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Avon



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 known 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 35 mile 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 our 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 an 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 attract 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.

Dean Ashpole-Chapman  
District Commissioner



# 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 Commissioner  
C/O 207 Blaisdon  
Yate, South Gloucestershire, BS37 8TS

**Bankers**

Lloyds Bank

**Address:**

12 Rowcroft, Stroud, GL5 3BD

**Website:**

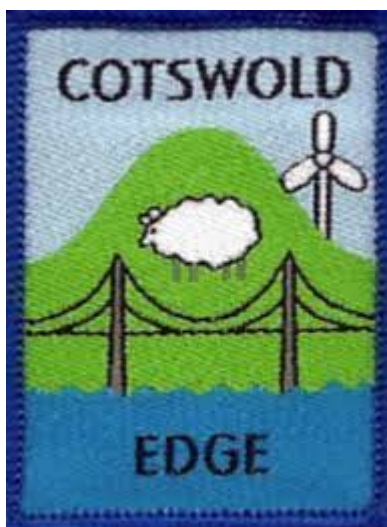
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# **Our governance structure, Board membership and Team Structure**

*1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023*

## **District Executive Committee**

### **District Vice Presidents**

Steve & Pat Spokes

### **District Commissioner**

Dean Ashpole-Chapman

### **District Chair**

Andy Hyde (Until March 23)

Arnold Tucker (Acting from March 23)

