(348.20)	(663.42)
		<u>(1,068.45)</u>	<u>(1,066.12)</u>
<b>BADGES</b>	Badges	(323.94)	0.00
	Admin/Postage/Stationary	0.00	0.00
		<u>(323.94)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>HEADQUARTERS</b>	Rates & Insurance	(2,767.30)	(491.91)
	Utilities	(287.54)	(282.97)
	Maint./Cleaning	0.00	0.00
	Hall Hire	0.00	0.00
	HQ REFURB	(60,629.19)	(155,659.54)
	Mafeking Maint	(974.48)	0.00
	Grounds Maint.	0.00	(1,025.82)
		<u>(64,658.51)</u>	<u>(157,460.54)</u>
<b>14 - 25 Scouting</b>	Leader Training	0.00	0.00
	Kit Insurance	0.00	0.00
	Hardship Payments	0.00	0.00
	Start Up	0.00	(30.59)
	Sundry	0.00	0.00
	Young Leader Training	0.00	0.00
	Young Leader Uniform	0.00	(426.87)
	Young Leader Sundry	(106.14)	(162.39)
		<u>(106.14)</u>	<u>(619.85)</u>
<b>GENERAL SCOUTING</b>	Group Grants / setup	0.00	0.00
	World Jamboree	(8,400.00)	(800.00)
	St Georges Day	0.00	0.00
	District Events	(17,744.35)	0.00
	Leader Training	(30.00)	(30.00)
	Hardship	0.00	0.00
	District Jamborees	0.00	0.00
	Sundry Scouting	(1,560.94)	(1,473.95)
		<u>(27,735.29)</u>	<u>(2,303.95)</u>
<b>CAPITATION</b>	Capitation	(67,872.00)	(63,591.00)
	Gift Aid	(3,039.33)	(656.73)
		<u>(70,911.33)</u>	<u>(64,247.73)</u>



**TOTAL PAYMENTS****(164,920.41)****(225,745.39)****MONETARY ASSETS**

	£	£
Bank Current Account	105,177.97	117,555.50
Bank Interest Account	30,163.38	30,074.97
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	135,341.35	147,630.47
Less Outstanding Cheques	(68,392.08)	(63,853.32)
Plus Outstanding Receipts	6,737.46	10,701.96
 <b>Total Carried Forward</b>	 <b><hr/><hr/>73,686.73</b>	 <b><hr/><hr/>94,479.11</b>
 Land	 £150,000.00	 £150,000.00
Buildings	£250,000.00	£250,000.00
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc. - Replacement Value	£7,279.00	£7,279.00
 Badge Stock	 £306.50	 £106.50

**Name**

Arnold Tucker

Dean Ashpole-Chapman

**Position:**

Acting District Chair

District Commissioner

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**COTSWOLD EDGE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 1127669

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# Accounts

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**Scouts**   
Cotswold Edge

# Cotswold Edge District Scout Council

Trustees' Annual Report for 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022



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### C.4 Public benefit statement

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

# Section D – Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

## D.1 Overview

The District consists of 18 Scout Groups all of which have Beavers, Cubs and Scout Sections. Several Groups across the District have multiple Beaver Colonies, Cub Packs and Scout Troops within them. We also have 7 Explorer Units across the District plus a Young Leader Explorer Unit. We continue to establish a sustainable District Network Section which is for the 18 to 25 year old's across the District and we have an established Scout Active Support Unit again that serves the whole of the District.

The Scout Association launched a new strategy in May 2018 called Skills for Life. Below is the Associations plan for 2018 to 2025.

## Skills for Life

Our plan to prepare better futures 2018-2023

### Our Vision

By 2023 we will have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme. We will be growing more inclusive, shaped by young people, and making a bigger impact in our communities.

### Our mission

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### Our values

We act with care, respect, integrity, cooperation, exploring our own and others' beliefs.

### Our goals

By delivering this plan we will achieve the following goals against our four objectives:

Growth	Inclusivity	Youth Shaped	Community Impact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50k more young people</li> <li>• 10k more Section Leaders</li> <li>• 5k more Young Leaders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our volunteers reflect the demographics of our society</li> <li>• In 500 more areas of deprivation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 250k young people shape their Scouting each year</li> <li>• 50% young people achieve top awards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 250k young people making a positive impact in their local communities each year</li> <li>• 50% young people achieve top awards</li> </ul>

### Our three pillars of work

To support the Movement to achieve these objectives, we will focus on three pillars of work:

Programme	People	Perception
A fun, enjoyable, high quality programme consistently delivered and supported by simple (digital) tools.	More, well trained, better supported and motivated adult volunteers, and more young people from diverse backgrounds.	Scouting is understood, more visible, trusted, respected and widely seen as playing a key role in society today

