

# NORTH WEST NORFOLK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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## Details

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**Other names** KINGS LYNN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL, SCOUTS

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 1972-02-11

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** UNIT OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION

**Activities:** PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR SCOUTING IN NORTH WEST NORFOLK

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** NORTH WEST NORFOLK
- Norfolk

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£82,971	£81,669	-	-
2024-03-31	£62,981	£69,082	-	-
2023-03-31	£62,393	£63,186	-	-
2022-03-31	£46,747	£47,332	-	-
2021-03-31	£27,344	£28,685	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jill Hudson	Chair	2022-07-06
GARY STEVEN CLARK		2020-08-15
JOHN ROSPOPA		2022-06-07
Kelly Bowen		2022-07-06

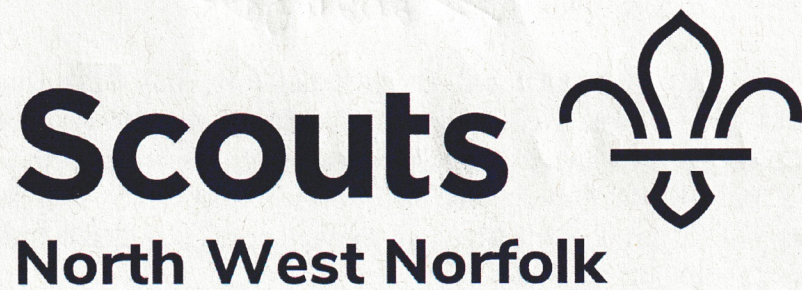
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# Accounts

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## North West Norfolk District Scout Council Annual Report 2025

Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Agenda

1. Welcome/President's remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the annual general meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024
4. Remarks and Reports
5. Presentation of the Accounts
6. Adoption of the Constitution
7. Election of Honorary Auditor
8. Presentations – Percy Robinson award
9. Meeting close

**Minutes of the North West Norfolk District Scout Council Annual General Meeting held at Sandringham Visitors Centre on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September ~~2025~~ 2024**

**Present:** John Rospopa, Roz Rospopa, Rick Cooper, David McGuinness, Gary Clark, Dudley Scott, Nicky Scott, Rebecca Chilvers, Jean McGuinness, Dave McGuinness, Dave Andrews, Rae Steward, Wayne Hornigold, Andy Nicol, Vicki Nicol, Martin Lever, Jack Walker, Pam Walker, Ben Colley, Jim Tripp, Beth Smith, Vanessa Malone, Jim Taylor, Karon Hearle, Bob Hearle, Simon Abel, Tim Rowe, Andrew Farr, Nick Swann, Lesley Doherty, Joanne Fountain, John Marshall-Grint, Pauline Marshall-Grint, Tracey Clark, Dawn Stevens, Donald Birdseye, Linda Birdseye, Phil Jordan, Stephanie Whitley.

**1. Welcome**

John Rospopa welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting. Thanks were noted to the Sandringham Estate for the Garden Tour and for the hospitality for the use of the facilities tonight. John Rospopa thanked all present for their attendance and thanked the Trust Board for funding sandwiches and Moira Wesson for the cakes.

John welcomed Tim Rowe, County Chair.

**2. Apologies for absence**

**Received from:** Edward Parsons, Jill Hudson, Miranda Smith, Kelly Bowen, Elaine Taylor, Kim Smith, Paul Spalding, Pam Kirby, Ben Raynor, Sally Hornigold, Lucy Hearle, Claire Palmer, Carolyn Cooper, Zoe Hornigold, Tim Lake, Jane Warden, Paul Beane, Luke Morgan, Shirley Sinclair, Sue Rix, Simon Rix, Simon Allerton, Lisa Allerton, Amanda Follen, Donna Barr

**3. Minutes of the annual general meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

These had been circulated and copies available at the meeting. Proposed by Roz Rospopa, Seconded by Dave McGuinness and accepted unanimously by all – subject to the correction of those present which did not include many who had attended and included names of those who had sent apologies.

**4. Remarks and Reports**

Reports were circulated within the annual report and it was proposed by John Rospopa that all reports bar the accounts were accepted 'en-bloc', this was seconded by Andy Nicol and agreed unanimously.

