

GORDANO DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 289643

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1984-06-20

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Activities

Objects: THE INSTRUCTION OF BOYS OF ALL CLASSES IN THE PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLINE, LOYALTY AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Activities: GORDANO DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL, AS PART OF THE NATIONAL SCOUT ASSOCIATION, ACTIVELY ENGAGES AND SUPPORTS YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, EMPOWERING THEM TO MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY

Classification

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

Geography

- North Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£100,718	£101,495	-	-
2023-12-31	£115,559	£112,940	-	-
2022-12-31	£105,861	£104,883	-	-
2021-12-31	£100,425	£76,979	-	-
2020-12-31	£85,515	£99,052	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Abigail Purvis		2025-01-27
Angus Russell Wardle		2025-06-24
Anthony Tween		2013-09-23
Jacob James Goodliffe		2025-06-24
Nicole Anne Jelliss		2025-06-24
Philip Sydney Savage		2020-03-01
Steven John Woolley Woolley		2025-11-17

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**Gordano Scout District
Annual General Meeting**

24th June 2025

19:30 for 19:45

**The Lodge
Glenny Wood Campsite**

Trustees Report 2024 / 25

Charity Commission registered number – 289643

Scout Association reference number – 16710

Introduction

Trustees

Phil Woolcock – Chair (Retiring June 25) *Phil Savage – Treasurer (Elected until June 27)*
LDV nominated trustee – Simon Kelly *Steve Hamey (Retiring June 25)*
Tony Tween (Elected until June 27) *Abi Purvis – Co-opted January 2025*

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Formal AGM Introduction -

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

The Trustee Board currently consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 4 Trustees (including 1 Ex Officio Trustee, and 1 co-opted Trustee) and meets every 3 months.

The District Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Governance -

1. The District's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
2. The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
3. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association

GORDANO DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting

24th June 2025 – 7:45 pm
Glenny Wood Scout Campsite Lodge

AGENDA

- 1. Introduction and welcome**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4th July 2024
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - c. Note the District's financial year – (January to December)
 - d. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board – (AGM 2024 12 members agreed)
 - e. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council (2024 - 12 members set as the quorum)
- 4. Review of the previous year**
 - a. The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouting during the past 12 months
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
- 5. Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint the District Chair, following recommendation from the District Trustee Board
 - b. Appoint members of the District Trustee Board
 - c. Appoint District President
 - d. Appoint Independent Examiner
 - e. Nomination of representatives to the Avon Scout Council:

Closing remarks

Minutes of the Gordano District Annual General Meeting
Held on Thursday 4 July 2023 @ 19.45 hrs.
At Glenny Wood Lodge.

Present:

Tony Tween, Stephen Hamey, Simon Kelly, Michael Clark, Sean Davin, Angus Wardle, Jill Derrick, Andy Derrick, Phil Woolcock, Kath Woolcock, Phil Savage, Matt Jaroszewicz, Clive Sandrey, Jill Hobbs, Alex Woodman.

1) Welcome:

Tony Tween (Co-DC) opened the meeting and welcomed all those attending.

The meeting observed a minute's reflection in memory of our Scouting colleague, Vickie Farrall, who sadly passed away in the last year.

2) Apologies:

Liv Handley, Louise Hamey, Stephen Lisney, Nicole Jelliss, Heather Clark.

3) Approval the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11 July 2023

The minutes were unanimously accepted by the meeting and there were no matters arising. Proposer – Jill Derrick, Seconder – Michael Clark

4) Governance Topics:

a) Adoption of model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules Chapter 5:

The meeting passed the resolution unanimously.

b) Note of the District's financial year:

The meeting was informed that the charity's financial year is 1st January to 31st December.

c) Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board:

The outgoing Trustee Board proposed that the number of people that can be elected to the Trustee Board should be twelve. The proposal was passed unanimously by the meeting.

d) Agree the quorum for each of the District Scout Council, meetings of the Trustee Board, meetings of any sub-committees:

Phil Woolcock proposed that the quorum, the minimum number of District Scout Council members that must be present at a meeting of the District Scout Council, should be set at twelve.

The proposal was seconded by Angus Wardle and agreed unanimously by the meeting.

The meeting also, confirmed that the quorum for meetings of the Trustee Board and any sub-committees should be set at one third of the Trustee Board members plus one, in line with the Charity Commission statement of good practice.

5) Review of the previous year:

a) District Commissioner's Review of Scouting in the District:

The full text of the report was available in the District Annual Report, which was available at the meeting. Tony Tween (Co-DC) expanded on various elements of his report. He reported that the new District Lead Volunteer team would be Simon Kelly (Programme) Sean Davin (Volunteer Experience) and Nicole Jelliss (14 to 24 Sections). Sean and Simon gave brief briefings as to their remits. Finally, it was noted, by Clive Sandrey (County Lead Volunteer), that the compliance rate for Safety and Safeguarding training, in the District, was the best in the County at the time of the meeting.

b) To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Trustee Board including the Statement of Accounts:

Phil Savage (District Treasurer) gave additional information in support of the Statement of Accounts, noted that the District Trustee Board had approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and the report on the accounts had been received from Lynette Morgan FCCA CTA, the Independent Examiner.

Sean Davin asked a question regarding any envisaged financial risks relating to Glenny Wood campsite. Phil Woolcock (Glenny Wood Chairman) replied that the Glenny Wood account held sufficient funds to cover any envisaged risks.

6) Making Appointments

a) Nomination of District Chair:

The Trustee Board proposed Phil Woolcock to be the Trustee Board Chair for a period of 3 years. The meeting unanimously accepted the proposal.

b) Election of the District Secretary:

No-one has been proposed for this role. Again, every effort will be made to resolve the issue shortly. This role is not a Trustee role.

c) Election of the District Treasurer:

The Trustee Board proposed Phil Savage to be District Treasurer for a period of 3 years. The meeting unanimously approved the proposal.

d) Election of persons to the District Trustee Board:

The Trustee Board proposed that the following be elected as Trustee for a period of 3 years.

Tony Tween, Steve Hamey, and George Wormald-Kelly.

The meeting unanimously approved the proposals.

There are no other nominations for persons to be on the Trustee Board. Effort will be made to increase the size and diversity of the Trustee Board in the coming months.

e) Appointment of the Independent Examiner:

Phil Savage noted that Lynette Morgan, who has been the Independent Examiner for several years has now retired. It has not been possible to propose an alternative examiner at present, but the Trustee Board will undertake to find a replacement at the earliest opportunity and confirm the appointment at the next AGM.

f) Nomination of representatives to the Avon Scout Council:

Two nominations can be made. Angus Wardle was nominated but, currently, it is not possible to make a second nomination.

7) Closing Remarks:

Clive Sandrey (County Lead Volunteer) gave a brief report from County and Long Service Awards were presented to the following:

Jill and Andy Derrick 30 Year awards

Angus Wardle 15 Year award

Tony Tween noted that both he and Steve Hamey will be stepping down from their Co-DC roles, by September, at the latest and thanked the District for their support over the last 11 years.

The meeting closed at 20.40 hrs.

District Lead Volunteers' Report

Group and ESU reports are attached at the end of this report. We thank all our leaders, volunteers and trustees for their dedicated commitment to providing another great year of Scouting to our young people in what has been a challenging year of change and transition.

2024-2025 – a Year of Change

Both Steve Hamey and Tony Tween have stepped down from their positions as District Commissioners having reached the end of their ten-year tenures. Phil Woolcock is also stepping down as District Chair and as Chairman of Glenny Wood. Kath Woolcock is also retiring and on behalf of all the members of Council we thank them all for their exceptional contribution and dedication to making Gordano District and Glenny Wood what it is today.

We currently have two new District Lead Volunteers – Simon Kelly who looks after Programme and Nicole Jelliss who is responsible for 14-24 provision. Sean Davin who was responsible for Volunteer Development has had to step down for family reasons and the Support role still remains vacant. We thank Sean for his contribution, and in the meantime Nicole and Simon will assume his responsibilities.

District Numbers

The 2025 Census recorded 1218 young people in Gordano, a 1% decrease from 2024 (1230). Adult members increased by 8% from 315 in 2024 to 341 currently and our overall waiting list increased 27% from 498 to 633 in the same period. 60% of the waiting list is made up of Squirrels and Beavers and for the first time we now have 15 young people waiting to join Explorers. Total sections across the District grew from 58 to 59 due to the opening of our first Squirrel Drey at 1st Clevedon.

Transformation

Since early November 2024 most of our time has been involved in supporting the implementation of the new membership system across the District. This is a totally new way of managing our volunteers and processes and is a challenging learning curve for all involved. All Compass data has now been migrated and we are in the process of finalising the District structure and roles. The major challenge has been trying to keep up with disclosures, training compliance, permit renewals and awards whilst we all get used to a new way of self-managed volunteer management and support. We still have around 180 volunteers who have not yet signed into the membership system – we are working hard to reduce this and have set up a District WhatsApp support group to share knowledge and assist those less technically savvy.

Our major short-term priority is to recruit more volunteers to the District team to spread the workload – particularly in the areas of programme, volunteer development and support (both of which still need a lead volunteer). Youth representation at District level is also important. We urgently require more nights away assessors and permitted leaders to cover adventurous activities - especially climbing and hill walking. Groups too need both programme support across all sections and help in recruiting more volunteers. Setting up Explorer provision in Clevedon again is a pressing priority to reduce the burden currently on Kilkenny. 1st Clevedon are the first in District to open a Squirrel Drey – their experience will be useful in giving other Groups the confidence to follow, but the 1:6 leader ratio and minimum of three adults for a section evening makes it a challenge for volunteer recruitment.

Ten Tors 2025

Gordano and Axe Districts celebrated their 50th year of participation in the Ten Tors Challenge with another amazing result that saw 21 teams successfully complete the 35, 45 and 55 mile challenge. Sue Ivens was awarded the Tri-Award by the Army – the highest volunteer award - for her exceptional contribution of over 50 years' service providing administration, accounting and catering to the event. There will be a large celebration of GATT 50 years at 1st Clevedon on Saturday 8 June to which all TT alumni are invited.

Managing the training and event itself for so many of our young people is becoming increasingly complex, so in July we plan to have a meeting to consider our future modus operandi as to how we continue to provide and resource this large event.

Explorers

The major priority is to set up the Salthouse Explorer Unit again in Clevedon so that this area has an Explorer provision that can take the pressure of Kilkenny in Portishead, which is at full capacity with a waiting list. The provision and continuation of Young Leader training and development is also important.

World Scout Jamboree

Planning is underway for the World Scout Jamboree in Poland during 2027 and we have invited Groups and ESUs to nominate potential participants as well as Adult IST volunteers. We hope, as in previous years, that we have a representative contingent from Gordano who can enjoy this amazing opportunity.

District Recruitment

As mentioned earlier, recruitment of District positions is a major priority and we would welcome new volunteers for the following roles...

- District Chair
- Chairperson for Glenny Wood
- Group Chairs – 2nd Clevedon, 2nd Portishead
- DLV – Support
- DLV – Volunteer Development
- GLV – Long Ashton and 1st Nailsea
- Explorer Leaders for Clevedon and Nailsea
- Nights Away Assessors
- First Response first aid trainer who can validate first response learning
- Youth Leaders
- Media and communications
- Glenny volunteers

And Finally...

We remember colleagues who passed away in the last year.

David Burnett (Bas) was deeply committed to Scouting in both Gordano and latterly Axe and was well known in his roles as a Venture Scout leader and for his support of Ten Tors both as a manager and instructor.

Mick Bryant was a former GSL at 2nd Clevedon who was instrumental in helping the Group rebuild its HQ building after it was destroyed by fire and providing dedicated and steady leadership to grow the Group again.

