



**DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2020 – 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021**

**including**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

**and**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING**

**31 March 2021**

**(accompanying document)**

**Sevenoaks District Scout Council**

**Charity registered in England No: 303435**

**Scout Association registered No: 12717**

# Annual report for the year ending 31 March, 2021

(Attached Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Accounts for the year ending 31 March, 2021)

PRESIDENT: Richard Parry  
VICE-PRESIDENT: David Reburn

## THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

### Ex-Officio Members:

District Chairman	Anthony Hitchings
District Treasurer	Samantha Devenney
District Secretary	Claire Strickland (Post vacated after appointment)
District Commissioners	Jo Brookbank and Michael Dreksler
District Youth Commissioners	Kelly Williams and Thomas McKeen
District Network Comm'r	Katie McCreadie
District Explorer Scout Comm'r	Mike Randall

**Elected Members:** Michael Schwarz, Erik Barrow, Tom McKeen, Bertie Downard, Russell Porter

**DCs Nominated Members:** Jennifer Baker-Hirst, David Martin, Karen Wilson, Angela Davie and William Morrish

**Co-opted Members:** None

## SUB-COMMITTEES:

**APPOINTMENTS:** Chris Barrow (Appointments Chairman),  
Laura Hands (Appointments Secretary to Nov 2020)  
Michael Schwarz, John Gandon, John Talbot, Jeanette Schwarz, Barry Sharp, Kelly Williams, Owen Compton, Tom McKeen, Lynne Rutherford, John Botley

**FINANCE:** Samantha Devenney, Jennifer Baker-Hirst and DC-Team

**ESTATES:** Michael Schwarz; William Morrish, Robert Downard and Nick Roberts

## DISTRICT ROLES:

District Active Support Mgr	Vacancy
District Scout Shop Mgr	Angie Davie
District Badge Secretary	Jeanette Schwarz
District Scout Quartermaster	David Hitchings
Youth Representative	Vacancy
Local Training Manager	Nigel Rainey
ADC Activities	Erik Barrow
District Beaver Team	Christine Skeels, Jan Padgett, Shelley Williams
District Cub Team	Nick Roberts, Phil Seabrook
District Scout Team	Vacancy

Bankers	Lloyds TSB, Barclays Sevenoaks Branch, CAF Bank Ltd
Other adviser:	CCLA Investment Management Ltd
Charity contact:	Samantha Devenney, 35 Bradbourne Road, Sevenoaks, Kent. TN13 3PZ

## Structure, governance and management

The Sevenoaks District Scout Council's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. The Sevenoaks District Scout Council is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The Trustees, the District Executive Committee (DEC), are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), either by election or approval of their nomination; other trustees may be co-opted during the year to serve until the next AGM.

The Sevenoaks District Scout Council, which is an educational charity, is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities.

The DEC exists to support the District Commissioner team in meeting their responsibilities and to provide support for the charity.

## Risk and Internal Control

The Trustees have in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include two authorised signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

## Objectives and Activities

The Purpose of Scouting - Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.  
The Values of Scouting - As Scouts we are guided by these values:

- Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
- Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method - Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

# SEVENOAKS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The last year has been challenging for all within Scouting due to COVID-19 restrictions. That said, so many people did an incredible job delivering online Scouting when face to face was not possible and providing much needed support for young people in testing circumstances. Well done and many thanks to all who have helped.

The DEC continued to meet every 2 months during the year with all meetings held online. The pandemic required a change in focus and the DEC supported Scouting with funds made available for centrally provided activities to ensure Scouting was available for all and to back up the programmes being run by each group. The IT team led by Erik Barrow created a new site to aid sharing of ideas for virtual programmes. Tom McKeen, Kelly Williams and Erik Barrow volunteered to run a virtual St George's day with an excellent set of activities and a compelling video on the day.

Further progress has been made consolidating the accounts and with documentation being produced to help any future Treasurer slot into the role. I need to say a big thank you to the finance team for ensuring everything has run smoothly.

The estates team have been exploring options for the Seal HQ. This has been a lot of work behind the scenes with plenty of conversations taking place as the options are explored. Well done on making some great progress.