John Rospopa highlighted the growth within the District of both youth members and adults and thanked everyone for their contribution to this. Specific mention was given to the expansion of the District Explorer Section in both memberships and locations, to District Network which has established since the last meeting and has facilitated members work on Kings Scout Awards. John thanked all those who had been part of the 2024 District Camp for its success.

**5. Presentation of the Accounts**

Gary Clark presented and circulated the audited accounts, there were no questions raised. Proposed by Wayne Hornigold and Seconded by Phil Jordan, accepted unanimously.

**6. Adoption of the Constitution**

The new District Constitution as per Gilwell's guidelines was circulated and explained by John Rospopa. Proposed by John Rospopa, Seconded by Nicky Scott, agreed unanimously.

Meeting agreed that the quorum for the District AGM inline with the Constitution should be 50 members of the District Scout Council. Proposed by John Rospopa, Seconded Vicki Nicol, agreed unanimously.

John Rospopa explained that the size of the District Trustee Board can be between 5 and 12 members including the District Lead Volunteer and District Youth Commissioner as Exofficio. John Rospopa proposed that the New District Trustee Board have 9 members. Seconded by Dave Andrews and agreed unanimously.

John Rospopa proposed that the District Trustee Board should have a quorum of 5 members, of which 4 must be elected members. Seconded by Rick Cooper and agreed unanimously.

**7. Elections and nominations to District Executive committee**

**a. District Commissioner's nomination of District Chair**

Jill Hudson	John Rospopa	Rick Cooper – agreed ALL
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**b. Election of District Treasurer**

Gary Clark	Kelly Bowen	Nicky Scott – Agreed ALL
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**c. Election of members to the District Trustee Board**

Miranda Smith	Kelly Bowen	Beth Smith
Don Birdseye	Kelly Bowen	Beth Smith
Kelly Bowen	Gary Clark	Beth Smith
Rick Cooper	John Rospopa	Beth Smith
Kim Smith	Kim Smith	Beth Smith

John Rospopa explained the District Trustee Board members are now appointed for a 3 year term. He thanked Richard Wicks, Doreen McNiff and Ian Savage for their Service to the District Executive Committee.

**8. Election of Honorary Auditor**

Gary Clark outlined that the District have a good relationship with Mike Andrews of Stephenson ~Smart as Auditor and would recommend this relationship continue. This was proposed by Lesley Doherty and Seconded by Dave Andrews, agreed unanimously.

**9. Presentations:**

John Rospopa congratulated and presented:  
 Gary Clark- 15 years Service  
 Jean McGuinness – 40 years Service

**Percy Robinson Award**

Following a number of nominations the team of Jill Hudson, Gary Clark and Kelly Bowen agreed that the parent nomination for Vicki Nicol of 2<sup>nd</sup> Runction Holme and Watlington for Service beyond the role of Group Treasurer. John Rospopa presented the award.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

**September 2025 – date to be confirmed and circulated following discussions with the team.**

**11. Meeting close**

All were thanked for their attendance. The meeting closed at 19.35

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## District Leader Volunteer (DC) Annual Report 2025

Firstly, I would like to thank all adult volunteers, whatever your role, for your continued support over the last year. Without you giving up your time and energy the youth members would not have had such an exciting and fruitful year in scouting.

Transformation has now taken place and despite the issues with its functionality it is gradually becoming a useful tool. Some leaders have struggled with it and sadly a small number have chosen to leave Scouting via retirement.

### **Achievements:**

We have increased the number of **Squirrel Dreys** to 7 with Dreys now at the following groups:

1st Terrington  
5th Kings Lynn  
9th Kings Lynn  
12th Kings Lynn  
13th Walpole  
14th Kings Lynn  
21st Kings Lynn  
Explorers:

We have increased the number of **Explorers** with sub units now meeting at:

1st Downham Market  
1st Snettisham  
1st Terrington  
14th Kings Lynn  
12th Kings Lynn

### **Growth:**

The District saw stability in youth member numbers and an increase in adult volunteers (up 6%). This was reflected in the 2025 Census.

## **Section Reports:**

### **Squirrels**

North West Norfolk Squirrel Dreys have continued to increase in numbers, we now have 7 Dreys across the district with 1st Terrington being the latest Drey to have opened. Varied, exciting and action-packed programmes have again been planned and enjoyed by all groups throughout the last year. Activities including; story-telling, pioneering, canoeing, visits to care homes and the fire station, sleepovers, campfires, cooking, visits from the emergency services and so much more have been enjoyed by many.