Nicole Jelliss and Simon Kelly

District Lead Volunteers

Trustees report July 2024 to June 2025

This is the first year we have undertaken the Trustees role as re modelled by The Scout Association (TSA) during 2023. Much of the year therefore has been putting in place the systems and processes to meet the Scout Association requirements - *A Trustee is a volunteer who is legally responsible for the management and governance of the District. They ensure the organization operates safely, legally, and in line with its charitable purpose. Trustee Boards, composed of these volunteers, focus on strategy, performance, and assurance.*

We have had a successful year getting the foundations in place to be built upon over the next years. Below are the key areas identified and what has happened over the year.

- **Meetings Plan** - set up quarterly meetings with an annual plan to ensure the key areas the Trustees are responsible for are covered.
- **Finance** – The separate report details our strong financial position and the actions taken during the year
- **Policy Compliance** – Monitoring of TSA Safeguarding policies, Training, Safety etc as it related to Gordano. No serious issues to concern the Trustees
- **Buildings** - Glenny Wood, with a separate report detailing the great progress made.
- **Insurance** – Confirmation the necessary insurance policies are in place and renewed.
- **Risk Management** – District risk register created and to be regularly review and developed
- **Lead District Volunteers** – Support / advice provided as requested.
- **Trustee Recruitment** – Not an easy task. Informal plan being progressed.
- **AGM / Annual Report / Charity reporting** – ensuring this takes place to TSA requirements.

My aim in this one year of Chairing the trustees was to ensure we all set up the correct approach for the future. This I believe has happened and its now the right time for a new Chair to come on board for the longer term.

I would like to thank all the Trustees and Lead District Volunteers for their hard work and support to Gordano District Scouts and wish them every success going forward. I would also like to thank Steve Hamey who is retiring as a Trustee after many years serving on the District Executive / Trustee board.

Copies of both the 2024 and 2025 AGM papers can also be found online at <https://glennywood.org.uk/home/gordano-agm/>

The Trustees of Gordano District Scout Council confirm this report is accepted and agreed on 2nd June 2025

Phil Woolcock

District Chair – July 2024 to June 2025.

On behalf of the Gordano Scout District Trustees

GORDANO DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL - Annual Statement of Accounts – Treasurer’s Report – 2024

Below is a true record of the District Consolidated Accounts for the Year 1st January - 31st December 2024.

They have been certified by our professional independent examiner, whose report is also attached.

Overall, income broadly matched expenditure during 2024; cash funds reduced by around £800.

The Consolidated Accounts show that funds are in a very healthy position with around £50,000 in the District account and a further £24,000 funds held by Glenny Wood Campsite.

The District’s Explorer Scout Units and the Ten Tors teams each manage their own finances. All the accounts for 2024 have been independently examined by myself or the Chair of the Trustee Board. I confirm that all the units have been managed to the Scouts POR and that they have sufficient funds to carry out their scouting activities.

Glenny Wood income from bookings by external parties and scouting organisations outside Gordano District increased by £1,500 compared to 2023 to over £18,000. This income has helped us to improve facilities at the site and £6,000 has been spent on new facilities such as the Boundary Walk, the Highlands Development, and the Maple Campfire.

Phil Savage

District Treasurer.

On behalf of the Gordano Scout District Trustees

Gordano District Scout Council

Consolidated Receipts and Payments Account 2024

	01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024	01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024	01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024	01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023
Receipts and Payments Account	District General A/c	District Glenny Wood Operational Account	Total District Accounts 2024	Total District Accounts 2023
Receipts				
Membership subscriptions	£75,578		£75,578	£76,616
Less: Membership subscriptions paid	£60,950		£60,950	£60,288
Net membership subscriptions retained	£14,628	£0	£14,628	£16,328
Other income -				
Git Aid	£1,339		£1,339	£1,078
Donations, legacies etc.	£250		£250	£2,494
Grants			£0	£0
Other income	£2,553		£2,553	£131
Sub total	£4,142	£0	£4,142	£3,703
Operational Income -				
Programme & Events	£125		£125	£9,815
World Scout Jamboree attendees fundraising			£0	£4,300
Glenny Wood - Rental		£18,749	£18,749	£17,278
Glenny Wood - Utilities refund				
Glenny Wood - Shop sales		£334	£334	£930
Glenny Wood - Equipment usage			£0	£0
Scout Shop - Sales			£0	£0
Scout Badge Sales	£612		£612	£1,701
Misc / Donations			£0	£152
First Aid training	£400		£400	£500
Sub total	£1,137	£19,083	£20,220	£34,676
Investment income -				
Bank Interest	£436	£342	£778	£564
Sub total	£436	£342	£778	£564
Total Gross Income	£20,343	£19,425	£39,768	£55,271
Asset and investment sales, etc.	£0	£0	£0	£0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£20,343	£19,425	£39,768	£55,271

Gordano District Scout Council

Consolidated Receipts and Payments Account 2024

	01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024	01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024	01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024	01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023
Receipts and Payments Account	District General A/c	District Glenny Wood Operational Account	Total District Accounts 2024	Total District Accounts 2023
Charitable Payments -				
Programme & Events	£475		£475	£12,188
World Scout Jamboree			£0	£6,140
Adult Support and Training	£470		£470	£630
Partnership Agreements (Hall Hire)			£0	£0
Shop			£0	£0
Health & Safety		£6,303	£6,303	£7,133
Utilities		£4,399	£4,399	£3,888
Insurance	£52	£923	£975	£946
Maintenance		£13,834	£13,834	£5,595
Development		£5,986	£5,986	£10,840
Minor Equipment	£1,545	£1,307	£2,852	£1,396
Admin & Expenses	£91		£91	£210
Donations			£0	£494
Gi Aid to sections	£1,922		£1,922	£1,078
Auditor Fees	£150		£150	£150
Bank Charges & Go Card-less Fees	£87		£87	£84
Grant To Groups	£1,500		£1,500	£173
Young Leaders	£322		£322	£0
Uniform	£19		£19	£0
Music Licence fees	£479		£479	£437
Sub total	£7,112	£32,752	£39,864	£51,382
Other Expenditure -				
Badge purchases & postage	£673	£8	£681	£1,270
Scout Shop purchases			£0	£0
Sub total	£673	£8	£681	£1,270
Total Gross Expenditure	£7,785	£32,760	£40,545	£52,652
Total Payments	£7,785	£32,760	£40,545	£52,652
Net of Receipts/(Payments)	£12,558	-£13,335	-£777	£2,619
Cash funds last year end	£47,503	£27,912	£75,415	£72,796
Glenny Wood User agreement	-£9,508	£9,508	£0	£0
Cash Funds This Year End	£50,553	£24,085	£74,638	£75,415

Gordano District Scout Council

Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31/12/2024

	31/12/24	31/12/24	31/12/24	31/12/23
	District General A/c	District Glenny Wood Operational Account	Total District Accounts 2024	Total District Accounts 2023
Cash funds				
Bank current account - Lloyds	£32	£452	£484	£15,440
Bank current account – Santander				
Bank deposit account – Lloyds:-		£23,599	£23,599	£25,257
World Scout Jamboree Fund	£3,485		£3,485	£2,485
District Contingency fund	£5,000		£5,000	£5,000
Portishead Development Fund	£485		£485	£1,985
Growth & Development Fund	£19,907		£19,907	£19,907
District Events Fund	£5,000		£5,000	£5,000
Clevedon ESU	£2,401		£2,401	£2,000
General Funds & Unattributed Interest	£14,243		£14,243	£307
Cash		£34	£34	£34
Total Cash Funds	£50,553	£24,085	£74,638	£77,415
Other Monetary Assets				
Debtors	£0	£0	£0	£0
Debts due	£0	£0	£0	£0
Sub total	£0	£0	£0	£0
Investment assets				
Investment property - detail	£0	£0	£0	£0
Sub total	£0	£0	£0	£0
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
District Badge stock – core badges	£948		£948	£584
District Badge stock – other badges			£0	£628
Glenny Shop stock		£1,196	£1,196	£1,247
Land (net of depreciation)		£60,000	£60,000	£60,000
Buildings (net of depreciation)		£11,387	£11,387	£11,387
Motor vehicles (net of depreciation)		£0	£0	£0
Equipment (net of depreciation)		£6,751	£6,751	£7,715
Other			£0	£0
Sub total	£948	£79,334	£80,282	£81,561
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid			£0	£131
Expenses incurred - Not paid				
Other				
Sub total	£0	£0	£0	£131
Contingent liabilities and future obligations	£0	£0	£0	£0

GORDANO DISTRICT SECTION ACCOUNTS	Cash funds Dec 2024	Total receipts in 2024	Total Expenditure in 2024	Cash funds Dec 2023
Barracuda ESU	£9,557	£18,664	£13,328	£4,221
Clevedon ESU / PCC Ten Tors	£1,176	£1,774	£3,370	£2,772
Horizon ESU	£3,028	£6,393	£5,999	£2,634
Kilkenny ESU	£5,955	£15,818	£14,608	£4,745
Ten Tors	£2,428	£25,275	£27,673	£4,826
Ten Tors - 45/55	£11,534	£12,613	£12,000	£10,921
Sec on Account - District total	£33,678	£80,537	£76,978	£30,119

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

GORDANO DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the Group/District/County/Area for the year ended 12.2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages.....

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's/District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group/District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *):

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act ;and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply

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Date - 05/03/2025 - LT900006

Glenny Wood Scout Campsite

Review January 2024 to June 2025

We have had yet another busy 18 months at Glenny Wood, with the focus on opening parts of the site which have not been in use before.

Site Usage - The overall usage for 2024 is up by 11% to 6343 visitors. Around three quarters of all these visitors were from Gordano District.

Safety – Ensuring we run a safe site is key to our mindset and key measures continue to be in place and reviewed to ensure they are fit for purpose.

Woodlands – The sites woodland environment is our key safety challenge. We continue to employ a Arboriculture specialist to undertake the annual tree inspection. Following a review of the recommendations, planning permission was then obtained, and the work completed. Most of this felling works is due to Ash Dieback. We regularly check the trees, bi-monthly and after a significant storm.

Annual Safety Checks – We have several annual checks undertaken by professional people in addition to the Trees, these include Water testing for Bacteria and Legionella, all negative, Fire Extinguishers, Site heating boiler as well as electrical PAT testing.

Weekly safety checks - We have a programme of our own site checks which cover the whole site, including Woodlands, Lodge, Loos, Activities and equipment. Any issues identified are quickly resolved.

Site Improvement – As in previous years many hundreds of maintenance tasks have been undertaken during 2024/25. There is a huge amount of maintenance required at Glenny Wood, some through natural causes, others self-inflicted by site users!

In addition, we look to improve our site. This year this has included,

- The necessary safety Tree felling and pollarding has been completed along with the planting of 38 mature trees we purchased, plus an additional 10 Apple Trees donated by Thatchers Cider, helping to create our Apple Orchard and 420 very small saplings from the Woodland Trust.
- Creation of the boundary trail, an interactive challenge taking you around the site to places never visited before. Work continues as we look to extend the trail at the top end of the site.
- The Stream has been re-routed near the loo block and opened up rather than being through underground pipes. The significant tree planting in early 2025 has really made this a great new feature for the site
- Work commenced opening up the land at the far end of the site, now known as the Highlands. We are creating this new and unique area as a Wild Camping and Backwoods activities area. This will be intentionally very basic and wild, with two plateaus, simple loo facilities in place and both bivy bags and Hammocks available for people to use.
- Revamped the Lodge Veranda, including new decking, posters, pictures and notices
- Bug Hotel built and looking good
- Maple – Our new Campfire below the Apple Orchard
- Composting area built allowing for plant cuttings, Autumn leaf fall etc to rot down so we create our own fertiliser to use on site
- Clearance of the massive rotting Woodpile by the tree walk.
- Creation of the Historic area with the capped mine shafted boarded off, historical information provided and in 2025 a simulated old coal mining sheave wheel mechanism has been installed
- Revamped the Grass Sledge area, with a new storage shed and artificial grass for the Grass Sledge run
- In January 2025 we have launched our 60th Anniversary year celebrations with a badge to all Gordano members and a special challenge for all site users to participate in.
- Planning permission has just been applied for to greatly improve the lodge sleeping accommodation. We have applied for 5 sleeping cabins and a loo block cabin. We await the outcome, then next it is funding for this development
- Over the years the feedback continues to be very positive from site users, appreciating the Glenny Wood site and the range of activities and facilities available

Making this happen – The team - We have a very hard-working team of Angus, Jill, Andy, Phil S, Tony and myself who are there on Wednesdays, undertaking safety checks, maintaining and improving our site.