Nigel Rainey joined this year as our Local Training Manager. Both Nigel and Chris Barrow have done a sterling job in ensuring safeguarding training was in place and completed. I am pleased to report that Sevenoaks District is now achieving the goals set out by Kent County. Nigel is now focused on ensuring our leaders achieve their wood badges within the allotted time frame. Great work and many thanks.

*Anthony Hitchings, District Chairman*

### DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

#### Scouting and the response to COVID-19

This year of scouting has been like no other - in many respects it became the Year of online scouting.

There was an amazing variety of activities undertaken online, including

- Garden camp-outs
- Crafting
- Table-top pioneering
- Back-yard cooking
- Orienteering
- Remote-controlled wide games
- Lots and lots of cooking
- Navigation exercises
- Quizzes
- Google-maps based treasure hunts
- Whole weekend camps at home!



The imagination of our leaders was truly amazing and we can only thank-you for adapting to such a different form of scouting. We are extremely proud to say that every Scout member in the District was offered the chance to Scout through most of the year in one way or another, either with their group, joining another group or to take part in the amazing online challenges created by the Erik, Kelly and Lucy, Climate Quest and Kilimanjaro Adventure Challenge launched by the district which were also shared across the World too.

In the Summer and Autumn period we had a refreshing spell of face to face scouting that gave the new challenge of managing activities in a socially distanced way and almost always outside.

The Winter lockdown was more difficult for everyone, but that only acted as the impetus for more enthusiastic scouting when we were allowed back face-to-face just in time for the end of the current year.

### Looking forward

We are looking forward to a face-to-face St Georges day in April 2022. Later this year we will be starting to think about the World Scout Jamboree selection to go to Korea in 2023 as well as making plans for our District camp, Mag 7 which has been postponed by one year to the weekend of 28th April to 1st May 2023.

By the end of the year we were all patiently waiting to hear when we would be allowed to camp again after a whole year without. Over the Summer we expected to hear that the newest section for 4-6 year olds, Squirrels, would launch in September 2021.

One of the focusses of the coming year of Scouting is going to be adult training. Ironically, it has taken a pandemic for us all to realise that training can be delivered well over the internet and we know many of you reading this will have completed training modules from your homes. We thank you all for keeping up to date and look forward to the completion of further modules or validation so we can present wood beads in the coming year.

In the past year sadly we have said goodbye to Gwen Cooley and David Reburn, our Vice President, both long serving members to Sevenoaks Scouts and now "Gone Home".

*Jo Brookbank and Michael Dreksler, District Commissioners*

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Financial Year End

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021 relate to a 12 month accounting period. The prior year comparatives are for a 13 month accounting period due to the change in the year end date made in 2020.

### Cash and Investments

At the end of the year, total cash funds amounted to £105,526 (2020 £70,445). The District adopts a risk averse approach to investment of its funds and all funds are held with mainstream banks with the exception of units held in COIF The Charities and Investment Fund - these units were valued at £55,714 in March 2021 (original purchase price £19,783).

### Reserves policy

It is the policy of Sevenoaks District Scout Council to hold a reasonable level of reserves in order to provide a sound financial basis for the development and running of Scouting within the District and to vary that level through annual budgeting according to perceived future needs and risks. In particular, the funds are there to provide financial support to Scout Groups in the event of financial difficulties to continue operation or to establish or improve their facilities, to supplement the cost of training leaders, to subsidise the annual membership subscriptions, to support the prepayment of fees for young people attending Jamborees, to up-date and purchase activity equipment, and to cover possible unforeseen costs and emergencies. At the end of the financial year 20/21 we have allocated £25,000 as a reserve.

Sam Devenney, District Treasurer

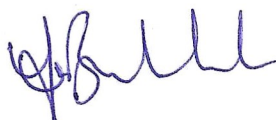
## APPROVAL

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report on:

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:



A Hitchings, District Chair



J Brookbank, District Commissioner Team

## DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSIONERS REPORT

It has been a challenging year for Scouting in Sevenoaks, however the steady return to face-to-face Scouting has been very exciting to see in action. We would like to thank all leaders and supporters who have stepped up to the mark and continued to support Scouting in new and imaginative ways, sharing your enthusiasm and passion with your young people!