In January 2025 the Squirrels enjoyed, what has become our annual 'District Squirrels' cinema trip to the Alive Corn Exchange Cinema. This year we enjoyed 'Christmas in January' watching Arthur Christmas, wearing our festive headwear and everyone receiving gifts of a selection box and goody bag. In June, 83 members of North West Norfolk District Squirrels filled two coaches for a summer trip to Banham Zoo. A fabulous day was enjoyed by all, with lots of lovely comments from members of the public and zoo staff about how amazing and well behaved all the children were.

Termly get-togethers with the Squirrel leaders and helpers continue to be well represented and enjoyed, enabling ideas to be shared and future plans to be made. A system of sharing resources and 'helpers' has been developed within our 'team' of Squirrel Drey's which has been well received and is working well for all.

We have dates in the diary for a further District Squirrels trip to the cinema and plans are underway for a future fun day and another summer trip. All of our Squirrel Dreys currently have waiting lists and we hope to see new Dreys opening soon to allow more children to start their Scouting journeys at Squirrels. Many thanks to all the Squirrel Leaders, helpers and young leaders for their ongoing enthusiasm and ideas enabling the Squirrels to have such varied and exciting programmes and adventures.

## **Beavers**

North West Norfolk District Beavers Many thanks to all the leaders, young leaders and volunteers who have continued to offer exciting and action-packed programmes throughout the year for all the North West Norfolk Beaver Colonies.

During the autumn term it was fantastic to see many of the colonies join 1500 Squirrels and Beavers from Norfolk Scouts to have a fabulous time at BeWilderwood. For many children the adventure started with the bus journey before climbing, swinging, zip-wiring and sliding through the magical woodland. It was great to see so many young people, leaders and volunteers enjoying themselves and meeting Beavers from all over the county. It also gave the opportunity for adult volunteers to reconnect with new and 'old' scouting colleagues to share news and ideas for future programmes and events.

Beaver colonies throughout the district represented their groups smartly and respectfully at lots of different venues for Remembrance Services during November, and again taking part in the VE parade with the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk in May.

The Alive Corn Exchange was filled with groups from all over the district throughout the festive season; with screams of laughter, lots of cheering and booing from all. Beavers even representing Scouting on at least two occasions going up on the stage with the character Buttons from Cinderella to sing 'Theres a worm at the bottom of the garden'! Termly get-togethers with the Beaver leaders has been difficult to achieve, with so many of the adult volunteers 'wearing more than one hat' and getting the District Squirrel Dreys up and running. Moving forward plans are underway for a District Beavers fun day and a possible venue has been found to reintroduce our District Beaver Sleepover.

Huge thanks to all the Beaver Leaders, helpers and young leaders for their ongoing commitment and ideas enabling the Beavers to have such varied and exciting programmes.

## **Cubs**

Although we had a quiet end to 2024 we had a few activities to go through into 2025.

NWN cubs saw the annual trip in February half term to the majestic cinema, one of the cinemas taken over for 126 Cubs to watch Dog Man. The attendance to this is always a very good turnout. Hence, we have booked in for next year.

May 2025 saw a visit to The Minster in King's Lynn, to complete activities for the World Faith badge day. Several activities included matching religious symbols to the correct faith, a treasure hunt /quiz of the Minster, colouring in Rangoli patterns and Cubs were able to try on clothing worn by the leaders of the church.

Thank you to the Cub leaders who supervised the activities.

The Cubs walked together to the Catholic Church on London Road. We were given a history of the church and about the faith. A big thank you to Kelly Bowen for use of the Minster, activities and excessive knowledge and information given on the different faiths.

June 2025

We returned to the West Norfolk rugby club for a District Cub camp, the theme was Christmas, and leaders did not disappoint with the theme, activities and crafts. Unfortunately, not many groups were able to attend this was a little disappointing.

Cubs had a great time. With the climbing wall, shooting and inflatables, campfire singing, crafts, disco, hike and games. The weather was kind, most of the time. However, it did rain rather heavily on the Saturday with a thunder and lightning show! Cubs seemed to enjoy this and were back out between showers to join others and run around having fun.