Mark comes in twice monthly and he spends the day strimming, helping to keep nature at bay and has made a big difference.

During the year Tamsyn and Kasia are on site each week, cleaning the loos, showers, lodge and Fridge and freezers. What a fabulous difference they make. Many thanks to both.

The Site Bookings via OSM is an essential role, which is well looked after by Alison.

A mega thanks to the team for their hard work, commitment, and achievements.

During the past months we have also seen work volunteering teams from the 2nd Portishead and 2nd Clevedon Scouts Troops and firms volunteering - from Lloyds Bank, Ping Identity and Bristol University. We thank them for all their help and hard work.

We hope great fun has been had by all when at Glenny Wood and many skills developed.

And finally, this is my last report as the Warden / Chairman of Glenny Wood, after some 48 years as a leader / commissioner, 19 of them running Glenny Wood, I have decided to step back from active Scouting and to let others take on the role of leading Glenny Wood. <https://glennywood.org.uk/home/vacancies/#Phil-W-retires>

I have had a fabulous time developing the site, seeing the activities introduced and the overall improvement made. I wish those continuing and taking on the challenge every success and enjoyment at Glenny Wood Scout Campsite. During my leadership of the site what has been achieved has only been possible with the support and help of many, many people who have put a lot of time, effort, and commitment, it is my heartfelt thanks to the current dedicated team, and to all those involved with Glenny Wood over the past 19 years

Phil Woolcock

Volunteer Site Chairman & Warden

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Group Reports

Barracuda Explorers

It's been another good year for the unit with numbers up to 46 and a 85% attendance average throughout the year. Our leader numbers have also grown with 5 regular uniformed leaders helping out.

We have managed to put on a number of popular and successful events over the past 12 months, starting with our Summer Camp which saw us walk the Camino Ingles from Reading to Southampton. Staying at Scout huts along the 70-mile route, that follows the path pilgrims made on their way to Santiago de Compostela in north-west Spain, we hiked for 5 days and had a couple of rest days in between. The weather was glorious and there was a real sense of achievement when we reached journey's end.

Other events have included the London Monopoly Run, a Winter Camp in South Molton, and most recently the Rickard Shield where we were proud that one of our teams came in second place. Ten Tors remains as popular as ever with the unit well represented across all 3 challenges.

Iain Rhodes – Explorer Lead Volunteer

Kilkenny Explorers

This year has seen a number of gatherings and events within the Kilkenny Explorer Scout Unit, providing a variety of experiences for our young members. Throughout the year, there were numerous meetings, ranging from planning for a fundraising event to engaging activities like scavenger hunts, rounders, and campfire challenges. Events such as the West Country Waterpark and the various caving or cooking options offered exciting opportunities for hands-on activities.

The past year's events were equally diverse and engaging. The strategy camp in June provided an excellent opportunity for members to develop critical thinking and teamwork over a three-day period. Additionally, the discover scuba diving experiences throughout July and August allowed participants to learn new skills underwater. The Wye Valley weekend camp in September and the Sodbury Challenge in October further enriched the adventure experiences, encouraging camaraderie and resilience among the scouts. Other highlights included the pantomime in December, the energetic inflatable 5k in July, and the moving Remembrance Parade in November.

With the cancellation of some anticipated events, including the Woodhouse Weekender and the International Night, we appreciate the flexibility and understanding of everyone involved. Nevertheless, opportunities still arose for community contributions, such as the litter pick and beach barbecue, which not only benefited our surroundings but also allowed members to bond over shared efforts. Toward the end of the term, events like the Bring & Share session added a sense of closure and celebration of the year's achievements.

We express our gratitude to all leaders for their continuous dedication and support, particularly during the planning and execution of activities. The effort put in by many ensures that we can offer rich experiences to our young explorers.

As we take a moment to reflect on the past year, we extend our thanks to the children for making each meeting enjoyable and to parents for their ongoing support. Their involvement truly matters in making our Explorer Unit thrive, and it is heartening to see how these experiences contribute positively to our young people's

development. We look forward to another fulfilling year of Scouting, building on these foundations of learning, adventure, and personal growth.

Scott Bryant – Explorer Lead Volunteer

Horizon Explorers

This year has been an enjoyable 12 months for the Horizon Explorers, with various activities that provided both fun and learning opportunities for everyone involved. We held a range of meetings, including engaging evenings at the 1st Nailsea HQ focusing on cooking challenges, knots, and blindfold challenges. Notable activities like long exposure photography at Cumberland Basin and pioneering at Glenny Wood allowed our Explorers to explore new skills and broaden their horizons. Away from the HQ we have been 10 pin bowling, escape rooms, caving and much more.

We have had success at Ten Tors with 6 Explorers completing 35 miles and 3 completing the 45 mile distance.

Throughout the year, our members enjoyed a wealth of events. A highlight was our summer camp, which took place on Exmoor. This not only included hiking to Dunkerry Beacon but also offered the experience of volunteering with the Exmoor National Park Rangers, which was a valuable opportunity for our scouts to contribute to the local environment. Additionally, we took part in exciting events such as the Monopoly Run in London and walked around the Bristol Light Festival.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our leaders Alex and Heather and particularly Michael and Maisie, who joined us in July 2024. Their commitment and involvement have greatly enriched our group and provided invaluable support to the Explorers throughout the year.

Looking ahead, our members are looking forward to an exciting summer camp where they will have two days of canoeing down the River Wye, alongside camping, which is bound to offer new adventures and plenty of fun.

Heather Clark – Explorer Lead Volunteer

Gordano Scout Group Reports

1st Portishead Scout Group

This year, was generally a period of stability for 1st Portishead Scouts; the numbers of adult volunteers remained largely constant with no substantial changes within the numbers of young people in the sections. There was however a solidifying of the Trustee Board with the newly appointed Chair and Treasurer making effective changes in policy and communications to the benefit of all volunteers and charity commission responsibilities.

The “Transformation” changes from the Scout Association at the end of the year provided some challenges with access and utilising the new system, however once through the teething issues, the new system is working effectively for new adult volunteers. As part of the transformation, we formally created an Operations Team which focus on maintenance and upkeep of the hut. At the end of the year we were running a group with 37 Adult Volunteers including 5 on the Trustee Board. With the dedication of these volunteers, we have been running 7 sections bringing skills for life for 140 Young People.

This year we did not manage to arrange a group event, aside from the Portishead Remembrance Parade, however the sections did a variety of activities including Climbing, Ninja Warrior, Tobogganing, Surfing, High Ropes, Kayaking. A range of visitors came to speak with our people from a range of organisations and across the community from Birds of Prey to the Food Bank. Our Scouting groups were particularly active with several weekend camps. We were thrilled to present 24 Chief Scout awards over the year.

A big thanks to the whole leadership and support team for providing another fabulous year of Scouting!

Matt Jaroszewicz - GLV

1st Nailsea Scout Group

Achievements and performance - 2024 was another very busy one for 1st Nailsea Scouts.

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have continued to enjoy a packed programme of events during the year in their various sections. As a group we came together for our annual carol service, which was held at the local Catholic Church with attendance from all the other local church leaders.

The Nailsea Scout and Guide Band continues to thrive and performed at both the carol service and the Remembrance Parade in November, as well as being invited to a couple of other local events (which shows how its visibility is definitely growing).

In July, with a fantastic influx of new volunteers to the team, we were able to put on yet another Nailsea Carnival. From being close to cancellation at the beginning of the year, it turned into a fantastic event once again bringing the community together, whilst also providing a helpful opportunity to raise funds for the Group.

In addition to organising Nailsea Carnival, our growing new team of fundraising volunteers, Friends of 1st Nailsea, have continued to run several clothing collections via Bag2School to bring in much-needed funds. As ever, the Trustees are immensely grateful for their support, as well as to all of the people who made donations.

The leaders were once again very pleased to support the Santa Float around Nailsea in December 2024 which is always great fun and a highlight of the festive season. We continued our aim to be very much part of the community locally and had a stall at two of the monthly Nailsea farmers' markets to increase our recruitment of new adult volunteers.

We have also started this year to work more closely with 2nd Nailsea Scout Group to share ideas, reduce duplication and support each other.

Beavers - The two Beaver colonies continued to run at close to full capacity all year, with a varied and exciting programme. We have onboarded a full new Leadership team in one of the colony nights to take over from those who retired over the summer, and additional new leaders have joined the second night. The whole beaver leadership team has come together really well with new ideas and enthusiasm, and benefited with more interaction and common programmes. This year Beavers have been learning about bats, fair trade, recycling and chocolate, to name but a few topics. They went to the local Tennis club, went on a bat walk with local experts, learnt how to make candle sticks, had a visit from the local PCSOs with a chance to try on uniforms and have a go at taking fingerprints.

A couple of Sleepovers were held during the year to start getting the Beavers used to staying away from home ready for future camps when they move to Cubs. These events were also the opportunity for the new leaders to learn the skills of keeping 20 six-year olds occupied for an evening, and then getting them to go to sleep.

As we aim to do every year, all those who moved up to Cubs also achieved their Chief Scout's Bronze Award, which is a credit to the leaders who ensure a varied program through the year.

Cubs - Over the summer of 2024 our long serving leadership team for two of our three Cub packs stepped down and hence significant recruitment and training of new leaders was required to ensure all three sections could continue in the September. It is a credit to the whole group leadership team that this was achieved with many leaders for various sections stepping in to support the new leaders through the first few months.

The Cubs were again very busy cooking, gardening, learning communication skills, trying new foods, understanding all about different charities, learning about local history and the history of our Scout group and perfecting their first aid skills and camp skills. They welcomed various visitors which included a set of evenings trying karate and kickboxing with local clubs, went ice skating, went to the theatre to watch Treasure Island tried canoeing, paddleboarding and climbing, went bowling and had fun at our local campsite Glenny Wood doing backwoods cooking and fire lighting. A sleepover was also held with all three Cub packs at Airhop (a first for Cubs and leaders alike!)

Concorde and Compass Cubs went on a final group camp with the retiring leaders at Woodhouse Park., with a variety of activities and a wonderful picnic with Cubs and parents with a chance to say thank-you and goodbye Jack Warry Cubs held a camp at Silver Cross with a fun packed few days including a surfing lesson at Llangenith Beach, Sand castle building competition, archery, go karting to name a few.

Most Cubs again managed to achieve their Chief Scout's Silver Award and Gordano Challenge awards at the end of their time with the section.

Scouts - Our Scout Troops have been running full to capacity during the year which is great and they continue to run a full and varied programme. The Scouts have been making good use of our climbing wall, learning new practical skills in car and bike maintenance and cooking. Visits during the year included a Bristol Mosque, Laserquest and the Bristol Royal Infirmary. Finally, mountain biking and caving are a couple of new skills they tried out over the course of the year.

Both Troops ran successful camps in the summer, with Raptor Troop camping near Kiddeminster. The Scouts had the opportunity to take part in many activities including a local water park, archery camp skills, high ropes and a visit to the local Safari park, Tomahawk Troop travelled to Silver Cross Campsite near Swansea for their annual camp, and amongst the many activities they took part in, enjoyed a Coasteering adventure run by a local activity centre. A hike along the waterfalls in the area was also a highlight of the week. The muddy assault course on site was also a firm favourite

Both troops managed to get several older Scouts through their Chief Scout's Gold Award last year, culminating in their expedition (a two-day hike, with a night under canvas without a leader present).