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<b>Youth Membership</b>	81	5	12	19	0	67	222	959	<b>1365</b>
<b>Adults</b>	8	6	7	3	1	20	106	241	<b>392</b>

- *We continue to provide both practical and financial support to young people and adults across the District in facilitating adults with a disability being Leaders as well as grants from the District Support fund to support young people being able to access Scouting events and activities.*

## D.4 Youth Shaped

*Young people across all ages will have the chance to have their voice heard on all aspects of Scouting, including programme and activity planning and the way that their Group, Unit and District are run.*

- *District Youth forums held for sections annually and Young People informing and deciding on District the District Plan as well as events and activities.*
- *Young People being involved in the organisation and delivery of the first District Jamboree.*
- *Introduction of youth membership to the District and Groups Board of Trustees.*
- *Delivery of Youth shaped activities across the District.*
- *Young People deciding the type of event we were to hold for our annual St. George's day event and being actively involved in the planning and delivery of the event. This years celebration was changed to The Big Fiesta instead of the Parade.*

## D.5 Community Impact

*We believe Scouting makes a difference to individuals and to society. Our members take action in the service of others, but we want to do more and for our contribution to be more widely recognised.*

As our groups are coming back to normal after the pandemic they have been out and about meeting members of their local community and getting actively involved with supporting good causes close to their group.

Our Adults also have been supporting neighborhoods and individuals throughout the pandemic and beyond with support given to the Vaccination Hubs, driving vulnerable/elderly people to their vaccination appointments which has been appreciated.

As we move into a new Scouting year our impact will be felt further in our communities as we support more young people and Adults giving them the Skills for Life.



## Section E – Financial Review

### E.1 Reserves Policy

- 1) The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The DEC considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 3 to 4 months running costs, circa £5,000.
- 2) The District may reserve funds over and above normal operating expenses for specified purposes. Any funds held in the specified ring fenced reserves may only be used for the benefit of the specified purpose e.g. the district currently holds ring fenced reserves for the specified purpose of the development of the District Headquarters.
- 3) The Districts Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer- term investments such as stocks and shares.
- 4) The District has adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.
- 5) The DEC regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the District obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the DEC considers the cash flow requirements.

## Section F – Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above and the declaration is signed on behalf of the charity's' trustees

Signature(s)		
Full Name (s)	Andy Hyde	Dean Ashpole-Chapman
Position (s)	District Chair	District Commissioner
Date	8 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	8 <sup>th</sup> September 2022

## Section G – Independent examiner's report

### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Cotswold Edge District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Cotswold Edge District Scouts for the year ended 31 March 2022

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Cotswold Edge District Scouts, 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 Cotswold Edge District Scouts 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 Cotswold Edge District Scouts as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed: 

Name: HANNAH SAUNDERS

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

Address: 9 THE BOPLOCKS, CROMHALL, GL12 8BU.

Date: 5/9/22

# Section H – 2021 – 2022 Accounts

## Cotswold Edge Scout Council 01/04/2021 - 31/03/2022

	This Year £	Last Year £
Total receipts for the year	232,609.70	114,181.08
Total payments for the year	(225,745.39)	(82,058.80)
Net receipts (payments) for the year	6,864.31	32,122.28
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	87,614.80	55,492.52
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>94,479.11</u>	<u>87,614.80</u>

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees

on 08/09/2022 and signed on their behalf by ANDY HYDE  
District Executive Chairperson

### Distribution Of Funds

	£	£
District Development Fund	49623.48	59791.99
Explorer Startup Fund	500.00	500.00
Explorer Hardship Fund	1000.00	1000.00
Group Hardship Fund	1000.00	1000.00
Asset Transfer (1st W-S-M)	10906.91	0.00
World Jamboree Fund	0.00	0.00
Business Fund	31448.72	25322.81
	<u>94479.11</u>	<u>87614.80</u>

### RECEIPTS

	£ This Year	£ Last Year
ADMIN		
General Print/Postage/Stationary	0.00	0.00
Sundry Admin	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	0.00	0.00
BADGES		
Badges	375.90	529.92
Admin/Postage/Stationary	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	375.90	529.92
HEADQUARTERS		
Council Charges	0.00	0.00
Hall Hire	0.00	0.00
HQ REFURB	0.00	0.00
Sundry HQ	<u>10,906.91</u>	<u>1,499.15</u>
	10,906.91	1,499.15
NETWORK SCOUTING		
Network Kit	0.00	0.00
Network Uniform	0.00	0.00
Network Sundry	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	0.00	0.00
GENERAL SCOUTING		
Scout Leader Training	587.60	0.00
World Jamboree	320.00	0.00
District Events	2,430.00	245.00
Sundry Scouting	<u>216.03</u>	<u>87.28</u>
	3,553.63	332.28
CAPITATION		
Capitation	76,444.50	66,537.50
Gift Aid	<u>909.39</u>	<u>4,641.95</u>
	77,353.89	71,179.45
DONATION/GRANTS		
Lloyds Bank	2,000.00	500.00