The Norfolk Jamboree (Nor-Jam) was held at the Norwich showground in August several Cub groups from NWN attended on the Cub and Brownie days. They visited a few sub camps played some games and made some crafts came home very happy with their drawstring bags and goodies.

Thank you as ever to all the leaders, helpers, parents and guardians who support the Cubs to enjoy the activities, programme, crafts, days out and camps.

I would like to say a personal thank you to Phil Jordan and Su Rix for their support throughout the year.

Lesley Doherty (ADC Cubs)

## Scouts

We held the annual **Survival Camp** in October 2024 when 9 Scout Troops, 40 Scouts, 3 Young Leaders, 6 Explorers and 25 Leaders took part. This year the Explorers were there to promote Explorers and compete on an equal playing field as the Scouts.

The scouts were split into 7 groups with each group being made up of scouts from at least 2 different troops. With the support of Adults, they had to construct a shelter on the Saturday night. They then had the issue of food to work out. However, this year they had to find their food via a scavenger hunt around the site (we had not hidden real food but rather printed pictures of the food)

The results were as follows:

1. The Happy Team – 70 pts and Tinkerbelle (Explorers) – 70 pts
2. Team Bush – 69 pts
3. Tired & Delirious – 68 pts and Area 51 – 68 pts
3. The Robins – 65 pts and The 22nd – 65 pts
4. Disney Princess - 60 pts

On Saturday 16th March into Sunday 17th March 41 Scouts from 9 Scout Troops and 9 Explorers took part in the **2024 Merv Beckett Trophy** (District Scouts Night Hike). The Explorers were obviously judged a little harder than the Scouts.

This event is in memory of Merv Becket (District Scout Leader and Scout Leader at the 12th Kings Lynn)

The event again took place at Rougham Hall and involved the Scouts hiking through the night and undertaking tasks at 10 bases along the route including Ditch Crossing, Archery in the Dark, Escape Room, Bearings, Drainpipe Challenge, First Aid and "The Towers of Hanoi" to name a few.

All Scouts did well, with only a couple of minor detours by some, and all were back at base by 6.45am.

The results were as follows:

1st - 1st Downham Market - 286 Points

2nd - 1st Dersingham - 278 Points

3rd - 14th Kings Lynn B - 273 Points

Explorers

Griffin 1 – 208 Points

Griffin 2 – 140 Points

Over the very hot weekend of the 20th to 22nd June 2025 26 Scouts from 4 groups took part in the **Expedition Challenge**. On day 1 they hiked from the 2nd Runcton-Holme & Watlington HQ to Downham Market. Due to the extreme weather (30 degrees) the hike was cut short and they were then transported to the 19th Kings Lynn HQ for a rest, evening meal and an overnight stay.

Griffin Explorer members (working towards Platinum & Diamond Awards) were also hiking with some having walked from the 7th Kings Lynn HQ to Runcton-Holme & Watlington on the Friday evening.

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Explorers then also walked to Downham but via a self-planned route which was different to the planned route for the Scouts.

With the weather still hot on the Sunday, the leadership team decided to cancel the Scouts day 2 hike, but still awarded the badges. The leadership team did allow 4 determined Scouts to join the Explorers on their hike.

Despite all the heat the Scouts did extremely well and the activity management of the leadership team ensured it was safe.

## Explorers

This past year has been an extremely busy one for the explorer groups across the district.

First of all we had the pleasure of opening a 4th group at downham market, who meet on a thursday night 6-8pm at 1st downham scout hut.

Survival camp last year was jointly won by our group "the tinkerbells" & "the happy team" of scouts.

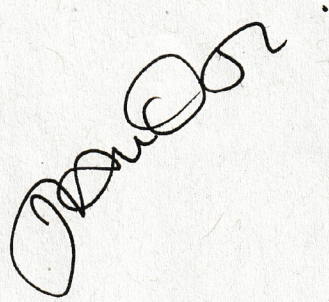
Earlier this year Jim, Karon & Suzy took 17 explorers to london for the weekend in march for the annual monopoly run.

It was a real eye opener for the young people to be trusted to go round london using different modes of transport & friendships were made, it was great to get to know some of the young people from our other groups.

We had the pleasure of presenting our first diamond award to Imogen Allerton on our final day of the term at our beach party at hunstanton.