The engagement in the St George's Daily Challenges throughout April was fantastic, we received hundreds of submissions from young people all across the District. Challenges ranged from building obstacle courses, cooking a meal for your family, taking part in

Norfolk Scout's BoxJam event, and many more. Well done to all our participants and winners!

We hope that these activities kept you busy in the run-up to our St George's Day live stream, in which we celebrated Scouting, and reaffirmed our promise. We hope next year we will be able to gather together in-person to celebrate St George's Day.

We're so excited to announce that the YouShape Award will be launching on Tuesday 5 October 2021. This is a new core badge across all sections to help recognise youth-shaped Scouting. We'll make sure you're informed every step of the way, and provided with plenty of resources and support to help directly embed this within your sectional programme.

After four years as District Youth Commissioners for Sevenoaks, this will be our final report in this role. We have really enjoyed the opportunity as Sevenoaks' first DYC team to truly develop and support youth-shaped Scouting. We feel that the time is right for fresh faces to take on the mantle, and continue to champion our young people and their role in shaping Scouting in Sevenoaks.

Finally, we would like to thank the DC Team and District Executive Committee for their unwavering support throughout this time, and our young people for their unstoppable enthusiasm!

*Tom McKeen and Kelly Williams, District Youth Commissioners*

## **BEAVER, CUB, SCOUT SECTION REPORT**

During this peculiar year we organised as many District activities as we could online with simple as well as extravagant feasts being cooked over zoom as well as guest speakers plus a variety of entertainment was organised. All were very well received by parents all over the district.

In addition we had 2 amazing Sevenoaks District challenges created online, Climate Quest and Kilimanjaro challenge. Both are fundraisers for future international events and the District provided a badge, supporting the fundraising and enabling every young person a reward for doing so. These challenges were also shared around the world via social media which was a great way of connecting with other countries too.

In addition a number of joint section meetings between groups were also coordinated to support each other during lockdowns.

*Michael Dreksler, on behalf of the ADC (Scouts)*

## **EXPLORER SCOUT SECTION**

What a crazy year it has been for us all !! I wanted to start this report by expressing my thanks and gratitude to anybody that has been involved in keeping Explorer Scouting running in the district.

I would like to give a mention to you all, but there are too many and knowing my memory I would forget someone and that would not be good.

I would however like to mention Karen Wilson, our treasurer for the great work she has done getting our finances running in a much more structured manner, we are now in the best place we have been to provide financial support to our units, leaders and Explorer Scouts for the coming year.

I would also like to thank Jo Brookbank, for her sheer determination, drive and support for the Explorer section during this year. The Puxty unit which has grown at such a rapid pace it now has the largest number of Explorers in the District. Also Jo, as will be outlined below, has been largely responsible for the joint activities that have been run this year and for recruiting a number of additional adult volunteers for the units.

## **Beaufighters**

As with all sections Beaufighters were forced to meet virtually for most of the year. During the first lockdown and over the summer the unit ran virtual meetings with reasonable success. They found some online games such as [scribbl.io](https://scribbl.io) and quiplash and they utilised several of the ideas posted on the Sevenoaks virtual scouting page.

They did manage two face to face meetings in September, for these they ran a socially distant campfire giving the Explorers a chance to reconnect after being apart for so long. When forced back into lockdown they had to reconsider the approach and set about building an at home pack delivered to each Explorer containing items to contribute to that week's meeting. They held a virtual Christmas party, which included a small gift plus some party games such as sing along Disney bingo.

In the new year, they set about building a new pack to deliver to Explorers, running several virtual events, pancake evening, science experiments plus some external visitors running events such as mocktails, jujitsu and birds of prey.

With the impact of the pandemic we have unfortunately had a drop in numbers, going from around 15 to 8.

Beaufighters continue to be led by Robert Francis and assisted by Erik Barrow and Jon Axon.