Nicole Jellis - GLV

2nd Clevedon Scout Group

It's been another exciting and successful year for 2nd Clevedon Scout Group, filled with adventure, fun and learning! We happily welcomed three new leaders to our team and are still actively hunting more to take down our booming waiting list!

Beavers have had a fantastic year packed with exploration and discovery. Highlights included geocaching, collecting sea glass, and visits from the police and to Weston Museum. They've worked hard towards a range of badges, with favourites being the Space, Camp Craft, and Experiment badges.

Cubs have been busy making a difference and learning new skills. They took part in a beach clean at Ladye Bay in Clevedon and enjoyed a visit to Weston Museum. Cubs earned lots of badges this year, with standout achievements in Communications, Disability Awareness, and Environmental Conservation.

Scouts were always out and about, embracing every challenge with enthusiasm. From tree planting and night hikes to a high-energy scavenger hunt, they've stayed active and engaged. Badge highlights included Pioneering, the Creative Challenge, and Chef. They're now looking forward to an exciting Summer Camp at Ferny Crofts in the New Forest this August.

A major milestone for the group this year was the handover of the Group Lead Volunteer (GLV) role. After an incredible 15 years of service, Simon stepped down, passing the torch to Lizzie, who brings fresh experience and

enthusiasm to the team (although this does now leave a Chair Trustee vacancy!). Simon has been the steady hand, the problem-solver, and the one who always had a tent peg when you needed it most. His leadership has shaped the group in lasting ways, inspiring both young people and fellow volunteers alike. We are incredibly grateful for his decade of dedication, support, and humour and we wish him the very best as he takes on a new role as District Lead Volunteer!

A huge thank you to all our volunteers, parents, and supporters. Here's to another brilliant year of Scouting adventures!

Lizzie Wormald-Kelly - GLV

2nd Portishead Scout Group

2024 was another successful year with 6 sections; 2 at each age group, but still with a long waiting list especially at the lower ages. We had lots of Chief Scout awards achieved in 2024 - 5 Bronze, 9 silver and 8 Gold.

We continued to recruit adult volunteers from new parents to grow the teams and replace those leaders moving up with their own children to cubs and scouts and beyond. We've also seen 2 of our experienced leaders step back due to personal reasons which is a huge loss. Nights Away opportunities are suffering as a result, but we have several team members willing to get a permit if we can secure support for assessment.

On a Group level we need to continue our search for a new Chair of our Trustee Board as have had no interest to date. The Trustee Board has lost some focus as a result and needs to re-energise to continue to support the leader teams and improve the hut, particularly with regard to the noise levels.

Caroline Hill - GLV

1st Crockerne Scout Group

We started the year with no Beavers leaders; other leaders stepped in to run the meetings but that still meant that we had to cancel some weeks. We ended the year in a good position, with some new leaders and a leader able to return after injury. Each section now has two Leaders each, young leaders and parent help.

Our three sections are now full with a waiting list of children wanting to join. We could take more children if we had more leaders and we are trying to address this, hopefully with a stable leadership we can build on this for next year.

All sections are running great programmes resulting in lots of badges and some Chief Scout Awards. We have made good use of Glenny Wood using the onsite activities. The Troop has also taken part in canoeing and sailing in Bristol docks. Beavers and Cubs held a camp together at Glenny Wood and the Scouts held a couple of weekend camps at Glenny Wood. Some of the highlights in the programme have been a night hike and ice skating for the Troop, Bowling and an evening hike for the Pack and walking the Portishead Sculpture trail and the Woodhouse Park Santa trail for the Beavers. Cooking and construction craft is popular with all sections.

Proud to be delivering Skills for Life.

Sue Pople – GLV

1st Backwell Scout Group

The numbers of young people at 1st Backwell remain healthy with 44 Beavers, 53 Cubs and 68 Scouts with a waiting list of 100 across the three sections.

We are reasonably OK with adult numbers although we are looking to bolster the number of 'full time' long term leaders to help with continuity and engagement within the Group.

Beavers have been busy throughout the year with a variety of age appropriate activities on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Cubs, in addition to their usual weekday evening activities have held a couple of weekend camps at Glenny Wood and Woodhouse Park.

Scouts have held successful outdoor activities including hill walking in the Brecon Beacons and Exmoor National Parks, a winter camp in the Quantocks and a couple of Summer camps at Biblins in the Wye Valley and at Brockmead near Bristol.

They also took part in the overnight Cotswold Challenge walk and some of the older Scouts completed their Expedition Challenge on Exmoor and the South West Coast Path.

As a Group we have taken part in the District Christmas Post as well as our own community-based Christmas Tree fundraising event. Our fundraising efforts also meant that we were able to buy a new minibus to replace one of our existing ones.

Ian Mitchell – Joint GLV

1st Clevedon Scout Group

It has been a steady year, with much remaining unchanged in all the right ways over the past twelve months. Our numbers of both young people and adults are largely the same, with the usual comings and goings for both. Happily, our leader team can be viewed as one large team as many have moved into new sections this year and will continue to do so over the coming year as well. We've enjoyed the social side of camps, sharing leaders from all sections, and a home-cooked curry in the GVL's kitchen.

Having been home to a Squirrel Drey for over a year now, it is already paying dividends in leader creation. Already one leader has moved from Squirrels to Beavers, with another scheduled for Christmas '25.

The Group has weathered several camps, all being some kind of collaboration between both Beaver Colonies, both Cub Packs, or indeed the Cubs and Scouts, or the whole group in our now traditional, Group Camp in September. This year, our run of dry weather luck really ran out, with Glenny Wood being the site of some very attractive if less than practical new water features. The campfire in a pond at the base of a waterfall was a big hit with the Scouts.

Our stable numbers mean our Trustees feel we can continue to invest in our HQ, with a toilet and handwashing facilities overhaul slated for 2025. They have now cemented 1stClevedon's catering stall in the Swiss Valley Football Festival as a big-hitter on the fundraising front. Working with Discover Clevedon (Clevedon BID) we are looking at further opportunities for short, sharp and savvy fundraisers.

Liv Handley – GLV

Long Ashton (All Saints) Scout Group

A key theme for the Group this year has been a significant turnover in volunteers. A number of experienced Beaver and Cub leaders stepped down so considerable effort has been spent on finding replacements. While we briefly went down from two Beaver colonies to one, we have now recruited two new full teams of Beaver Leaders. Both colonies are going from strength to strength as the new Leaders gain experience and confidence. In addition we have recruited a whole new team of Cub Leaders which is building on the great legacy of the previous leadership team.

Our GLV also stepped down this year so efforts have already started to find a replacement. In the meantime we are very grateful to Gordano District, and Simon Kelly in particular, for assistance in helping us to continue to operate in a compliant manner.

Another key focus for the Group this year has been our new HQ Project. Dom Anderson, who has been instrumental in driving the project forward for many years stepped down as project chair and has been replaced by Theo Hartry. Dom continues to be involved in the project and Theo brings new impetus, not least because he is a professional in the construction sector. Focus this year has been on completing a s.106 agreement with North Somerset Council (NSC), bringing services to the site and agreeing with NSC via a s.278 agreement the works we will need to undertake to the highway to ensure a safe road crossing to the site. We are also gearing up to complete enabling works, all of which will allow the site to be used for Group activities until the building itself is ready. Once those works are done, all attention will turn to fundraising.

Norris Riley Secretary LA Scouts.

Cleeve Claverham and Yatton Scout Group

CCY Group operation:

Operation of the Scout Group has been sustained throughout the year. Although with some difficulties in retaining and recruiting suitable adult volunteers. However, since September 2024 all the sections have been able to provide a full programme of Scouting activities. Local appeals for additional volunteers continue to be made with a few supporters coming forward but with many only willing to offer helper type assistance.

Scout Troop: During the period from May 2024 to the summer break the Scout Troop operated on a slightly limited basis with oversight from our previous Cub Lead – Helen Grice-Roberts. After further appeals for new volunteers Eleanor Tuck made arrangement to transfer her support to the Scout Troop and has taken the Lead Volunteer role since Sept. 2024. Getting things off to a good start Scouts attended a camp at Woodhouse Park in October. Much later in the reporting year, May 2025, a further camp was undertaken at Brownsea Island.

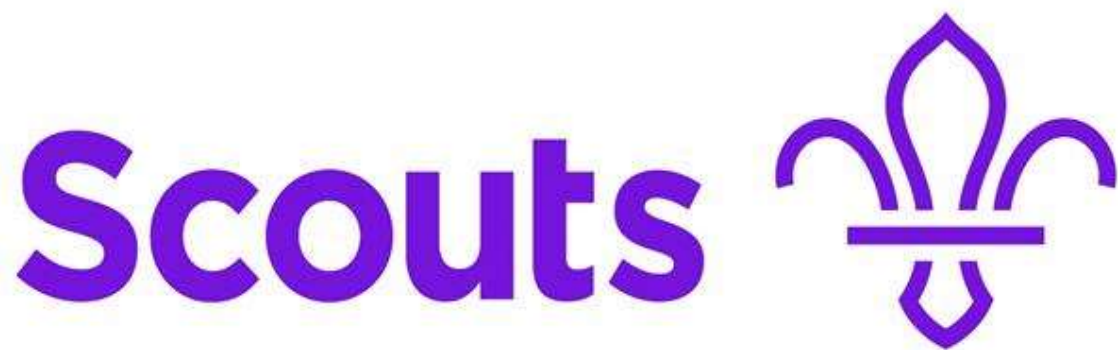
Cub Pack: Cub Pack has operated throughout the year with Richard Perrett as Cub Lead Volunteer. Richard was initially supported by Becky Cullinane. Later in the period Matt Saunders has also been supporting the Cub Pack operation. Early in 2025 Imad Wahab made contact and has since transferred his volunteering support from Axe District to join in with Richard supporting our Cub Pack. Richard has provided a full programme of activities with the Cubs joining the overall Group Camp organised by Matt at the Dorset Scouts Activity Centre in July 2024.

Beaver Colony: Beaver Colony has operated throughout the year with Steph Grey as Beaver Lead Volunteer. Steph has been ably supported by Matt Saunders during this period. Also, from Sept. 2024 Steph has been supported by other newer Team Members Lizzie Shepherd and Warren Marsh. The Beaver Colony now operates at full capacity. A full programme of meetings and activities has been provided including the successful Group Camp organised by Matt.

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Glenny Lodge

District Lead Volunteers' Report

As previously, we have included as many individual reports from Groups and Sections as leaders have been able to provide and they speak for themselves in terms of the range and variety of activities leaders across the District have been able to provide.

All leaders would doubtless also want to join us in paying tribute to the small army of Trustees and helpers who also work, often behind the scenes, to support and help make Scouting the fun, challenging and indeed 'life affirming' activity it undoubtedly is. Our thanks and those of Gordano District Trustees go out to them all.

District Numbers

Overall numbers in the '24 census: Youth: 1219; Adult 343; Network 23; show a slight drop of youth numbers on the previous year but having been surprised by this it seems likely that the discrepancy is likely to the census date becoming more flexible and new Beavers joining soon after numbers were submitted. As most previous reports have noted, the existence of sizeable waiting lists across the District underlines what we all know... if we can recruit more leaders we can offer this great opportunity to many more youngsters.

Transformation

Members of Council might remember that last year's meeting had a valedictory note from Steve and Tony, reaching the end of their official District Commissioner tenures.

However as the process of Transformation got under way in Gordano District, Clive Madders from 2PH in particular, has continued to support groups with the changes required.

Steve has put a lot of time and effort in working to ensure that as a District we have high rates of compliance with Safeguarding training and in particular Safety training which has rightly become a very high priority since the sad death of an Explorer Scout on The Great Orme and the resulting coroners report .It is fair to say that much has been achieved but delays to new computer systems means that dates 'to go live' from HQ have consistently been moved back and its not yet completely clear when indeed we will have been transformed.