Even though we had broken up for the summer it was full steam ahead with the preparations for Norjam, where 19 explorers joined jim, suzy, kathy & nick for a fun filled packed week of activities in Norwich.

This september we are proud to open our 5th district explorer group at snettisham, jimmys field who will meet on every other wednesday.

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**NORTH WEST NORFOLK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

**Income and Expenditure Account**

**Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**North West Norfolk District Scout Council**

**Income and Expenditure Account**

**Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
Badge Secretary Income	8916.00	Badge Secretary Expenditure	8508.95
Squirrels Events	200.00	Squirrels Events	242.84
Cub Events	2340.00	Cub Events	2504.45
Scouts Events	1027.40	Scouts Events	877.82
Explorers Income	9623.56	Explorers Expenditure	13534.36
County Events	2025.00	County Events	2025.00
Water Sports Income	953.00	Water Sports Expenditure	1245.96
Membership Fees 2024	5610.00		
Membership Fees 2025	45960.00	Membership Fees 2025	45177.00
Equipment Hire	437.80	Equipment Repairs	722.96
District Camp	4978.00	District Camp	4017.77
Bursary 2024	400.00		
Bursary 2025	500.00		
		District Uniform	50.00
		Training	987.48
		Equipment Insurance	479.85
		Helper Insurance	52.00
		Film Licence	681.42
		Appointment/Travel/AGM	376.91
		Donations	65.48
		Stationery/Website	118.68
		Excess Income over Expenditure	1301.83
	<u><u>82970.76</u></u>		<u><u>82970.76</u></u>

**North West Norfolk District Scout Council**

**Balance Sheet**

**Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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<b>Balance At 1 April 2024</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March 2025</b>	<b>£</b>
Current Account	31337.88	Current Account	32824.71
Current Account (Fellowship)	5647.00	Current Account (Fellowship)	5462.00
Excess Income over Expenditure	1301.83		
	<u>38286.71</u>		<u>38286.71</u>

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# Accounts

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## **North West Norfolk District Scout Council Annual Report 2024**

**Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome/President's remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the annual general meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023
4. Remarks and Reports
5. Presentation of the Accounts
6. Adoption of the Constitution
7. Elections and nominations to District Executive committee
  - a. District Commissioner's nomination of District Chair (based on Existing Trustees recommendation)
  - b. Election of District Treasurer
  - c. Election of members to the District Executive committee
8. Election of Honorary Auditor
9. Presentations – Percy Robinson award
10. Meeting close

**Present:** Edward Parsons(President), Jill Hudson, John Rospopa, Gary Clark, Kelly Bowen, Pete Farr, Kimberley Bullen, Mark Middernach, Dudley Scott, Hannah Dye, Mark Drage, Karen Saunders, Kelvin Foreman, Jamie Twell, Lucie Twell, Roz Wicks, Richard Wicks, Mark Twyman, Rachel Swinnerton, Michael Wesson, Ian Savage, Dave Andrews, Don Birdseye, Simon Wells, Phil Jordan, Karen Farr, Lesley Doherty, Amanda Evenett, Rob Shears, Moira Wesson, Roz Rospopa.

1. Welcome

Edward Parson welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting, hoping that they enjoyed the garden tour and hospitality at Sandringham. He reassured the District that the local connections with the Royal Family and the promises made at the Coronation of King Charles III will be upheld.

2. Apologies – None received

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021

These had been circulated. Proposed by Michael Wesson and seconded by Ian Savage and agreed unanimously.

4. Reports

District Chair: Thanks were given to Edward Parsons and the team at Sandringham for the hospitality and Garden Tour.

Reports were circulated within the annual report and it was proposed by Dave Andrews that all reports bar the Accounts were accepted 'en-bloc', this was seconded by Don Birdseye and agreed unanimously.

Gary Clark presented the audited accounts. It was proposed by Simon Wells that these be accepted, this was seconded by Phil Jordan and agreed unanimously.

5. Elections and Nominations to District Executive Committee

- a) District Commissioner's nomination of District Chairman: John Rospopa nominated Jill Hudson – The District President then handed over to Jill Hudson to Chair the meeting.
- b) Election of District Treasurer and Secretary: Gary Clark was nominated as District Treasurer and Kelly Bowen as District Secretary – proposed by Karen Farr, seconded by Lesley Doherty and agreed unanimously.
- c) Election of members of the District Executive Committee: Don Birdseye and Doreen McNiff were nominated as members – proposed by Amanda Evenett, seconded by Rob shears and agreed unanimously.
- d) District Commissioners nominations to the District Executive Committee: John Rospopa nominated Rick Cooper and Miranda Smith.