	Just Giving	989.27	3,055.62
	Amazon	44.34	37.91
	SG Covid	10,905.21	20,765.00
	Parish Council	27,970.13	11,774.61
	Gen	11,494.02	2,283.61
	Lotto	1,088.22	
	Refurb Grants	85,925.17	
	Fundraiser	0.00	2,217.26
		<u>140,416.36</u>	<u>40,634.01</u>
BANKING	Interest on Accts	3.01	6.27
	Charges	0.00	0.00
		<u>3.01</u>	<u>6.27</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>232,609.70</b>	<b>114,181.08</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
		£	£
		This Year	Last Year
TRANSPORT	District Commissioner	0.00	0.00
	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	(45.20)	(4.20)
	Others	0.00	0.00
		<u>(45.20)</u>	<u>(4.20)</u>
ADMIN	General Print/Postage/Stationary	0.00	(8.40)
	Wages	0.00	(1,733.33)
	Midas Training	(402.70)	(647.20)
	Sundry Admin	(663.42)	(664.67)
		<u>(1,066.12)</u>	<u>(3,053.60)</u>
BADGES	Badges	0.00	(50.00)
	Admin/Postage/Stationary	0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>(50.00)</u>
HEADQUARTERS	Rates & Insurance	(491.91)	(1,172.47)
	Utilities	(282.97)	(288.25)
	Maint./Cleaning	0.00	(541.50)
	Hall Hire	0.00	(25.00)
	HQ REFURB	(155,659.84)	(10,270.65)
	Grounds Maint.	(1,025.82)	(2,314.53)
		<u>(157,460.54)</u>	<u>(14,612.40)</u>
EXPLORER SCOUTING	Explorer Leader Training	0.00	0.00
	Explorer Kit Insurance	0.00	0.00
	Explorer Hardship Payments	0.00	0.00
	Explorer Start Up	0.00	0.00
	Explorer Sundry	0.00	(146.25)
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>(146.25)</u>
NETWORK SCOUTING	Network Kit	0.00	0.00
	Network Uniform	0.00	0.00
	Network Sundry	(30.59)	0.00
		<u>(30.59)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
YOUNG LEADER SCOUTING	Young Leader Training	0.00	0.00
	Young Leader Uniform	(426.87)	0.00
	Young leader Sundry	(162.39)	(189.45)
		<u>(589.26)</u>	<u>(189.45)</u>
GENERAL SCOUTING	Group Grants / setup	0.00	0.00
	World Jamboree	(800.00)	0.00
	St Georges Day	0.00	(73.75)
	District Events	0.00	0.00
	Leader Training	(30.00)	0.00
	Hardship	0.00	0.00
	District Jamborees	0.00	0.00
	Sundry Scouting	(1,233.95)	(1,099.70)
		<u>(2,063.95)</u>	<u>(1,173.45)</u>
CAPITATION	Capitation	(63,591.00)	(58,187.50)
	Gift Aid	(658.73)	(4,641.95)
		<u>(65,249.73)</u>	<u>(62,829.45)</u>

		(64,249.73)	(62,829.45)
DONATION/GRANTS	Greenfield Camp	<u>(240.00)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
BANKING	Interest on Accts	0.00	0.00
	Charges	0.00	0.00
	Returned Chqs	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		0.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>(225,745.39)</b>	<b>(82,058.80)</b>

### MONETARY ASSETS

	£	£
Bank Current Account	117,555.50	115,784.90
Bank Interest Account	30,074.97	29,787.94
	<u>147,630.47</u>	<u>145,572.84</u>
Less Outstanding Cheques	(63,853.32)	(58,232.50)
Plus Outstanding Receipts	10,701.96	274.46
<b>Total Carried Forward</b>	<b><u>94,479.11</u></b>	<b><u>87,614.80</u></b>
Land and Buildings	£250,000.00	£150,000.00
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc. - Replacement Value	£7,279.00	£7,279.00
Badge Stock	£106.50	£220.00

## Section I – Annual Reports

### I.1 District Commissioners Report

What a difference a year makes and what a journey this has been for me as the District Commissioner, taking over in September 2019 the journey was starting to gain momentum and we were brought face to face with COVID and one of the most major upheavals to Scouting we have ever seen in our Lifetimes.