## **Holmesdale and Puxty**

Ordinarily the two units would be reported separately but over the past year most of the Explorer sessions have been run jointly to offer the maximum. Most of the Summer term of Scouting during the first lockdown was virtual with us all learning new skills and Face to face meetings have been run whenever permissible either jointly or alternating nights for both units. After the first lockdown a socially distanced campfire was very well received by the Explorers after so long apart and a further highlight for many was picking apples and juice tasting. Several Explorers had never picked this way before.

The units participated in many activities jointly run across the district and as well as joint activities for the Explorers alone. There were lots of cook along sessions as well as a Mocktails tutorial on Zoom, brilliantly presented by Zoe from Shiny Kitchen, including Indian, Chinese feasts which were most enjoyable for the whole family too! There was an evening of art and cartoon drawing which was amazing, the way Simon described the process so brilliantly the pictures seemed to draw themselves. The Tae Kwon Do session

resulted in a number of sweaty bodies and we are pretty sure there was some stiffness the next day, thankfully no Explorers were hurt in the process! The Birds of Prey was most informative, and Joe was a very knowledgeable host, seeing the birds up close was a treat. We were treated to a tour of Japan by a Scottish Explorer leader and the Explorers learnt first hand of the value of human rights from Maria who escaped from Chile with her young daughters in 1975. This was followed by guest speakers from the Houses of Parliament to understand how to get your voice heard. We were able to experience many, many activities that would otherwise have been impossible when face to face and Zoom is definitely here to stay to enhance our programme however all were grateful to make the last meeting of the year one that was face to face.

Both units have had many scouts move-up over the year, as well as several joining from outside of Scouting too. We are pleased that many Explorers have moved on to join Network too.

Holmesdale continues to be led by Duncan Harper, supported by Dave Martin and Ben Martyr.

Puxty team consists of Felix Baker, Steve Davies, Andy Mucklow and Jo Brookbank

### **Duke of Edinburgh**

On the DofE front it was a lean year, but Eddie Lane managed to complete his Bronze award after producing evidence of a substantial range of home cooked meals during lockdown.

Johnny Aguss completed his Skill section through attending an online Harvard Course in sustainable energy.

Brandon Lee managed to complete all his sections with the exception of the Expedition as they are currently suspended.

A motivational presentation was given by a Gold DofE and Queen's Scout award holder pointing out the processes, effort, pitfalls and rewards in taking on the higher-level awards and how these could be utilised in other areas.

### **Young Leaders**

With the suspension of face-to-face meetings, opportunities for young leaders were minimal during the reporting period. Several YL from the Sevenoaks District successfully competed their module A training thanks to the kindness of West Malling.

There have been several requests from young people wanting to become young leaders. Most of these are external from the association, being YP looking to complete their volunteering elements of their Duke of Edinburgh awards. As we move towards the new normal, we can now look at completing placements for these requests.

*Mike Randall (District Explorer Scout Commissioner)*



## NETWORK SECTION

Unlike the younger sections, Network has been prevented from meeting all year due to the restrictions. However many members have taken part in online quizzes and bingo to support fundraising for others.

Kate McCreadie (District Network Commissioner)

## DISTRICT ACTIVE SUPPORT REVIEW

Active Support has been prevented from meeting all year due to the restrictions. All are looking forward to being able to restart again.

David and Rosalind Hitchings, Active Support

## ACTIVITIES REPORT

This year was a challenging one from an activities standpoint. With a majority of the year (1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021) being held under lockdown with the remainder of the time being heavily socially distanced with little ability to run many adventurous activities under the guidance at the time. Most were able to restart in early summer 2021. This meant the cancellation of multiple master at arms badge days, and also prevented the training of new permit holders in various adventurous activities for the year.

However, we did successfully run 2 virtual activity weekends for the District and wider Scouting community. Including Climate Quest in July, supporting the Kent Scouts Antarctic Expedition, and the Kilimanjaro Adventure Challenge in October supporting the Sevenoaks Scouts Kilimanjaro Expedition for 2022. Both weekends were supported by the district who purchased badges for all Young People in Sevenoaks that took part. These websites are also still available to Young People and leaders to use until their respective trips happen.



