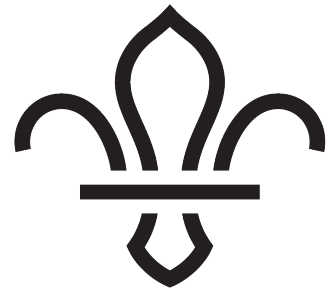


Scouts



Gordano District

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
Cash funds				
Bank current account	£23,299	£16,164	£39,463	£45,257
Jamboree Fund	£3,000		£3,000	£1,500
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	£1,368
Building society account			£0	£0
Cash	£34	£21	£55	£32
Total cash funds	£32,187	£16,185	£48,372	£52,642
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				
Badge stock	£4,052		£4,052	£6,202
Glenny Shop stock		£2,002	£2,002	£179
Scout Shop stock		£300	£300	£387
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
Contingent liabilities and future obligations	£0	£0	£0	£0

CORDANO DISTRICT SECTION ACCOUNTS	Cash funds Dec 2020	Total receipts in 2020	Total Expenditure in 2020	Cash Funds Dec 2019
Triple X ESU	£3,167	£9,700	£11,496	£4,962
Ten Tors	£5,997	£13,149	£14,189	£7,037
Ten Tors - 45/55	£3,225	£6,122	£7,389	£4,492
Kilkenny ESU	£5,698	£1,401	£857	£5,154
Barracuda ESU	£5,280	£15,852	£16,305	£5,734
Clevedon ESU	£1,919	£3,908	£4,802	£2,812
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>

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Gordano

~~SCOUT GROUP/DISTRICT/COUNTY/AREA~~ SCOUT COUNCIL

31st December 2020

I report on the accounts of the Group/District/County/Area for the year ended

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 Acthave 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: 8 June 2021

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