Our Young People & Adults were amazing and went from meeting in Scout Halls, Village Halls, Schools and Church Halls to meeting on Zoom/Teams, delivering packages, badges & certificates to young people.

It has been great to see how quickly we have been able to bounce back, this is especially shown in the census figures and the number of young people wanting to take part in the scouting experience.

I am personally thankful to each and every one of you who have stuck though with Scouting.

We have worked hard to ensure that the Mafeking redevelopment project is supplying value for money and will ensure that there is a new energy efficient hall for our young people to meet in.

Work started April 2021 to start removing the internal fixtures and fittings from the old hall, once the building was cleared the demolition company arrived in July to start demolishing Mafeking. September seen the foundation works started, we hit a small snag with the original building manufacturer but we found a new supplier just over the Severn in Caldicot who delivered the new building to us in January in time for our builder to start. As we move into 2022/23 we see the main part of the shell completed and hopefully this time next year we hopefully be meeting within the new hall.

I am looking forward to getting out and starting meeting up with you all at District and Group events, to come along to your camps and have fun.

Dean Ashpole-Chapman, District Commissioner

## I.1 District Chair Report

The District Executive has had 4 normal meetings during the year since the last AGM. It's been great receiving the updates from the district team showing how groups and units are recovering after the pandemic restrictions were lifted. Such a recovery doesn't happen by itself but is the result of hard work by all the section, group and district volunteers so a big thanks from the exec. The first district event since the pandemic, The Big Fiesta, was held in June at Woodhouse Park which by all accounts was a great success and enjoyed by all the participants, again demonstrating the commitment of a large group of volunteers. The building of the new Mafeking Scout Hut has continued and is now structurally complete and ready for all the services to be put in and the final fitting and decorating to be done. The hut will be a real asset for the members of the district.

The finances of the district have remained solid and under control with the District Commissioner managing to squeeze money out of a wide range of external sources to cover the increased costs of some aspects of the Mafeking project due to increased supplier and contractor costs. Discussions at the exec meetings have started to move towards the district strategy and realisation and funding of the strategic goals and of course discussions around the changes being introduced by headquarters. As the changes get rolled out there will be an opportunity to look at the membership of the executive to ensure it is fit for purpose under the new structure during the coming years.

My thanks to the executive members and the district team for their hard work and dedication during the last 12 months and thanks in advance for the next 12 months where getting back to normal and change will go hand in hand.

Andy Hyde

District Chair.

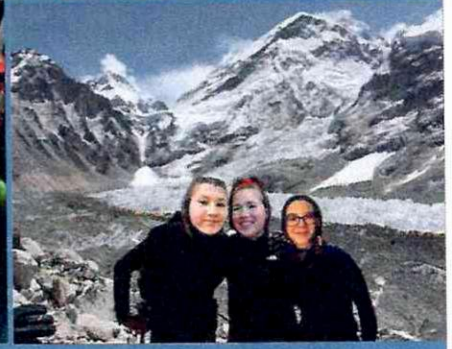
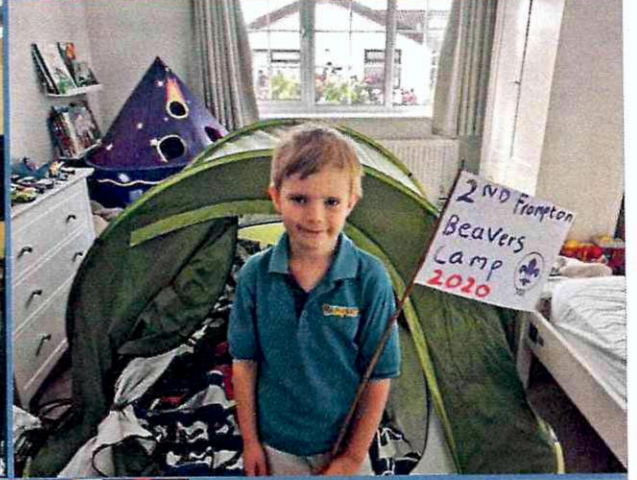
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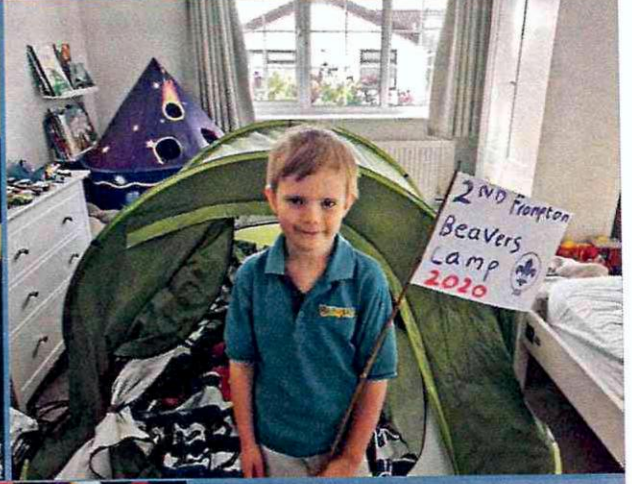
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## Section A – Reference and Administration Details