Planning for the Kilimanjaro 2022 Expedition is still underway, with the team keeping a close eye on Covid restrictions for international travel with Kent Scouts enthusiastic for 2022 international trips to go ahead as planned. Anyone over 18 interested in this trip may be able to get a last minute place by contacting the ADC Activities (Erik) ASAP.

Erik Barrow (Assistant District Commissioner Activities)

## APPOINTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

This has been a challenging year for the appointments team, we have had to adapt the way we hold our meetings to take into account Social distancing.

We had already conducted remote video meetings for our members who were not able to make our meeting due to University commitments. We then extended this to continue meetings during Lockdown.

These remote video meetings have been a success and we will continue going forward with both face to face and video meetings as circumstances require.

I am delighted to say that Laura Hands has agreed to take on the role of Appointments Secretary and will be a great asset for the team going forward.

The focus continues to reduce the number of appointments that are either Pre Provisional, or Provisional. Pre Provisional roles are those that have not completed the appointments process and Provisional are those that have, but have not completed their Getting started training.

The other areas of focus will be to review the status of Adult reviews across the District.

I would like to thank the appointments committee team members for the many hours that they give to ensure that adults appointed within the District are suitable for a role in Scouting, working with children, Young people and being part of a Leadership team.

I would also like to thank retiring members Lynne Rutherford for her contributions to the team. Thanks also to Ide Hill Scout Group for allowing the use of their Scout HQ for our meetings.

*Chris Barrow, Appointments Advisory Committee Chairman and Secretary*

## TRAINING REPORT

After becoming the Local Training Manager for Sevenoaks in October 2020, Kent County Scouts at the behest of HQ put in place an instruction that all leaders had to be compliant for Safety and Safeguarding by the end of February 21 and the District had to reduce their non compliant membership from 46% to 5%, otherwise Leaders would lose their roles. Chris Barrow, Appointments Chair and myself were tasked with getting this done and with a great deal of help from the Group Scout Leaders we achieved the 5% target. Going forwards Chris and myself have got together to assist new joiners with their training knowledge and beginning their journey on fulfilling the training they need in the time set down for each role.

*Nigel Rainey, Local Training Manager*

## ADULT AWARDS

The following awards have been made in the District this year (with some of these only recently having been issued following the shut down due to Covid, several members have not yet received these).

<b>Name</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Date</b>
John Spurway	Chief Scout's 60 years Service Award	06 Jul 2021
Christopher Hathway	Chief Scout's 50 years Service Award	05 Apr 2020
Elizabeth Hindley	Chief Scout's 50 years Service Award	01 May 2020
Chris McCann	Chief Scout's 40 years Service Award	08 Apr 2020
Andy McKay	Chief Scout's 30 years Service Award	23 Jun 2020
Nigel Rainey	Chief Scout's 30 years Service Award	17 Jul 2020
Jonathan Booth	Chief Scout's 30 years Service Award	23 Mar 2021
Bertie Downard	Chief Scout's 25 years Service Award	30 Jun 2020
Ian Crothall	Chief Scout's 25 years Service Award	19 Feb 2021
Barry Sharp	Chief Scout's 25 years Service Award	01 Jun 2021
Sheila Burgin	Chief Scout's 25 years Service Award	03 Oct 2021
Lesley Rutter	Chief Scout's 20 years Service Award	01 Jul 2020