6. Election of Honorary Auditor

Gary Clark outlined that we had a good relationship with Mike Andrews of Stephenson Smart as Auditor and would recommend this relationship continue. This was proposed by Lesley Doherty, seconded by Michael Wesson and agreed unanimously.

7. Election of members to the County Scout Council

Roz Rospopa proposed John Rospopa and Lucy Hearle to represent the District at the SCounty Scout Council, this was seconded by Moira Wesson and agreed unanimously.

8. Meeting Close

All were thanked for their attendance.

The next AGM was scheduled for: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

The Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

## **District Leader Volunteer (DC)**

### **Annual Report 2024**

Firstly, I would like to thank all adult volunteers, whatever your role, for your continued support over the last year. Without you giving up your time and energy the youth members would not have had such an exciting and fruitful year in scouting.

We were expecting Transformation to have taken place but it has been postponed until the end of the year. However, I know many of you have made progress in preparing for this in changing Executives to Trustee Boards and ensuring all data on Compass is up to date in preparation for the new IT system.

#### **Achievements:**

We have increased the number of Squirrel Dreys to 5 with another coming on stream in September 2024. We also have a further one planned for beginning of 2025.

#### **Explorers:**

We have increased the number of Explorers and Young Leaders with Explorer meetings taking place at 3 venues being hosted by 2 different Scout Groups. Discussions are taking place for a 4<sup>th</sup> meeting place.

#### **Growth:**

The District saw growth in both youth member numbers (up 11%) and adult volunteers (up 2%). This was reflected in the 2024 Census. This is particularly pleasing when the County averages saw a slight decline in both groups.

#### **Network:**

Since the 2023 AGM we have established a Network Group. Whilst the numbers are small they have been very active, in particular with pursuing their Kings Scout Award and hopefully these will be gained in the coming year.

#### **District Camp:**

This was held in June 2024 with Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Adults from across the District in attendance. A wide variety of activities were offered and all the youth members appear to have had a good time. The "party" evening on the Saturday evening was particularly popular with both youth members and adults alike.

#### **District Stores:**

The Archery and Shooting Equipment has been well used, Archery approximately 12 times, Shooting approximately 11 times. A variety of equipment was used for the District Camp including the pink gazebo, radios, grass sledges/helmets. The grass sledges and helmets were used on another occasion.

The Rifles have all been safety tested, 1 rifle was handed in to the Police Station that was beyond repair.

## **Section Reports:**

### **Squirrels**

The 12th, 13th and 21st Squirrels enjoyed a fabulous trip to Roarr, the UK's largest dinosaur adventure park, at the end of July 2023. Dinosaurs, splash park fun and the predator high ropes provided lots of 'firsts' for many of the youngest scout section.

In January 2024 we were joined by the 14th Squirrels to enjoy our first 'District Squirrels' cinema trip to the Alive Corn Exchange Cinema. We are delighted that the 9th King's Lynn Scout Group opened their Squirrel Drey last autumn and the 5th King's Lynn will have opened their new drey at the beginning of this month too.

Varied, exciting and action packed programmes have been planned and enjoyed by all groups throughout the last year. Activities including; climbing, canoeing, walking with Alpacas, camping, Gilwell Fun Day, District Camp, sleepovers at the SeaLife centre, campfires, cooking, yoga and so much more have been enjoyed by

many.

We attended our first County Trip to BeWILDerwood along with the Beavers, it was a fantastic day and amazing to see so many Squirrel Scouts from all over Norfolk having fun together.

Termly get togethers with the Squirrel leaders and helpers have enabled ideas to be shared and future plans to be made. We have dates in the diary for a further District Squirrels trip to the cinema and plans are underway for a summer trip in July. All of the North West Norfolk Squirrel Dreys currently have waiting lists. We look forward to new Dreys being opened to allow many more children to start their Scouting journeys at Squirrel.

Many thanks to all the Squirrel Leaders, helpers and young leaders for their ongoing enthusiasm, ideas and friendship enabling the Squirrels to have such varied and exciting programmes and adventures.