### A.1 Charity Details

<b>Charity Name:</b>	Cotswold Edge District Scout Council
<b>Charity No:</b>	1127669
<b>Charity's Correspondence Address:</b>	District Commissioner C/O 207 Blaisdon Yate, South Gloucestershire, BS37 8TS
<b>District Headquarters &amp; Campsite</b>	Mafeking Hall Serridge Lane Ram Hill, Henfield, Coalpit Heath, BS36 2UF
<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank, 12 Rowcroft, Stoud, GL5 3BD

### A.2 Charity Trustees

Trustee Name	Position	Dates acted if not full year
1. Andy Hyde	District Chair	From 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
2. Dean Ashpole-Chapman	District Commissioner	
3. Deborah Bryden	District Treasurer	
4. Alan Northen	DC Nominated Member	
5. Clive Sandrey	DC Nominated Member	
6. Derek John Forward	DESC	
7. Steve Spokes	Elected Member	
8. Jack Bateman	District Youth Commissioner	
9. Alan Bartlett	Elected Member	
10. Christopher Harris	Elected Member	
11. Ian Robson	Elected Member	

### A.3 District Roles

Name	Position
1. Patricia & Steve Spokes	District Vice Presidents
2. Judy Law	District Active Support Manger
3. Steve Spokes	District Scout Quartermaster
4. Vacant	ADC Beavers
5. David (Bunny) Byant	ADC Cubs
6. Jason Newton	ADC Scouts
7. Richard Alner	Appointments Committee Chair
8. Richard Alner	Appointments Secretary

## A.3 Our District groups & units

Cotswold Edge District covers a large area of South Gloucestershire mainly North of the M4 with Pucklechurch to the South. With 19 Groups, 7 Explorer Units and 1 Young Leader Unit we are one of the largest Districts within the Scouting County of Avon.



## Section B – Structure Governance and Management

### B.1 Description of the charity's trusts

Cotswold Edge Scout District's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organization and Rules of The Scout Association.

The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

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

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

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives a) Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the District Commissioner, Youth Commissioner, and District Explorer Scout Commissioner, Network Commissioner, elected members, nominated members and co-opted members. The committee meet 4 times a year at approximately three-monthly intervals.

This District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance and upkeep of the District Headquarters (Mafeking Hall);
- The raising of funds and the administration of District finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- District public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing District Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.
- Explorer Scout Units and Young Leaders Scouting across the District.
- Network Scouting across the District.
- Scout Active Support Unit

## **B.2 Risk and Internal Control:-**

The District Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

### **Damage to buildings, property and equipment.**

The District would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from Scout Groups and Explorer Units from within the District, neighboring organizations such as churches, community centers and other youth organisations. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

### **Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters, and members.**

The District through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

### **Reduced income from fundraising.**

The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

### **Reduction or loss of leaders.**

The District is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. If there was any reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular area / Unit or section within a Group there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a Unit, Group or Section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the District.

### **Reduction or loss of members.**

The District provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 25. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular area/ Unit or Group or a section within a Group then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of that particular Unit / Section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group or Unit.

## Section C – Summary of the objects of the charity

### C.1 Objectives

The objectives of the District are as a unit of the Scout Association as set in the governing documents of the Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is to prepare young people with the skills for life by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

### C.2 the values of Scouting

As scouts we are guided by these values:

<b>Integrity</b>	We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal
<b>Respect</b>	We have self-respect and respect for others
<b>Care</b>	We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
<b>Belief</b>	We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitude's.
<b>Co-operation</b>	We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

### C.3 the Scout Method

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and;

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

### C.4 Public benefit statement

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

# Section D – Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

## D.1 Overview

The District consists of 19 Scout Groups all of which have Beavers, Cubs and Scout Sections. Several Groups across the District have multiple Beaver Colonies, Cub Packs and Scout Troops within them. We also have 7 Explorer Units across the District plus a Young Leader Explorer Unit. We continue to establish a sustainable District Network Section which is for the 18 to 25 year old's across the District and we have an established Scout Active Support Unit again that serves the whole of the District.