Trevor Coward	Chief Scout's 20 years Service Award	10 Aug 2020
Helen Davies	Chief Scout's 20 years Service Award	06 Jul 2021
Ali Miller	Chief Scout's 20 years Service Award	06 Jul 2021
Peter Frankl	Chief Scout's 15 years Service Award	01 Oct 2020
Liz King	Chief Scout's 15 years Service Award	20 Dec 2020
Katie McCreadie	Chief Scout's 15 years Service Award	02 Jan 2021
Stevo Durbaba	Chief Scout's 15 years Service Award	03 Jul 2021
Tabs Duce	Chief Scout's 10 years Service Award	01 Oct 2020
Jean Price	Chief Scout's 10 years Service Award	11 Jan 2021
Paul Heath	Chief Scout's 10 years Service Award	20 Jan 2021
Sarah Davis	Chief Scout's 10 years Service Award	19 Feb 2021
Richard Townsley	Chief Scout's 10 years Service Award	06 Jul 2021
Emily Bowles	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	01 Oct 2020
Nikki Myall	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	01 Oct 2020
Jan Padgett	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	01 Oct 2020
Becky Sandles	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	01 Oct 2020
Robert Southwell	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	01 Oct 2020
Julie Wright	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	01 Oct 2020
Laura-Lee Wynes	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	01 Oct 2020
Lorna Baker	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	11 Jan 2021
Tim Cope	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	11 Jan 2021
Clara Kelley	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	11 Jan 2021
Graham Rutter	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	27 Jan 2021
Andrew Mcfadyen	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	03 Apr 2021
Mark Craig	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	06 Jul 2021
Scott Henderson	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	06 Jul 2021
David Kempster	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	06 Jul 2021
Philip Seabrook	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	06 Jul 2021
Christine Skeels	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	06 Jul 2021
Fiona Thompson	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	06 Jul 2021

## DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP

The shop provides new uniforms for young people and Adult Leaders as well as Scout Group items. We keep in stock most sizes of basic uniform and anything that is not in stock, as well as many items from the official scout shop website, can normally be ordered.

Covid has had a massive impact on the District shop this year, with face to face scouting having to cease for a large part of the year. This has resulted in poor sales. We expect this to pick up again now that face to face scouting has resumed. We also reassessed how the shop should be operated and we decided to close the Seal site to visitors for the foreseeable future. Orders remained available for collection through groups and from my home in Otford.



The most pressing issue is that the shop manager returned to work in December and is unable to continue running the shop. We urgently need a new team to take over the management and running of the shop. There are various parts to the role which can be shared by a number of volunteers, from managing the website, placing orders with our supplier and distribution of the orders. The shop will be forced to close from the end of the summer term if we do not have volunteers to take over. This will mean a loss of profits going back to the district leading to increased prices of scouting related activities and subscriptions. In addition, there are no other local retail outlets for scout uniforms, therefore the convenience of the shop will be lost, with the official online retailer being the only option for many parents and groups.

If you can help with the shop, please email on [scoutshop@sevenoaksscouts.org.uk](mailto:scoutshop@sevenoaksscouts.org.uk). It will be a great loss to scouting in the District if it cannot continue.

Angie Davie, Scout Shop Manager

## The Scout Association Census 2020 – Summary – Sevenoaks District

2020-21 was a difficult year for many groups and sections. Overall numbers of young people in the district dropped by 17% and adults by 14% but this masks significant challenges in some particular sections with as many as half in some areas.

Hopefully many of these will return when scouting as we were used to it returns.

Michael Dreksler

Youth Members	2021					2020				
	B	C	S	E	Total	B	C	S	E	Total
Sevenoaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sevenoaks Adult Support provision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sevenoaks - Scout Network	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sevenoaks Explorer Scout provision	0	0	0	78	78	0	0	0	91	91
1st Sevenoaks (Hicks Own)	12	27	32	0	71	23	26	34	0	83
3rd Sevenoaks (Riverhead)	13	52	82	0	147	15	75	73	0	163
4th Sevenoaks (St John's)	42	48	47	0	137	50	51	46	0	147
6th Sevenoaks (Kemsing)	21	23	12	0	56	22	20	18	0	60
7th Sevenoaks (Halstead)	10	5	11	0	26	20	14	19	0	53
9th Sevenoaks (Seal)	15	19	0	0	34	17	15	0	0	32
10th Sevenoaks (Weald)	8	16	11	0	35	17	20	19	0	56
12th Sevenoaks (1st Edenbridge)	20	26	26	0	72	38	51	22	0	111
15th Sevenoaks (Otford)	14	39	17	0	70	23	43	22	0	88
16th Sevenoaks (Ide Hill)	15	23	23	0	61	14	29	17	0	60
17th Sevenoaks (Westerham)	12	15	13	0	40	16	18	18	0	52
	<b>182</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>996</b>