### **District Treasurer**

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

### **District Quartermaster**

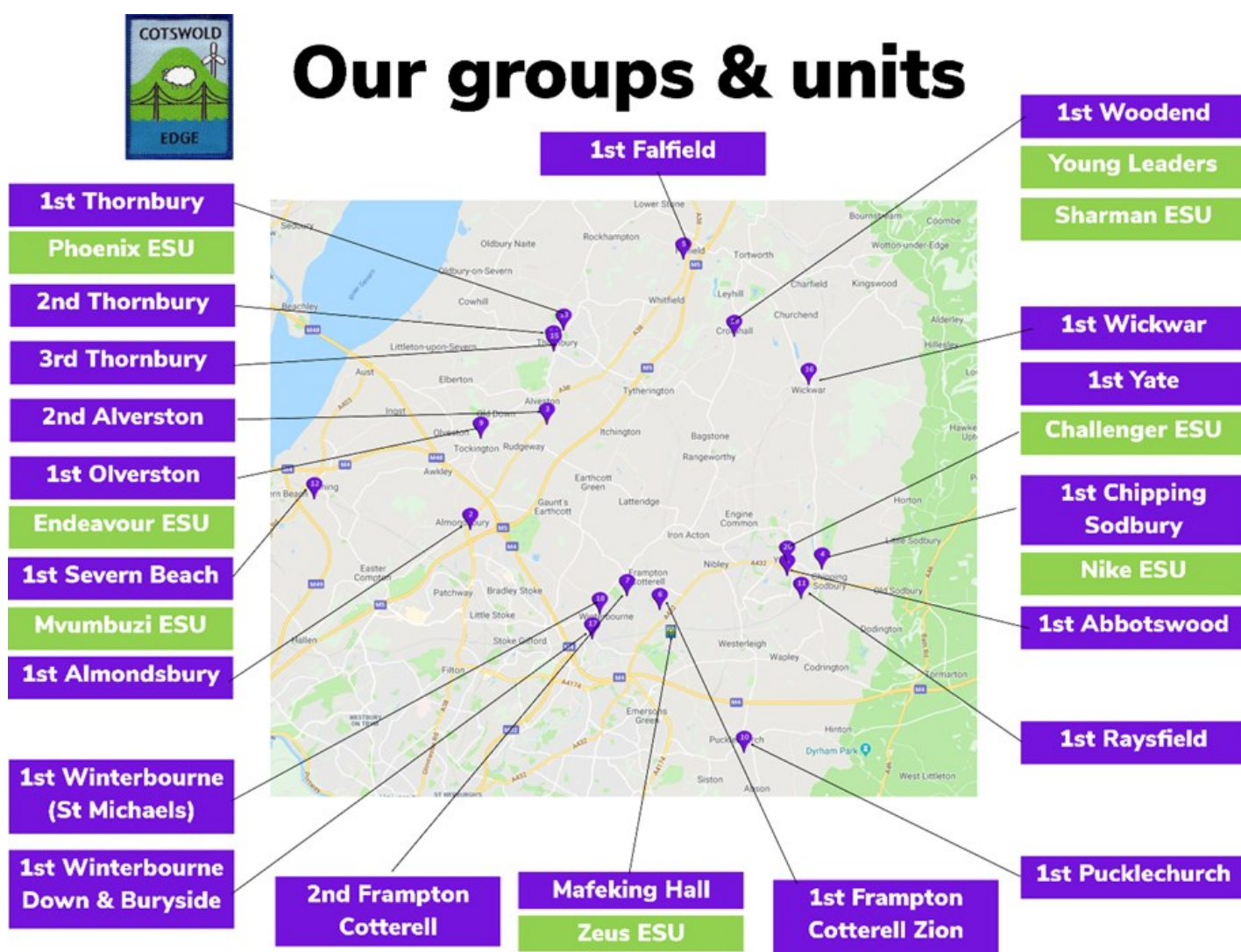
Steve Spokes





# Our Groups & Units

Cotswold Edge District covers a large area of South Gloucestershire mainly North of the M4 with Pucklechurch to the South. With 18 Groups, 7 Explorer Units and 1 Young Leader Unit we are one of the largest Districts within the Scouting County of Avon.



# 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:

<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	1067	344	3	1414
Adults	210	181	0	391

## 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	1253	22	12	3	124	1414
Adults	339	1	3	0	48	391

	Developmental	Physical	Mental Health	Sensory	Injury	Medical	Prefer not to say	No disability	Total
Youth Membership	114	9	11	19	6	79	101	995	1428
Adults	10	4	7	4	1	19	84	262	391



# 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	(20,792.38)	6,864.31
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	<u>31299.91</u>	<u>31448.72</u>
	<u>73686.73</u>	<u>94479.11</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	303.40	375.00
	Admin/Postage/Stationary	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		303.40	375.00
HEADQUARTERS	Council Charges	87.00	0.00
	Hall Hire	0.00	0.00
	HQ REFURB	491.24	0.00
	Sundry HQ	<u>30.94</u>	<u>10,908.91</u>
		610.08	10,908.91
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	<u>0.00</u>	<u>218.03</u>
		22,465.00	3,553.63
CAPITATION	Capitation	82,012.00	76,444.50
	Gift Aid	<u>3,039.33</u>	<u>909.39</u>
		85,051.33	77,353.89
DONATION/GRANTS	Lloyds Bank	1,000.00	2,000.00
	Gift Aid (Refurb)	<u>2,502.26</u>	<u>0.00</u>



	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>

BANKING	Interest on Acc'ts	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>
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		£	£
		This Year	Last Year
TRANSPORT	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>
ADMIN	General Print/Postage/Stationary	0.00	0.00
	Wages	0.00	0.00
	Midas Training	(720.25)	(402.70)
	Sundry Admin	(346.20)	(663.42)
		<u>(1,066.45)</u>	<u>(1,066.12)</u>
BADGES	Badges	(323.94)	0.00
	Admin/Postage/Stationary	0.00	0.00
		<u>(323.94)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
HEADQUARTERS	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)	(155,659.84)
	Making Maint	(974.48)	0.00
	Grounds Maint.	0.00	(1,025.82)
		<u>(64,658.51)</u>	<u>(157,460.54)</u>
14 - 25 Scouting	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>
GENERAL SCOUTING	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>
CAPITATION	Capitation	(67,872.00)	(63,591.00)
	Gift Aid	(3,039.33)	(658.73)
		<u>(70,911.33)</u>	<u>(64,249.73)</u>



**TOTAL PAYMENTS****(164,920.41)****(225,745.39)****MONETARY ASSETS**Bank Current Account  
Bank Interest Account

£

105,177.97  
30,163.38

£

117,555.50  
30,074.97Less Outstanding Cheques  
Plus Outstanding Receipts

135,341.35

(68,392.08)

6,737.46

147,630.47

(63,853.32)

10,701.96

**Total Carried Forward****73,686.73****94,479.11**Land  
Buildings  
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc. - Replacement Value

£150,000.00

£250,000.00

£7,279.00

£150,000.00

£250,000.00

£7,279.00

Badge Stock

£306.50

£106.50

**Name**

Arnold Tucker

Dean Ashpole-Chapman

**Position:**

Acting District Chair

District Commissioner

**Date:**

11th October 2023

11th October 2023