The Scout Association launched a new strategy in May 2018 called Skills for Life. As part of this strategy a new vision to 2023 was launched. Below is the Associations plan for 2018 to 2023.

## Skills for Life

Our plan to prepare better futures 2018-2023

### Our Vision

By 2023 we will have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme. We will be growing more inclusive, shaped by young people, and making a bigger impact in our communities.

### Our mission

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

### Our values

We act with care, respect, integrity, cooperation, exploring our own and others' beliefs.

### Our goals

By delivering this plan we will achieve the following goals against our four objectives:

Growth	Inclusivity	Youth Shaped	Community Impact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50k more young people</li> <li>• 10k more Section Leaders</li> <li>• 5k more Young Leaders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our volunteers reflect the demographics of our society</li> <li>• In 500 more areas of deprivation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 250k young people shape their Scouting each year</li> <li>• 50% young people achieve top awards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 250k young people making a positive impact in their local communities each year</li> <li>• 50% young people achieve top awards</li> </ul>

### Our three pillars of work

To support the Movement to achieve these objectives, we will focus on three pillars of work:

Programme	People	Perception
A fun, enjoyable, high quality programme consistently delivered and supported by simple (digital) tools.	More, well trained, better supported and motivated adult volunteers, and more young people from diverse backgrounds.	Scouting is understood, more visible, trusted, respected and widely seen as playing a key role in society today

## D.2 Growth

*In Cotswold Edge there is a large number of young people on our waiting lists, and many more who have not been able to consider joining because there is either no Scout Group or Explorer Unit near where they live or the ones that are there are full. We will work to give more young people the opportunity to join the everyday adventure of Scouting.*

	Male	Female	Total
Youth Membership	967	311	<b>1278</b>
Adults	208	162	<b>370</b>

## D.3 Inclusivity

*We will ensure Scouting develops and is sustainable in the most deprived parts of our District, we will welcome all members of society, and be seen as open to people from all backgrounds by the general public.*

	White	Mixed/ Multiple ethnic Groups	Asian/ Asian British	Black/ Caribbean or African	Prefer not to say	Total
Youth Membership	1120	16	5	1	136	<b>1278</b>
Adults	311	1	1	2	55	<b>370</b>

	Developmental	Physical	Mental Health	Sensory	Injury	Medical	Prefer not to say	No disability	Total
Youth Membership	56	6	9	23	0	77	131	976	<b>1278</b>
Adults	10	2	6	2	0	16	39	295	<b>370</b>

- *We continue to provide both practical and financial support to young people and adults across the District in facilitating adults with a disability being Leaders as well as grants from the District Hardship fund to support young people being able to access Scouting events and activities.*

## D.4 Youth Shaped

*Young people across all ages will have the chance to have their voice heard on all aspects of Scouting, including programme and activity planning and the way that their Group, Unit and District are run.*

- *District Youth forums held for sections annually and Young People informing and deciding on District the District Plan as well as events and activities.*
- *Young People being involved in the organisation and delivery of the first District Jamboree.*
- *Introduction of youth membership to the District and Groups Board of Trustees.*
- *Delivery of Youth shaped activities across the District.*
- *Young People deciding the type of event we were to hold for our annual St. George's day event and being actively involved in the planning and delivery of the event, Which was Unfortunaly cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.*

## D.5 Community Impact

*We believe Scouting makes a difference to individuals and to society. Our members take action in the service of others, but we want to do more and for our contribution to be more widely recognised.*

*Cotswold Edge Scouts have supported their local communities and families during the Covid-19 pandemic. Here are some examples:-*

- *1<sup>st</sup> Chipping Sodbury help raise funds for Bristol Children's Hospital as part of Maxs Big Camp Out on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March. The cubs raised a amazing £782 to help support the BCH Scout Group.*
- *Zeus & other explorers across the District worked together to virtual Everest Ascent raising over £3,200 towards the Mafeking re-development.*
- *Explorer Scouts from Zeus Explorer Scout Unit, and Beavers and Cubs from 1st Frampton Cotterell, have worked together to create their own personalised kindness rocks for Bridge House, a care home in the village. Chris Harris, the Explorer Leader at Zeus said "Residents at our care homes are finding it difficult at the moment and our members wanted to do something to remind them that they are valued members of our community."*

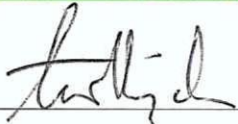

## Section E – Financial Review

### E.1 Reserves Policy

- 1) The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The DEC considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 3 to 4 months running costs, circa £5,000.
- 2) The District may reserve funds over and above normal operating expenses for specified purposes. Any funds held in the specified ring fenced reserves may only be used for the benefit of the specified purpose e.g. the district currently holds ring fenced reserves for the specified purpose of the development of the District Headquarters.
- 3) The Districts Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer- term investments such as stocks and shares.
- 4) The District has adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.
- 5) The DEC regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the District obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the DEC considers the cash flow requirements.