Adult Support	2021		2020		Change	
	Adults	Total	Adults	Total	Adults	Total
Sevenoaks	12	12	13	13	-1	-1
Sevenoaks - Scout Network	13	13	11	11	2	2
Sevenoaks Explorer Scout provision	22	22	21	21	1	1
1st Sevenoaks (Hicks Own)	19	19	19	19	0	0
3rd Sevenoaks (Riverhead)	34	34	30	30	4	4
4th Sevenoaks (St John's)	50	50	55	55	-5	-5
6th Sevenoaks (Kemsing)	11	11	14	14	-3	-3
7th Sevenoaks (Halstead)	10	10	23	23	-13	-13
9th Sevenoaks (Seal)	12	12	14	14	-2	-2
10th Sevenoaks (Weald)	9	9	13	13	-4	-4
12th Sevenoaks (1st Edenbridge)	24	24	34	34	-10	-10
15th Sevenoaks (Otford)	12	12	23	23	-11	-11
16th Sevenoaks (Ide Hill)	13	13	15	15	-2	-2
17th Sevenoaks (Westerham)	19	19	18	18	1	1
	<b>260</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>-43</b>	<b>-43</b>

Registered Charity Number 303435  
Scout Association Registered No. 12717

Notes		2020-21		2020-21		2019-20	
		Unrestricted		Restricted		TOTAL	
INCOME		£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
<b>Subscriptions</b>							
	Subscriptions Received from Groups	39,246		0		39,246	90,411
	Subscriptions Received from Explorers	1,720		0		1,720	3,278
	Subscriptions Paid to National/County/District	(35,063)		0		(35,063)	(78,753)
1	<b>Net Membership Income</b>	<b>5,903</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>5,903</b>	<b>14,936</b>
<b>Activities</b>							
	Jamboree Income	0		0		0	7,202
2	Eurojam Income	0		14,742		14,742	17,162
3	Kilimanjaro	0		15,256		15,256	0
	Badges and shop sales	3,157		0		3,157	9,117
	Explorer Units	1,760		0		1,760	12,605
4	Activity Income	0		0		0	4,343
	Seal HQ Recharge	959		0		959	2,968
5	Gift Aid Received	0		2,130		2,130	138
	Other Income	1,097		0		1,097	164
	<b>Activities Income</b>	<b>6,973</b>		<b>32,128</b>		<b>39,101</b>	<b>53,699</b>
<b>Investments</b>							
	Bank and Deposit Income	1,632		0		1,632	1,604
	Donations	0		0		0	1,000
6	COVID Related Grant Income	0		21,051		21,051	0
	<b>GROSS INCOME</b>	<b>14,507</b>		<b>53,179</b>		<b>67,686</b>	<b>71,240</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>							
	Jamboree fees	0		0		0	(6,255)
	Mag 7	0		0		0	(378)
2	Eurojam Repayment	0		(14,515)		(14,515)	(17,100)
	Scout Shop and Badge Costs	(3,113)		0		(3,113)	(8,414)
7	Activity Expenses	(3,487)		0		(3,487)	(2,353)
	Explorers Units	(4,742)		0		(4,742)	(10,206)
	Activity Equipment	0		0		0	(5,553)
	Online Scout Manager	(1,548)		0		(1,548)	(1,161)
	Insurance	(1,564)		0		(1,564)	(1,403)
	Other Expenses	(302)		0		(302)	(358)
	Utilities and Seal HQ Expenses	(531)		0		(531)	(879)
	Donations	(118)		0		(118)	0
8	Covid Related Expenses	(659)		0		(659)	0
	Kilimanjaro	0		(2,154)		(2,154)	0
	Bank Charges	(80)		0		(80)	(65)
	Printing and Computing	(229)		0		(229)	(91)
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>(16,373)</b>		<b>(16,669)</b>		<b>(33,042)</b>	<b>(54,215)</b>
	<b>EXCESS INCOME</b>	<b>(1,866)</b>		<b>36,510</b>		<b>34,644</b>	<b>16,715</b>
<b>BANK BALANCES</b>						<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Cash Funds Brought Forward					69,445	56,002
	PY Net Overstatement of Activity Income						(2,126)
	Excess Income for the Year					34,644	16,715
	Expenditure on Stock					437	(1,146)
	Cash Funds Carried Forward					104,526	69,445
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## NOTES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