Despite the sceptical note, all groups have made good progress updating relevant data and assimilating old roles into new. The prominent word 'volunteer' in titles is a small but significant step forward and helps allay some confusion that still exists.

We have been successful in recruiting a District Lead Volunteer team to three of the four strands of responsibility and our thanks to them agreeing to work as part of this new team. Our District Lead Volunteer looks as follows:

Volunteer Experience: Sean Davin (Long Ashton)

Programme: Simon Kelly (2nd Clevedon)

14 – 24: Nicole Jellis (1st Nailsea)

Support: Vacant

Steve and Tony will continue to support with reduced commitments particularly in the areas of compliance, training and awards. An immediate need is to increase those sufficiently experienced colleagues who might be accredited for issuing eg Nights away permits.

Ten Tors 2024 – its 61st year

Always a highlight of the older Scouts' calendar. Once again we combined with Axe District to give over a hundred youngsters the chance to take part in this event. Many thanks to the many leaders who prepare the scouts each year.

World Scout Jamboree 2023

This time last year we enjoyed meeting the four youngsters from Gordano already to jet off. We are all aware of the difficulties that followed but it was heartening to find from one of the Avon Contingent leaders that our youngsters conducted themselves with resilience and good humour.

Glenny Wood

The 'Jewel in The Crown'. See Phil's report for an update on all the things that have been undertaken by the volunteer team, resulting in significantly increased visits.

Explorers

This has been a year of rather mixed fortunes for Gordano Explorers. Our thanks to George Wormald-Kelly who had to step down from leading Salthouse Explorers at Easter. Many thanks to him for the time and effort put in over the years. We have not been successful in recruiting a new leader yet but. Many of the Salthouse youngsters have been able to join in activities at Kilkenny resulting in bumper numbers which hasn't affected the great programme the leaders are running.

Melons ESU will also soon be looking for a new leader as Robin Macintosh rationalises his scout commitments and discussions are underway with the other Nailsea Unit, Horizon, to give the youngsters a chance to carry on with Explorers. Backwell's unit, Barracudas also has very healthy numbers and a strong programme.

As a District Units, our thanks go to the many Explorer Leaders.

And Lastly

It was sad to hear of the death of Vickie Farrall for many years a leader at Long Ashton and District Secretary. She would have been delighted to attend this year's Long Ashton AGM held at the site of the new HQ last month. A lovely occasion.

All good wishes to the new District Team who will be in contact with their plans for strengthening and supporting our leaders.

Steve Hamey

Tony Tween

District Lead Volunteers

Glenny Annual Review 2023

We have had yet another busy and productive year with Glenny Wood being as popular as ever.

Site Usage - The total usage at Glenny Wood for 2023 is 209 visits/camps with 5737 people on site. Of these, 160 were visits, mainly in the evening, with 4455 people attending, young and older plus 49 camps were held at Glenny Wood with 1282 people on site.

So, year on year overall

- The increase in site usage is significant with 34 more visits and 711 extra people on site.
- This shows 30 more sectional visits mainly during the evenings with 842 people increase over 2022.
- Camps were up by 4 although actual numbers down by 131.

Gordano District Site usage - The site remains very popular with evening visits from Gordano District members with 123 Visits and 3630 District members on site plus 15 camps with 410 attending.

Within Gordano the usage is large and increasing year on year -

- There is a significant increase in visits with an additional 18 occasions and 672 extra visitors.
- Camps were up by 1 with 40 more campers year on year.

Safety - So with the level of usage, we need to maintain a significant focus on safety to reduce risk, not negate, where we can.

Woodlands - To manage the site and keep it safe is a challenge, especially in such a woodland environment. We have again employed an Arboriculture specialist to undertake the annual tree inspection. Following a review of the recommendations, planning permission was then obtained, and the work completed. Most of this felling works is due to Ash Dieback.

Annual Safety Checks – We have several annual checks undertaken by professional people in addition to the Trees, these include Water testing for Bacteria and Legionella, all negative, Fire Extinguishers, Tractors servicing and checks, Site heating boiler as well as electrical PAT testing.

Weekly safety checks - We have a programme of our own site checks which cover the whole site, including Woodlands, Lodge, Loos, Activities and equipment. Any issues identified are quickly resolved.

The electrics have been checked and improved, with some rewiring, switching to LED lighting and significant improvement to the lights outdoors for the paths and around the buildings.

Site Improvement – As in previous years many hundreds of maintenance tasks have been undertaken during 2023. In addition, we look to improve our site. This year this has include,

- New Activities - Radioactive Logs, Sheep Penning, Darts and Table Tennis have been added.
- Wetlands area has been revamped with greater access on paths to the pond for pond dipping and our first bug hotel is in situ.
- The Wetlands Bridge has been rebuilt.
- The Karts track has been significantly changed and easier to use. Thanks to 2nd Portishead scouts for their help with this.
- We have also started on a major project to create a round Glenny Boundary trail, which will include interactive boards. First part is due to be opened in July 2024.

Phil Woolcock

Volunteer Chair

Glenny Wood District Camp Site

2nd Portishead Scout Group

A successful year with 6 full sections, 2 at each age group, and a long waiting list once again showing that Scouting remains popular.

We had lots of chief scout awards achieved in 2023 - 7 Bronze, 17 silver and 4 Gold - with loads more due in 2024.

We had much success recruiting new volunteers in 2023 to keep the 2 beaver sections open. Some leaders are moving up with their own children to cubs and scouts this year so ongoing recruitment is now the norm as new children start.

We continue our search for a new Chair of our Trustee Board as have had no interest to date.

On a Group level one of our Trustees took on the challenge and successfully applied for grants totalling £32,000 for a new minibus as the old one was beyond repair. We have lots of bookings from other scout groups as well as the wider Portishead community.

Our hall is also now available for hire at a very reasonable £10 per hour, (Shameless plug) and we are looking to install sound attenuation similar to 1st Nailsea to reduce sound levels in the main hall. We already have £1500 Grant towards this.

Caroline Hill
Group Lead Volunteer
2nd Portishead Scout Group

2nd Clevedon - GLV's Report

2023-24 has been a year of consolidation for 2nd Clevedon. The Group now benefits from a full leadership team for all three sections as well as a full board of trustees. Having thriving leadership is helping us to slowly reduce our waiting lists for all three sections.

Land Yeo Beaver Colony has been able to offer an imaginative and challenging programme of outdoor and indoor activities as well as visits to Coast Guard, RNLI and emergency services.

Lion Cub Pack continues to grow with 26 members who have enjoyed a programme of outdoor skills and activities at Glenny Wood as well as visits to Laser Tag and many other activities. The leadership team have been able to provide a varied programme, and are working towards gaining nights away permits to take the pack camping.

Aztec Scout Troop is beginning to grow again, although the age profile of the Troop is still quite young because of the after effects of the pandemic. As well as a busy and adventurous programme including kayaking, night hikes, geocaching and beach barbeques, the Troop enjoyed a weekend camp at Glenny Wood. After missing a summer camp last year the Troop will be camping this year at Buddens in Dorset. Congratulations go to our four Scouts who all successfully completed the Ten Tors 35 mile challenge this May.

We were sorry to lose our very successful Salthouse ESU this year due to leaders having to leave because of work and family commitments, but we hope that we can recruit a new Explorer lead volunteer and team to fulfil this important provision in Clevedon

We welcomed Lizzie Wormald-Kelly as our new Chair to the Board of Trustees this year and thank them for their continuing support, fundraising and commitment to the Group as we get to grips with the changes that transformation bring.

After 15 years as GSL at 2CS, I will be standing down once we have appointed a new GSL. I will be joining the Gordano District Leadership Team to help grow and promote Scouting across the District. It has been a privilege and honour to lead the Group over the past 15 years, something I could not have achieved without an exceptional and committed team of volunteers, supporters and, of course, young people.

Simon Kelly - Group Lead Volunteer 2nd Clevedon

1st Nailsea Report 2024

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been able to enjoy a full programme of events during the year, and have come together for a group carol service (complete with the growing Scout and guide Band) and an expanded Remembrance Parade in November. As usual in July, we were delighted that Nailsea Carnival was again a great success, bringing a sense of community and putting smiles on lots of faces, whilst also providing a helpful opportunity to raise funds for the Group.

In addition to organising Nailsea Carnival, our excellent team of fundraising volunteers, Friends of 1st Nailsea, have also continued to run several clothing collections via *Bags2School* to bring in much-needed funds. As ever, the Trustees are immensely grateful for their support, as well as to all of the people who made donations.

We were also very pleased to support the Santa float around Nailsea this year which is always a highlight of the festive season, and have had a stall at several monthly Nailsea Farmers markets to show presence in the community and work on recruitment.

Sections

Beavers

The two Beaver colonies continued to run at full capacity all year, with a varied and exciting programme. This year Beavers have been learning about potatoes, fair trade, endangered animals and Poland to name but a few topics. They have been tobogganing, pond dipping and have a visit from some exotic creatures including snakes and bearded dragons! . Four of our long serving beaver leaders are looking to finish in the summer of 2024 so we have been recruiting and training 4 new leaders to take over the reigns in late 2024. Sleepovers were held twice during the year to start the beavers getting used to staying away from home ready for future camps when they move to cubs. The halloween one was particularly muddy and included a walk through a field with some inquisitive cows. As we aim to do every year all those who moved up to Cubs during the year also achieved their *Chief Scout's Bronze Award*.

Cubs

Our three Cub packs continue to run a little under full capacity as we still only have 2 Beaver Colonies but a few new direct entries have helped keep numbers a little higher. The Cubs have been very busy again cooking, gardening, learning circus skills, learning about the parts of the human body, trying new foods, making bath bombs, perfected their first aid skills and camp skills.

They have visited an escape room (followed by setting up their own version at the scout HQ) gone to the Weston Pantomime, tried canoeing and climbing, gone bowling and had fun at our local campsite Glennywood doing backwards cooking and fire lighting .

Concorde and Compass Cubs went on their annual camp at Huish Camp Site, with a visit to the Fleet Air arm museum as part of the camp. Jack Warry held a camp at Butchers Coppice near Poole which included a day trip to Brownsea Island (the home of the 1st scout camp !) Unfortunately Baggy is retiring in September so we are also busy recruiting and training new Cub leaders of rConcorde and Compass Packs. She will be greatly missed and big shoes to fill

Most Cubs again managed to achieve their *Chief Scout's Silver Award* and *Gordano Challenge* awards.

Scouts

Our Scout Troops have been running full to capacity during the year which is great and continue to run a full and varied programme. The Scouts have been making good use of our new climbing wall, learning new practical skills in car and bike maintenance and cooking. Visits include to a Bristol Mosque, Laserquest and the Bristol Royal Infirmary. Finally mountain biking and Caving are a couple of new skills they have tried out over the year.

Both Troops ran successful camps in the summer, with Raptor Troop camping in Devon (although they had very challenging weather conditions leading to a last minute move from tents into a local farmers barn due to high winds!) and Tomahawk Troop travelling to Biblins Camp Site on the river Wye again with 2nd Nailsea Scouts for a joint camp

Both troops managed to get several older scouts through their *Chief Scout's Gold Award* last year culminating in their expedition (a two-day hike, with a night under canvas without a leader present).

Band

The Scout and Guide band is going from strength to strength this year with several new members and the occasional bolster from some slightly rusty musical leaders. Performances included the carnival in June and the Christmas Carol Service. All the practice paid off in November when the first marching performance took place leading the remembrance parade. Many compliments were heard and it is great to have a marching band again. Their most recent event was supporting the D Day 80 yrs celebration in Long Ashton with laying of the Drums ceremony

Nicole Jellis GLV

Long Ashton Report 2024

Overall, the Long Ashton Group successfully ran and maintained 6 Scouting sections within the Group: 2 Beaver Colonies, 2 Cub Packs, 2 Scout Troops, during which we:

- Successfully took on new Scout members, progressed existing members through Scouting, and released older Scouts into further Scouting, all the while adhering to the values of Scouting throughout.
- Enjoyed mixtures of indoor and outdoor activities across all Sections, as well as community support work and growth of individual skill and knowledge in age appropriate ways, including coast steering, scuba diving, camps, cooking and lots of pioneering
- Trained new leaders and encouraged the continual development of existing leaders
- Supported the local community with outreach activities for the good of the village, with significant input and visibility for local event support and community cleanup activities.