## Section F – Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above and the declaration is signed on behalf of the charity's' trustees

Signature(s)		
Full Name (s)	Andy Hyde	Dean Ashpole-Chapman
Position (s)	District Chair	District Commissioner
Date	21/09/2021	21/09/2021

## Section G – Independent examiner's report

### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Cotswold Edge District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Cotswold Edge District Scouts for the year ended 31 March 2021

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Cotswold Edge District Scouts, 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 Cotswold Edge District Scouts 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 Cotswold Edge District Scouts as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed: 

Name: H. C. SANDERS KERNEL .

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): C.I.L.C.A - R.F.O .

Address: 9 THE BURLTONS ; CROMHALL . G12 8BH

Date: 5/9/21 .

# Section H – 2020 – 2021 Accounts

## Cotswold Edge Scout Council 01/04/2020 - 31/03/2021

	This Year £	Last Year £
Total receipts for the year	114,181.08	119450.47
Total payments for the year	(82,058.80)	(101,101.56)
Net receipts (payments) for the year	32,122.28	18,348.91
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	55,492.52	37143.61
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>87,614.80</u>	<u>55,492.52</u>

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees

on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and signed on their behalf by



District Executive Chairperson

### Distribution Of Funds

	£	£
District Development Fund	59791.99	30,000.00
Explorer Startup Fund	500.00	500.00
Explorer Hardship Fund	1000.00	1,000.00
Group Hardship Fund	1000.00	1,000.00
World Jamboree Fund	0.00	0.00
Business Fund	25322.81	22,992.50
	<u>87614.80</u>	<u>55,492.50</u>

### RECEIPTS

	£ This Year	£ Last Year
ADMIN		
General Print/Postage/Stationary	0.00	0.00
Sundry Admin	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
BADGES		
Badges	529.92	705.06
Admin/Postage/Stationary	0.00	0.00
	<u>529.92</u>	<u>705.06</u>
HEADQUARTERS		
Council Charges	0.00	0.00
Hall Hire	0.00	1,271.50
HQ REFURB	0.00	0.00
Sundry HQ	1,499.15	323.10
	<u>1,499.15</u>	<u>1,594.60</u>
NETWORK SCOUTING		
Network Kit	0.00	0.00
Network Uniform	0.00	0.00
Network Sundry	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
GENERAL SCOUTING		
Scout Leader Training	0.00	308.11
World Jamboree	0.00	1,265.00
District Events	245.00	5,367.50
Sundry Scouting	87.28	0.00
	<u>332.28</u>	<u>6,940.61</u>
CAPITATION		
Capitation	66,537.50	102,411.50
Gift Aid	4,641.95	4,435.40
	<u>71,179.45</u>	<u>106,846.90</u>
DONATION/GRANTS		
Lloyds Bank	500.00	1,800.00
Just Giving	3,055.62	1,549.24
Amazon	37.91	
SG Covid	20,765.00	
Parish Council	11,774.61	
Gen/Lotto	2,283.61	