1. Subscription income for 2020 included two membership payments due to the change in Accounting year end. Membership income for 2021 was based on a lower membership, being calculated on a census total of 827 (including 78 Explorers) vs membership in 2020 of 996

2. Eurojam income reflects the repayment from County of the instalments made for the cancelled Eurojam trip. This is offset in the Expense line for Eurojam where the majority of participants have been refunded

3. The income relating to Kilimanjaro is a combination of Participant payments and other fundraising

Participant Instalments	10,750
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District Funding	2,500
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Other fundraising	2,006
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The District has supported 2 district wide online fundraising ventures during Covid, Kilimanjaro and Climate Quest. This support has been for the purchase of badges which will be provided to young people free of charge upon the completion of specific challenges. The Climate Quest costs will be highlighted in the following years accounts.

4. Activity income in 2020 related to income from Kayaking and Archery. Due to Covid restrictions this has not been able to take place for the entire year ended 2021

5. Gift Aid Received is income we were able to claim from HMRC relating to the Eurojam trip in the 2021 year end, the total repayable to HMRC is £2,268 due to income received in 2020. This is to be paid back in full to HMRC as soon as possible.

6. The Grant received is a COVID related Government grant received via Sevenoaks District Council. Whilst there are no restrictions placed upon the District with regards to the spend of these funds, the Executive Committee deem it to be restricted for the purposes of supporting scouting in Seal and Sevenoaks due to the ownership of the Seal Head Quarters

7. Activity expenses for 2021 include the District support for the Kilimanjaro purchase of badges mentioned in note 5. The remaining expenses were largely for District led activities such as Cookery skills and Animal related education. This was for Badgework that was provided via Zoom and available for the District as a whole

9. Covid related expenses are largely the cost of additional server capacity to support virtual scouting and the purchase of hand sanitiser and PPE

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT MARCH 2021

	2020-21 £'s	2019-20 £'s
<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>£'s</b>	<b>£'s</b>
<b>Cash Fund</b>		
Bank Current Account	68,016	69,445
Restricted Funds	<u>36,510</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Bank Account</b>	<b>104,526</b>	<b>69,445</b>
Bank Deposit Account	1,000	1,000
<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>	<b><u>105,526</u></b>	<b><u>70,445</u></b>
<b>Investment Assets</b>		
Units in COIF Charities Investment Trust Fund	55,714	46,262
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT ASSETS</b>	<b><u>55,714</u></b>	<b><u>46,262</u></b>
<b>Non Monetary Assets For Charity Use</b>		
Badge and Shop Stock	6,006	6,443
Land and Buildings	3,274	3,274
<b>TOTAL NON MONETARY ASSETS FOR CHARITY USE</b>	<b><u>9,280</u></b>	<b><u>9,717</u></b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>170,520</u></b>	<b><u>126,424</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Gift Aid repayment	1 2,268	138
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>2,268</u></b>	<b><u>138</u></b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>168,252</u></b>	<b><u>126,286</u></b>

### Notes:

1. Prior year Balance sheet includes an amount owed to HMRC with relation to Gift Aid on the cancelled Eurojam trip, for clarity this has now been recorded as a liability

### Approval

The above Financial Statements have been approved by the Trustees

  
A Hitchens, District Chair

Date: 31/1/2022

  
J Brookbank, District Commissioner

Date: 31/1/2022



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEVENOAKS DISTRICT**  
**SCOUT COUNCIL – Charity No. 303435**

I report on the Accounts of the Sevenoaks District Scout Council for the year ended 31st March 2021.

**Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the Accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act) Act).
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the 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 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**

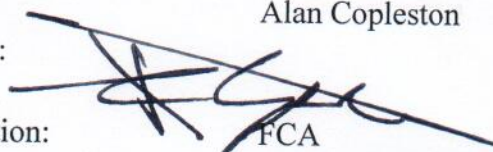
In connection with my examination, **no** matter has come to my attention:

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

Name:

Alan Copleston

Signature:



Qualification:

FCA

Address:

29 The Landway, Kemsing, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 6TG

Date:

5th February 2022