For numbers we have approximately 130 members, and a waiting list of 110. The challenge to our waiting list is getting sufficient volunteers to help us with ratios and growth of Sections

As a Group we are progressing our new HQ planning well. We own the land, have erected borders and land entrances, installed electricity and water to the site. We are awaiting final planning permissions and council road safety works before initiating build. As part of this, installing green waste water processing and selecting a project manager are the next activities, along with establishing future revenue lines to undertake the build.

We are experiencing a downturn in the number of leaders and operational volunteers and are having difficulty establishing a leader refresh pipeline at the moment. Some of this appears to be, anecdotally, that the increased focus on compliance is starting to turn away some potential helpers.

Sean Davin GVL

Cleeve Claverham and Yatton Scout Group
Report May 2023 – May 2024

Scout Group: Leadership Team – Main Leaders:

Consisting of: Steve Attrill – Group Lead Volunteer (GLV)

1 x Scout Troop (Monday) Scout Lead Volunteer – Vacant (SLV)

1 x Cub Pack (Thursday) Cub Lead Volunteer - Helen Grice-Roberts (CLV)

1 x Beaver Colony (Tuesday) Beaver Lead Volunteer – Steph Grey (BLV)

Key Trustee Board (Executive Committee) Members:

Nicholas Ogborne – Group Chairperson, Ben Andrewes – Group Treasurer

Overall Scout Group operation:

Overall operation of the Scout Group has been maintained despite continued difficulty retaining and recruiting new adult volunteers. However, between September 2023 and January 2024 all the sections were able to provide a full programme of Scouting activities. Appeals for additional volunteers continue to be made with a few supporters coming forward but only willing to offer occasional helper type assistance. Core members for the Trustee Board roles of Chair and Treasurer have been secured.

Scout Troop: Scout Troop has operated until January 2024 with Kathryn Kinson (as Lead Volunteer). Kathryn was supported by Greg Derrick (Section Assistant). Kathryn stepped down from the Lead role and no sustained Lead has yet stepped forward. After a period when Troop meetings needed to be suspended the Scout Troop is currently operating with extra oversight from our Cub Lead.

Cub Pack: Cub Pack has operated throughout the year with Helen Grice-Roberts as Cub Lead Volunteer. Helen has been supported by two Becky Cullinane and Richard Perrett. With Richard gradually taking over the Lead Volunteer role under guidance from Helen.

Beaver Colony: Beaver Colony has operated throughout the year with Steph Grey as Beaver Lead Volunteer. Steph has been ably supported by Matt Saunders during this period. During this year we have been able to steadily expand the membership numbers to a full capacity Colony.

Financial Report and Accounts (Charity Registration Number 1018836):

Funds at end of the 2023 accounting period stood at £38,610.70. Noting that this figure includes, £10,076.86 which was transferred from the closure of a Scout Association Savings Account. It also includes an erroneous donation of £5,000.00 from Bristol Airport a funding grant that they intended to make to Cleeve Tennis Club. Other than these unusual figures the overall funding position remaining relatively stable through the year with approx. £12,000.00 expenditure and income transactions.

Steve Attrill GLV

2nd Nailsea Report

So it's our 50th Anniversary year for 2nd Nailsea Scouts.

In those 50 years the group has grown and developed with the times. Providing the community with valuable youth opportunities, adventures and life skills.

We will be celebrating with a fun day later in the year. And a leaders and ex members meal.

Numbers and facts

At the start of 2023 our census numbers were 157 YP attending across all our 7 Sections (including our partner Explorer unit MELONS) –

This has dropped slightly and our current membership numbers are at 137 YP when recorded for the February Census 2024.

In 2023

357 badges were awarded to Beavers

387 badges were awarded in 2023 to Cubs

413 badges were awarded in 2023 to Scouts

From the above numbers there were 14 Chief Scout Bronze awards for Beavers
10 Chief Scout Silver awards for Cubs and 13 Chief Scout Gold awards for Scouts.

These are the highest awards for each of the Sections

Overall 1157 badges/awards were awarded in 2023 to our Beavers/Cubs and Scouts.

Badges awarded to date this year (2024) are 474. Sorry no breakdown on these.

Trips and activities last year included: Nights Away opportunities for all Sections at Glenny Wood; Numerous local trips or Hikes, lots of scouting skills, sailing, paddle boarding and much more besides. The number of badges awarded during 2023 speak for themselves.

Scouts also shared a Summer Camp 2023: Bibins with 1st Nailsea

The Explorers had a Hammock and Bushcraft camp

Cubs had a Camp 2023 at Glenny huge success and lot of fun.

There will be a 50TH Anniversary Cub camp this year is at PGL with 31 attending.

Scouts Gold Expedition Dartmoor event last October with another this coming September. This is an opportunity for the older scouts to see if they want to take part in the TEN TORS event.

We have had a strong and successful Ten Tors Training team for a very long time

With another full team finishing this just last month

There will be no big camps this year as we are low on adult resources across all sections.

Leading to RECRUITMENT

Our weak point at the moment is recruiting and appointing new Team members within the Adult Leader Teams. Without adults stepping forward to support the Group and to join the Leadership Teams, this will have a knock-on effect across the Sections and the activities we are able to offer.

WE ALL work alongside an amazing Team of Volunteers, who give up their time to ensure we offer the best possible experiences in Scouting. PERSONALY SOME OF MY CLOSEST FRIENDS AND EVEN MY WIFE HAVE COME FROM MY 35 YEARS INVOLVED IN ADULT SCOUTING ! Also I have experienced adventures and activities that I would have never had the opportunity to do without scouting

We will however, continue to struggle unless more adults step forward to help.

With the Scout Association Transformation work that is currently taking place it will make volunteering easier, and we hope more adults will join us.

You will have noticed the cracks — not as many off-site activities, programme plans not being sent out in a timely way and delays in getting badges ordered.

Sections meetings getting changed or cancelled at short notice

To bring the Leadership Teams up to full numbers a minimum of 10 more Volunteers are needed. Could you be one of these? Please speak with your Leaders or let me know how you can help.

THANKS

I need to thank all the Section volunteers for keeping the programme exciting and fun for the YP. It's no mean feat with the admin behind the scenes as well.

The trustees for providing support and governance to the group, our financial security and also guiding the group forwards.

Thank you to the small team that keep the building up to date and maintained to such a high standard. We are very lucky to have such a brilliant building and grounds.

Thank you to the Mayfair Committee and Christmas post team (Toni) for the valuable fundraising.

Our brilliant group and team made us stand out to the Pride of Bristol ex minesweeper that used to be based in the docks, they donated a few thousand pounds to us when they closed their charity.

And I need to thank ANN, for supporting all the leaders and especially me on my journey with 2nd Nailsea Scouts

ANN

Ann has been involved at 2nd Nailsea for 27 years. From starting as parent and becoming a leader then on to GSL for more than 20 years

Ann has decided step down from her Role and hand over to someone else.

ANN has enjoyed all of her time over those years and worked alongside some truly lovely people who have taught her lots of skills as she has to others.

This group and the sections would not be how it is today without the time and dedication given by ANN

ANN won't get off that lightly though! In-between her holidays with Steve

She we still be involved behind the scenes, a few trips or Camps to organise!

And supporting with training and leader administration and important guidance

Finally thank you all for coming! And if you can

Please step forward to help. you will make a difference.

My take home message tonight is simple: "please make a difference and volunteer with us"

Robin Macintosh GLV

Horizon Explorers Report (Heather Clark, Unit Leader)

Horizon Explorers are based at 1st Nailsea

We currently have 19 on our books and expect more to come up from scouts in September. We take scouts from Nailsea, Yatton and Long Ashton. We have successfully competed in the Ten Tors Challenge with 3 competing 55miles and 1 the 45 mile challenge.

We also entered the Rickard Shield Challenge , managing to win the trophy which was amazing given the wet night.

We also entered the Monopoly Run in London for the first time and are certainly going to compete again. It was great fun.

We have a varied programe with 3 leaders, myself, Alex and Eleanor, soon to be joined by Mike Daynes in September

When the schools break up we are camping on Exmoor at Horner Wood for 3nights and have a packed programme arranged in association with The National Trust.

Barracuda Explorers

It's been another good year for Barracudas with numbers continuing to grow and we now have 46 active members with projections to go over 50 after the summer.

Our highlight of the year was taking over 20 Explorers to Europe last summer, visiting Amsterdam, Berlin, Prague and Bratislava. A great time was had by all and with nearly 2,000 rail miles completed we have "trained" (pun intended 😊) our youth in the joys of interrailing. Plans are currently in hand to follow this up with walking the Camino Ingles this summer, a 65-mile pilgrimage from Reading to Southampton. Other camps and events have included a winter camp in the Brecon Beacons and the London Monopoly Run.

Our Ten Tors representation and results once again did us proud with 27 Explorers completing their respective challenges. Thanks to all those that helped with support and training.

Iain Rhodes Unit Leader

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GORDANO DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual Statement of Accounts 2023 – Treasurer’s Report

1. The attached is a true record of the District Consolidated Accounts for the Year 1st January - 31st December 2023. They have been certified by our auditor, whose report is also attached.
2. Overall, income broadly matched expenditure during 2023; cash funds increased by just under £3,000.
3. The Consolidated accounts show that funds are in a very healthy position and the Trustee Board will highlight this to the new leadership team once fully in place with a view to allocation to projects and programmes for the benefit of the Groups in the District
4. As shown in the accounts the funds are currently allocated as follows:-
 - 1) District Contingency £5,000
 - 2) Growth & Development Fund - £20,000 set aside to support Groups with initiatives to develop scouting across the District
 - 3) District Events Fund - £5,000 representing unspent budgets from the District levy due to the restrictions imposed during the pandemic
 - 4) The Portishead Development Fund - £2,000 (donated by Portishead Council) has been allocated to the Portishead Groups for projects.
 - 5) World Scout Jamboree Fund - £2,485 an annual sum of £1,000 is allocated to ensure that we have funds available to support attendees, as we have always done in past years.
5. In addition to £10k contributions from the annual membership fees in the District, Glenny Wood also benefited from £17k in site fees from scouts from outside our district as well as other organisations who make use of the site in various ways, including police training activities.
6. The £28k expenditure at Glenny Wood during 2023 includes significant spend of over £7k to replace the ageing lighting with updated LED illuminations. This more sustainable lighting has also improved safety at the site. General safety at the site including management of trees remains a constant financial commitment and represented an outlay of over £7k in 2023.