	Fundraiser	2,217.26	3,349.24
		<u>40,634.01</u>	
BANKING	Interest on Accts	6.27	14.06
	Charges	0.00	0.00
		<u>6.27</u>	<u>14.06</u>
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>114,181.08</b>	<b>119,450.47</b>
		£	£
		This Year	Last Year
TRANSPORT	District Commissioner	0.00	(115.70)
	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	(4.20)	(88.40)
	Others	0.00	(54.98)
		<u>(4.20)</u>	<u>(259.08)</u>
ADMIN	General Print/Postage/Stationary	(8.40)	0.00
	Wages	(1,733.33)	(5,199.96)
	Midas Training	(847.20)	(124.88)
	Sundry Admin	(664.67)	(338.15)
		<u>(3,053.60)</u>	<u>(5,662.99)</u>
BADGES	Badges	(50.00)	(642.81)
	Admin/Postage/Stationary	0.00	0.00
		<u>(50.00)</u>	<u>(642.81)</u>
HEADQUARTERS	Rates & Insurance	(1,172.47)	(1,266.90)
	Utilities	(288.25)	(2,327.34)
	Maint./Cleaning	(541.50)	(1,912.61)
	Hall Hire	(25.00)	0.00
	HQ REFURB	(10,270.65)	0.00
	Grounds Maint.	(2,314.53)	(1,368.00)
		<u>(14,612.40)</u>	<u>(6,874.85)</u>
EXPLORER SCOUTING	Explorer Leader Training	0.00	0.00
	Explorer Kit Insurance	0.00	0.00
	Explorer Hardship Payments	0.00	0.00
	Explorer Start Up	0.00	0.00
	Explorer Sundry	(146.25)	(1,000.00)
		<u>(146.25)</u>	<u>(1,000.00)</u>
NETWORK SCOUTING	Network Kit	0.00	0.00
	Network Uniform	0.00	0.00
	Network Sundry	0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
YOUNG LEADER SCOUTING	Young Leader Training	0.00	0.00
	Young Leader Uniform	0.00	0.00
	Young leader Sundry	(189.45)	(125.63)
		<u>(189.45)</u>	<u>(125.63)</u>
GENERAL SCOUTING	Group Grants / setup	0.00	0.00
	World Jamboree	0.00	(11,550.00)
	St Georges Day	(73.75)	(2,018.30)
	District Events	0.00	(400.00)
	Leader Training	0.00	(55.00)
	Hardship	0.00	0.00
	District Jamborees	0.00	0.00
	Sundry Scouting	(1,099.70)	0.00
		<u>(1,173.45)</u>	<u>(14,023.30)</u>
CAPITATION	Capitation	(58,187.50)	(64,200.00)
	Gift Aid	(4,641.85)	(4,435.40)
		<u>(62,829.45)</u>	<u>(68,635.40)</u>
DONATION/GRANTS	Pucklechurch	0.00	0.00
	Abbotswood	0.00	0.00
BANKING	Interest on Accts	0.00	0.00
	Charges	0.00	0.00
	Returned Chqs	0.00	(3,877.50)
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>(3,877.50)</u>
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>(82,058.80)</b>	<b>(97,224.06)</b>

## MONETARY ASSETS

	£	£
Bank Current Account	115,784.90	89,395.21
Bank Interest Account	29,787.94	27,564.41
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	145,572.84	116,959.62
Less Outstanding Cheques	(58,232.50)	(61,467.10)
Plus Outstanding Receipts	274.46	0.00
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<b>Total Carried Forward</b>	<b>87,614.80</b>	<b>55,492.52</b>
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Land and Buildings	£150,000.00	£150,000.00
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc. - Replacement Value	£7,279.00	£7,279.00
Badge Stock	£220.00	£340.00

## Section I – Annual Reports

### I.1 District Commissioners Report

On March 16th 2020 the Prime Minister announced that everyone in the UK should avoid non-essential travel and contact with others. This involved the very hard decision to stop all face to face Scouting for the safety of all our young people and adults.

There has been considerable stress and strain on all our young people, volunteers, and families.

I am so enormously proud of everyone involved in moving from face to face Scouting to a totally new world of Zoom, our leaders have done above and beyond to deliver some amazing programme's from dropping off activities packs, keeping in touch with young people who were not comfortable with being online. Our Management Teams from Groups to District have done amazing work supporting the Sections and helping to run the Groups and District. This has not been the easiest of tasks especially when HQ kept us on track with compliance, training, safety and Safeguarding.

As we started to come out of the National Lockdowns our Groups came together to bring back a safe COVID Secure program and what an amazing sight it was to see so many young people back out enjoying the adventure which scouting gives each and everyone of us.

During this time was also have said farewell to Kevin Wallis. A great supporter of Young People both at home and overseas. Even though he has "Gone Home" but his spirit still lives on in the hearts and minds of everyone he supported.

I am looking forward to getting out and starting meeting up with you all at District and Group events, to come along to your camps and have fun.

Dean Ashpole-Chapman, District Commissioner

### I.1 District Chair Report

It is a pleasure to have become Chair of the Cotswold Edge Scout District after living abroad for 26 years. Before leaving to live in Norway I was a Venture Scout / Ranger Guide leader in Solihull County. Just mentioning Venture Scouts, not least having lead one of the few VSRGUs still running in 1994, is enough to make me realize things have changed – a lot – since I left. I have been an active leader and/or administrator at group, district and national level all the years abroad and was not ready to hang up my neckerchief just yet on returning.

Cotswold Edge is a district with a solid leadership with both vision and energy to both see what needs to be done and to get it done despite the recent setbacks due to the pandemic. The current DC and his team have put considerable effort into stabilising the finances over the last 2 years and ambitiously embarked on a rebuilding of the district HQ. As the report shows, the finances are now solid and the HQ rebuild is progressing despite the challenges of sourcing supplies and contractors.

I look forward to getting out and about in the district to see the groups and meeting the leaders and slowly easing myself back into Scouting in the UK - 2021 style.

Andy Hyde, District Chair