Gordano District Scouts

Consolidated Receipts and Payments Account 2023

	01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023	01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023	01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023	01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022
Receipts and Payments Account	District General A/c	District Glenny Wood Operational Account	Total District Accounts 2023	Total District Accounts 2022
Receipts				
Membership subscriptions	£76,616		£76,616	£69,960
Less: Membership subscriptions paid	£60,288		£60,288	£54,802
Net membership subscriptions retained	£16,328	£0	£16,328	£15,158
Other income -				
Gift Aid	£1,078		£1,078	£1,276
Donations, legacies etc.	£2,494		£2,494	£500
Grants			£0	£2,667
Other income – Kilkenny subs	£131		£131	
Sub total	£3,703	£0	£3,703	£4,443
Operational Income -				
Programme & Events	£9,815		£9,815	£9,496
World Scout Jamboree attendees fundraising	£4,300		£4,300	£3,980
Glenny Wood - Rental		£17,278	£17,278	£14,130
Glenny Wood - Utilities refund				
Glenny Wood - Shop sales		£930	£930	£331
Glenny Wood - Equipment usage			£0	£0
Scout Shop - Sales			£0	£469
Scout Badge Sales	£1,701		£1,701	£1,948
Misc / Donations		£152	£152	£0
First Aid training	£500		£500	£1,100
Sub total	£16,316	£18,360	£34,676	£31,454
Investment income -				
Bank Interest	£307	£257	£564	£4
Sub total	£307	£257	£564	£4
Total Gross Income	£36,654	£18,617	£55,271	£51,059
Asset and investment sales, etc.	£0	£0	£0	£0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£36,654	£18,617	£55,271	£51,059

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Receipts and Payments Account	District General A/c	District Glenny Wood Operational Account	Total District Accounts 2023	Total District Accounts 2022
Charitable Payments -				
Programme & Events	£12,188		£12,188	£11,816
World Scout Jamboree	£6,140		£6,140	£5,640
Adult Support and Training	£630		£630	£1,550
Partnership Agreements (Hall Hire)			£0	£0
Shop			£0	£5
Health & Safety		£7,133	£7,133	£13,946
Utilities		£3,888	£3,888	£3,339
Insurance	£52	£894	£946	£852
Maintenance		£5,595	£5,595	£4,869
Development		£10,840	£10,840	£5,062
Minor Equipment	£1,396		£1,396	£0
Admin & Expenses	£210		£210	£723
Donations	£494		£494	£0
Gift Aid to sections	£1,078		£1,078	£1,276
Auditor Fees	£150		£150	£150
Bank Charges	£84		£84	£104
Grant To Groups	£173		£173	£0
Uniform			£0	£0
Music Licence fees	£437		£437	£397
Sub total	£23,032	£28,350	£51,382	£49,729
Other Expenditure -				
Badge purchases	£1,270		£1,270	£352
Scout Shop purchases			£0	£0
Sub total	£1,270	£0	£1,270	£352
Total Gross Expenditure	£24,302	£28,350	£52,652	£50,081
Total Payments	£24,302	£28,350	£52,652	£50,081
Net of Receipts/(Payments)	£12,352	-£9,733	£2,619	£978
Cash funds last year end	£44,948	£27,848	£72,796	£71,818
Glenny Wood User agreement	-£9,797	£9,797	£0	£0
Cash Funds This Year End	£47,503	£27,912	£75,415	£72,796

Gordano District Scouts

Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the End of the Year

	01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023	01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023	01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023	01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022
	District General A/c	District Glenny Wood Operational Account	Total District Accounts 2023	Total District Accounts 2022
Cash funds				
Bank current account - Lloyds	£12,819	£2,621	£15,440	£15,738
Bank current account – Santander				
Bank deposit account – Lloyds:-		£25,257	£25,257	£20,000
World Scout Jamboree Fund	£2,485		£2,485	£3,000
District Contingency Fund	£5,000		£5,000	£5,000
Portishead Development Fund	£1,985		£1,985	£1,985
Growth & Development Fund	£19,907		£19,907	£20,000
District Events Fund	£5,000		£5,000	£5,000
Ten Tors Radios Fund			£0	£2,000
Interest Not Divested	£307		£307	
Cash		£34	£34	£73
Total Cash Funds	£47,503	£27,912	£75,415	£72,796
Other Monetary Assets				
Debtors	£0	£0	£0	£0
Debts due	£0	£0	£0	£0
Sub total	£0	£0	£0	£0
Investment assets				
Investment property - detail	£0	£0	£0	£0
Sub total	£0	£0	£0	£0
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
District Badge stock – core badges	£584		£584	£424
District Badge stock – other badges	£628		£628	£2,208
Glenny Shop stock		£1,247	£1,247	£1,606
Land (net of depreciation)		£60,000	£60,000	£60,000
Buildings (net of depreciation)		£11,387	£11,387	£11,387
Motor vehicles (net of depreciation)		£0	£0	£0
Equipment (net of depreciation)		£7,715	£7,715	£8,817
Other			£0	£0
Sub total	£1,212	£80,349	£81,561	£84,442
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	£131		£131	
Expenses incurred - Not paid				
Other				
Sub total	£131	£0	£131	£0
Contingent liabilities and future obligations	£0	£0	£0	£0

GORDANO DISTRICT SECTION ACCOUNTS	Cash funds Dec 2023	Total receipts in 2023	Total Expenditure in 2023	Cash funds Dec 2022
Barracuda ESU	£4,221	£24,220	£29,043	£9,044
Clevedon ESU	£2,772	£4,229	£4,393	£2,936
Horizon ESU	£2,634	£2,771	£2,267	£2,130
Kilkenny ESU	£4,745	£3,377	£3,920	£5,288
Ten Tors	£4,826	£20,992	£20,291	£4,125
Ten Tors - 45/55	£10,921	£9,807	£7,307	£8,421
Section Account - District total	£30,119	£65,396	£67,221	£31,944

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

GORDANO

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Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's/District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group/District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *):

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act ;and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
 have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply

Name: 

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GORDANO DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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District Events Fund	£5,000		£5,000	£0
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Cash	£34	£39	£73	£57
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Other Monetary Assets				
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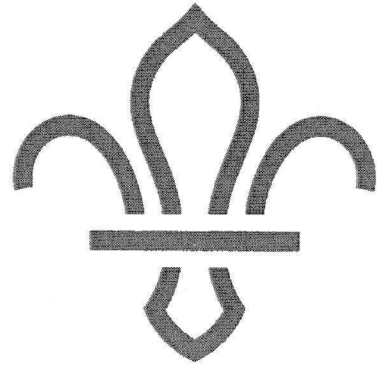
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June 2022

Gordano District

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Net membership subscriptions retained	£14,300	£0	£14,300	£16,471
Other Income -				
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Grants - Covid 19 For Glenny Wood	£16,097		£16,097	£11,334
Sub total	£19,359	£0	£19,359	£14,303
Operational income -				
Programme & Events			£0	£0
World Scout Jamboree			£0	£0
Glenny Wood - Rental		£5,338	£5,338	£1,823
Glenny Wood - Utilities refund		£510	£510	£267
Glenny Wood - Shop sales		£267	£267	£0
Glenny Wood - Equipment usage			£0	£0
Scout Shop - Sales		£405	£405	£159
Misc / Donations		£2,411	£2,411	£0
Scout Badge Sales	£3,110		£3,110	£1,811
First Aid training	£2,475		£2,475	£0
Sub total	£5,585	£8,931	£14,516	£4,060
Investment income -				
Bank / Building Society interest	£0	£0	£0	£1
Sub total	£0	£0	£0	£1
Total Gross Income	£39,244	£8,931	£48,175	£34,835
Asset and investment sales, etc.		£0	£0	£0
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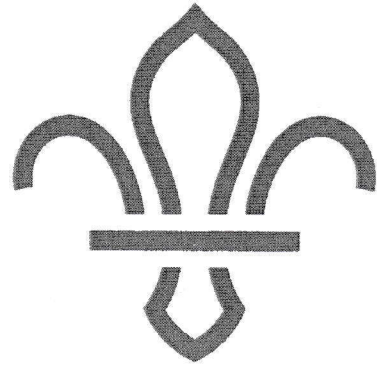
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Programme & Events			£0	£506
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Shop		£2	£2	£2,052
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Utilities		£1,411	£1,411	£2,237
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Maintenance		£8,082	£8,082	£8,284
Glenny Wood - Development		£2,095	£2,095	£3,338
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Admin	£158		£158	£0
Donations	£37		£37	£0
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AGM and trustee expenses			£0	£0
Bank Charges	£92		£92	£102
Grant	£725		£725	£2,250
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Music Licence fees	£342		£342	£332
Auditor Fees	£150		£150	£150
Sub total	£5,328	£17,028	£22,356	£25,477
Other Expenditure -				
Fundraising expenses				
Badge purchases	£1,806		£1,806	£985
Challenge Badge Purchases			£0	£0
Scout Shop purchases		£567	£567	£123
Sub total	£1,806	£567	£2,373	£1,108
Total Gross Expenditure	£7,134	£17,595	£24,729	£26,585
Asset purchases, etc.			£0	£12,519
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Jamboree Fund	£3,000		£3,000	£3,000
Grants - Warry Fund notional			£0	£0
Portishead development (funding)	£1,985		£1,985	£1,985
District Contingency Funding	£2,500		£2,500	£2,500
Bank deposit account	£1,369		£1,369	£1,369
Building society account			£0	£0
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service			£0	£0
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Other monetary assets				
Debtors	£0	£0	£0	£0
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Sub total	£0	£0	£0	£0
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
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Glenny Shop stock		£1,925	£1,925	£2,002
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Other			£0	£0
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Liabilities				
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Bank current account	£32,162	£30,745	£62,907	£39,463
Jamboree Fund	£3,000		£3,000	£3,000
Grants - Warry Fund notional			£0	£0
Portishead development (funding)	£1,985		£1,985	£1,985
District Contingency Funding	£2,500		£2,500	£2,500
Bank deposit account	£1,369		£1,369	£1,369
Building society account			£0	£0
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service			£0	£0
Total cash funds	£41,050	£30,768	£71,818	£48,372
Other monetary assets				
Debtors	£0	£0	£0	£0
Debts due	£0	£0	£0	£0
Sub total	£0	£0	£0	£0
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Glenny Shop stock		£1,925	£1,925	£2,002
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Land (net of depreciation)		£60,000	£60,000	£60,000
Buildings (net of depreciation)		£11,387	£11,387	£11,387
Motor vehicles (net of depreciation)		£0	£0	£62
Equipment (net of depreciation)		£10,076	£10,076	£11,515
Other			£0	£0
Sub total	£3,366	£83,388	£86,754	£89,318
Liabilities			£0	£0
Accounts not yet paid			£0	£0
Expenses incurred - Not paid			£0	£0
Loans			£0	£0
Other liabilities Unpresented Cheques			£0	£0
Sub total	£0	£0	£0	£0
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Horizon ESU	£1,698	£3,593	£1,895	£0
Ten Tors	£6,719	£3,018	£2,296	£5,997
Ten Tors - 45/55	£8,526	£5,953	£652	£3,225
Kilkenny ESU	£5,368	£373	£703	£5,698
Barracuda ESU	£5,717	£8,723	£8,286	£5,280
Clevedon ESU	£2,160	£874	£633	£1,919
Section Account - District total	£30,188	£22,534	£17,632	£25,286

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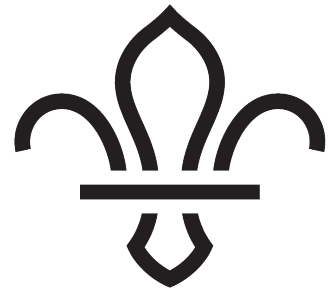
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GORDANO DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT & Accounts

For the year

1st January 2020

to

31st December 2020

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Gordano Scout District
Annual General Meeting 22nd July 2021
Glenny Lodge

District Commissioners' Report

Introduction

This report covers the period March 2020 to June 2021. Two annual reports are compressed into one because of the Covid Pandemic which led to sustained periods of lockdown when no face to face activities were permitted. It aims to give a flavour of some of the Scouting activities that did go on in Gordano District and also the real and somewhat unexpected progress many Gordano Scout Groups made with their community and premises.

What we missed

In the week before Lockdown 1, Explorer Scouts from Kilkenny and Barracudas ESUs took part in the annual County Ricard Shield incident night hike (14/15 March 2020). Kilkenny was defending the shield and managed second place. Barracudas also put up a good showing in icy weather on a very windy part of The Mendips. Well done to all Explorers taking part. Ricard is a very demanding challenge and as ever our young people were a credit to our District. Despite considerable practice from teams numbering in total over a hundred youngsters, the annual Ten Tors Challenge was cancelled due to the pandemic. A Dragon Slayer event at Westonbirt Arboretum, April 2020, promised to be legendary as did a number of group and Explorer camps at home and abroad. Triple X explorer trip to Hungary was intended to mark the stepping down of 'Team Woolcock' in suitable style was, sadly, one of the victims.

Some great things still happened

As we moved into Autumn 2020 many Gordano Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer sections began online activities and we all became very familiar with Zoom! Creativity online thrived, from indoor and outdoor cooking to ice cream making, from quizzes to talent shows. Individual and family 'camping', either in the front room or on the lawn was very popular. Quite a few badges were gained in unusual circumstances. HQ set a number of nationwide challenges, walking to The Moon had a good local take up with a national totalling of steps.

Many of our scouts and leaders in true scouting spirit helped out in the community with shopping, letter writing and other supportive activities. More of this later.

Leader meetings also started online with some now unlikely to move back face to face in the near future, if ever. During 2020/2021, Groups moved at their own pace with on-line activities and plans to arrange meetings in permitted numbers and configurations of leaders and youngsters.

By Autumn 2020, after the summer break we moved tentatively with mask wearing and activities that were socially distanced. Many leaders spent a considerable amount of time and effort preparing meeting places with risk assessments, suitable meeting and distancing signage, cleaning and personal sanitising facilities. Meetings were held outside as far as possible.

Training for 2021 Ten Tors training began tentatively but was suspended when it became obvious that a third Ten Tors Event would be cancelled. Gordano trainers held their own, compliant, one day events as camping was still a long way away. These were much appreciated by all participants and were very welcome contrast to the mental and physical constraints of lockdown. Over 100 youngsters and trainers took part.

As we move towards an easing of covid restrictions (July 2021) scouting activities remain very largely outdoors. Substantial use has been made of the great facilities offered by Glenny Wood and as always, sincere thanks to the team which makes this possible. Moving into the darker months indoor activities will demand further planning and imagination.

In these trying times leaders, youngsters and parents have found support, interest and comfort from Scouting. The 2021 census showed a drop in numbers of about 11% against a national average of approximately 14%. Much of this could be explained by virtually no intake of Beavers from the start of lockdown until the end of the year. The normal moving on did take place during the year and since Easter, places have been slowly filled by youngsters from waiting lists, where leader numbers have allowed.

Government Support

The Business Rates support grants (£11334 in 2020 and another £14001 since the beginning of 2021) were welcome injections of funding. Most of groups who were eligible because Business Rates are payable on their premises. Very good use was made of the time and money across the District with many volunteers using HQ improvements as a 'lockdown project'. Details for these improvements have been proudly displayed at Group AGMs

Going the 'extra mile'

In scouting all leaders give freely of their time and effort. However, in these difficult times some of our leaders have worked exceptionally hard to provide support and encouragement to their own groups and the wider community. In a number of cases, local organisations, have asked for scout leaders to be recognised. As District Commissioners we have been pleased to do so with Commissioner and National Awards: Thanks to you all.

National Awards:

Award for Merit

12 years plus of exceptional service to Scouting

Angus Wardle, 1st Portishead / Glenny service Team

Vickie Farrall, District Appointments Secretary,

Steve Jappy, Scout and Cub Leader, Crockerne Scouts

Steve Woodrow, Executive, 2nd Nailsea

Commissioners' Commendation

For service to Clevedon Community during lockdowns (Clevedon Aid)

Lizzie Harvey

George Wormald-Kelly

Simon Kelly

For service to their groups and sections:

Alex Bolton, 1st Nailsea

Ellen Bolton, 1st Nailsea

Pip Honor, 1st Nailsea Jack Warry Cub Pack

Natalie Jones, 2nd Portishead

Iain Rhodes, Barracuda Explorers, Backwell

Graham Wild, Barracuda Explorers, Backwell

Steve Parker, Executive, 2nd Nailsea

Rich Simmons, Chair, 2nd Nailsea

Steve Woodrow, Executive 2nd Nailsea

Some 'Hellos'

To members of the Regional Support Team who assisted with leader recruitment in Portishead and in the formation of:

Horizon Explorer Unit

After, Phil, Kath, Rach and other Triple X Explorer Leaders stepped away after long service, we looked to the services of the Regional Team to help reform an Explorer Unit that would replace Triple X and serve not only Nailsea but Long Ashton and Yatton too.

Horizon ESU is the pleasing result with strong membership and leaders moving to work with an older age group. All good wishes to them.

And 'Thank You's'

To 'Team Woolcock', Phil, Kath and Rach and their colleagues who stepped away from leading Triple X Explorers after many years of distinguished leadership.

In our successful recruitment work in Portishead we used the strap line 'Scout Leaders make a Difference' – a bit corny perhaps but the demands of the Covid emergency have shown this to be very true. As Commissioners we have the pleasure of getting glimpses of the work that goes on with our youngsters and it rarely fails to inspire.

So, a big '**thank you**' to you all.

And lastly: all organisations need a back room team to make them work properly. Vickie Farrall who has stepped down to a less demanding role on the District Exec was firstly Beaver Leader and then GSL at Long Ashton, moving to serve for nearly eight years as District Appointments Secretary. Many Thanks and all our good wishes, Vickie

Steve Hamey

Tony Tween

Co – District Commissioners, Gordano Scout District

Glenny Wood 2020 review

As we all know Glenny Wood has been closed for much of the year due to the COVID-19 epidemic that has swept the world.

So, during this time our small group of volunteers have spent many, many hours on site and developing revised strategies so we can start to re-open again. Much of the time earlier in the year have worked in separate family groups to meeting the Government advice. In the summer and on we have been able to meet up more as a small team, socially distanced and maintaining the Governments rules.

What's happened?

- Skills for life - this is a set of activities and information is ready. These leaders can access to use in and around Glenny Wood, so improving the Young people's knowledge and skills. It's all laid on a plate for the leader to deliver.
- The wood from the trees we had felled has been collected and stored
- We have painted / treated - All the sheds – Fencing – Decking - Main Campfire seating - Aerial Runway platform, railings etc. - Adult loos panels
- Cut the grass, so many times both Tractor cutting and Hand mowing
- Strimmed the banks, around the plateaus and stream.
- Electrics – professional electricians in to
 - Install additional hand dryers
 - Update the lighting in the showers
 - Undertake the electrical inspection
 - other works
- Boiler has been serviced by our plumber
- Fire Extinguishers annual check completed by Chubb Fire and Security Ltd
- Hedge and Plateau slopes cut by Tom and his large tractor
- Covid-19 Risk Assessment and policy created and approved
- This website significantly amended.
- Covid-19 safe signs, developed, laminated and put up.
- Covid-19 safe changes made to loos
- Squirrel trail put up
- Site Inspection programme redesigned, and inspections undertaken
- Further tree planting to meet planning permission requirements
- New tree protection put up around our new plants
- New waste management system installed
- General maintenance work on site

Volunteers undertaking this work have been -

- Phil & Kath Woolcock
- Angus, Louise, Callum and Hamish Wardle.....
- Rachel Whiting
- Tony Tween
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Gordano District Accounts

Receipts and Payments Account

	01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020	01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020	01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020	01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019
Receipts	District Operational A/c	District Glenny Wood Operational Account	Total District Accounts 2020	Total District Accounts 2019
Donations, legacies etc.				
Membership subscriptions	£67,151		£67,151	£73,840
Less: Membership subscriptions paid	£50,680		£50,680	£57,030
Net membership subscriptions retained	£16,471	£0	£16,471	£16,810
Other income -			£0	£0
Gift Aid	£1,648		£1,648	£3,827
Miscellaneous - SAS closure	£1,321		£1,321	£500
Grants - Covid 19 For Glenny Wood	£11,334		£11,334	£0
Sub total	£14,303	£0	£14,303	£4,327
Operational income -				
Programme & Events			£0	£10,685
World Scout Jamboree			£0	£7,995
Glenny Wood - Rental		£1,823	£1,823	£15,341
Glenny Wood - Utilities refund		£267	£267	£122
Glenny Wood - Shop sales		£0	£0	£846
Glenny Wood - Equipment usage		£0	£0	£1,557
Scout Shop - Sales		£159	£159	£731
Misc / Donations		£0	£0	£6,721
Scout Badge Sales	£1,811		£1,811	£5,492
First Aid training			£0	£480
Sub total	£1,811	£2,249	£4,060	£49,970
Investment income -			£0	£0
Bank / Building Society interest	£1	£0	£1	£3
Sub total	£1	£0	£1	£3
Total Gross Income	£32,586	£2,249	£34,835	£71,110
Asset and investment sales, etc.		£0	£0	£0
Total receipts	£32,586	£2,249	£34,835	£71,110

	01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020	01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020	01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020	01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019
Payments	District Operational A/c	District Glenny Wood Operational Account	Total District Accounts 2020	Total District Accounts 2019
Charitable Payments -				
Programme & Events	£506		£506	£13,087
World Scout Jamboree			£0	£9,595
Adult support and training	£1,170		£1,170	£530
Shop		£2,052	£2,052	£0
Health & Safety		£1,901	£1,901	£0
Utilities		£2,237	£2,237	£2,807
Insurance	£42	£735	£777	£966
Maintenance		£8,284	£8,284	£6,094
Glenny Wood - Development		£3,338	£3,338	£5,087
#Portishead development (funding)			£0	£0
Admin			£0	£447
Donations			£0	£0
Gift Aid to sections	£1,648		£1,648	£3,827
AGM and trustee expenses			£0	£0
Bank Charges	£102		£102	£0
Grant	£2,250		£2,250	£0
Misc (Refunds due to Covid19)		£730	£730	£268
Music Licence fees	£332		£332	£322
Auditor Fees	£150		£150	£150
Sub total	£6,200	£19,277	£25,477	£43,180
Other Expenditure -				
Fundraising expenses				
Badge purchases	£985		£985	£4,962
Challenge Badge Purchases			£0	
Scout Shop purchases		£123	£123	£318
Sub total	£985	£123	£1,108	£5,280
Total Gross Expenditure	£7,185	£19,400	£26,585	£48,460
Asset purchases, etc.		£12,519	£12,519	£0
Total payments	£7,185	£31,919	£39,104	£48,460
Net of receipts/(payments)	£25,401	-£29,670	-£4,269	£22,650
Cash funds last year end	£26,356	£26,286	£52,642	£29,992
Glenny Wood User agreement	-£19,570	£19,570	£0	£0
Cash funds this year end	£32,187	£16,185	£48,372	£52,642

	01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020	01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020	01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020	01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019
Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year	District Operational A/c	District Glenny Wood Operational Account	Total District Accounts 2020	Total District Accounts 2019
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Bank current account	£23,299	£16,164	£39,463	£45,257
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Bank deposit account	£1,369		£1,369	£1,368
Building society account			£0	£0
Cash	£34	£21	£55	£32
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Other monetary assets				
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Badge stock	£4,052		£4,052	£6,202
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Land (net of depreciation)		£60,000	£60,000	£60,000
Buildings (net of depreciation)		£11,387	£11,387	£11,387
Motor vehicles (net of depreciation)		£62	£62	£123
Equipment (net of depreciation)		£11,515	£11,515	£640
Other		£0	£0	£0
Sub total	£4,052	£85,266	£89,318	£78,918
Liabilities			£0	£0
Accounts not yet paid			£0	£150
Expenses incurred - Not paid			£0	£81
Loans			£0	£0
Other liabilities Unpresented Cheques			£0	£0
Sub total	£0	£0	£0	£231
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Gordano Scout Active Support	£0	£0	£1,321	£1,321
Section Account - District total	£25,286	£50,132	£56,359	£31,512

The attached receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on2021 and signed on their behalf by

Co-District Commissioner – Tony Tween	Signature – <i>A Tween</i>
Accounts prepared by – Phil Woolcock	Signature - <i>P Woolcock</i>

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