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### **Beavers**

As a district, most groups have been very active doing a well planned programme which includes sleepovers and trips out.

Last December some colonies attended the Panto Dick Whittington at the Corn Exchange in King's Lynn.

In February we held a District event where we all met up at the Majestic Cinema to watch the film Migration. It was enjoyed by all the beavers, and the leaders enjoyed it too.

At the beginning of June we also attended the District camp at Sandringham, Some beavers visited for the day but there were some who even camped overnight.

We have just returned from a county event where we took over Bewilderwood for the day. In total there was approximately 1500 Beavers and Squirrels. 3 coaches from North West Norfolk attended and there were lots of activities for the children to do. Some had never been on a boat before or climbing up high before they tell you they don't like heights but carried on regardless. Many thanks to Tracey Clark (Cherry) for organising the buses and everything that went with it. I know it was a very big ask and she did a very good job.

I know some groups will be going back to this year's panto and are looking forward to another cinema trip next year.

To end I would like to thank Roz Wicks for all her help over the years and would like to thank all the leaders.

Keep up the good work that you do

Karen Farr

ADC Beavers

### **Cubs**

It was a very quiet end to the cub year from the AGM 2023.

FEBRUARY 2024 saw the yearly trip to the Majestic cinema, King's Lynn to watch Migration, a funny film about a family of birds travelling and getting into bizarre and funny situations. The cinema was almost full, and a good time had by all.

MAY / JUNE was District Camp 2024. The cubs joined in with their groups to camp for the weekend, several activities were planned, including a disco. Unfortunately some activities were cancelled due to the strong winds, however, this did not stop the fun. On the Sunday the sections split off to have time with their own peer groups, cubs had several activities together from problem solving, making badges, circus skills, ball skills and crafts.

JULY the NWN district cubs embarked on a trip to Rotherham to the Magna Science and Adventure Centre. Two full coaches arrived at the venue. Good shows and activities for the cubs to participate with.

Phil, Su and myself would like to thank you as leaders, mums, dads, guardians and other adult helpers. We hope you continue to support us with the activities, visits and trips we organise for the cubs to promote their adventures with us.

Lesley Doherty (ADC Cubs)

## **Scouts**

We held our Survival Camp in October 2023 which was attended by 50 Scouts from 8 Groups. There were also 2 teams of 6 Explorers taking part in the competition. Explorers were also there to encourage Scouts to move on to Explorers by showing them the next stage of the Scouting Adventure. We also had help from several Young Leaders, Adult Leaders and members of the Fellowship. The weather was good which meant everyone enjoyed this camp. This year was the second time we made it a competition by judging the sub-camps on things such as tidiness, shelter construction, cooking and gadget building. The winners were The 2 Musketeers.

In March 2024 we held the Annual Night Hike for the Merv Becket Trophy. 12 Scout Troops took part in 8 teams alongside 2 Explorer Teams. After having their kit checked by the Fellowship they started at 6.00pm and all completed by 6.00am. They had to complete a variety of tasks at checkpoints to gain points.

July 6th & 7th saw the Expedition challenge take place. The Scouts hiked from the 1st Kings Lynn to the 1st Terrington HQ and then on day two hiked too the 3rd Marshland HQ. All Scouts did very well despite the wet weather.

## **Network Scouts**

Network in the district was set up in August 2023, with 6 members. Currently, we have 9 members, and are always looking for new members. We have monthly sessions doing various activities, many of which have been with the District Explorers, based at South Wootton. We hope to increase this to twice monthly, to allow more flexibility for our members. In August 2024, 4 Network members took on the King's Scout Award Expedition Challenge, in the Peak District, covering just under 50 miles across 4 days. It was incredibly hard work, as we are all used to the flat lands of Norfolk! We hope to run another expedition mid next year, as well as getting more involved with our district groups.

## **District Youth Commissioner (Lucy Hearle)**

In the last year I started doing the Youshaped award with the beavers within this district.

I got a few groups started with the first part of the badge which then the beaver colony's had to complete the rest of the badge within there groups. Which some have done, but was wishing more groups got involved.

The badge is still available to do but the leaders will have to do all of the sections then email John (DLV) for the badge allocations.

Thank you for your participation and I will see you all in January 2025

### **Explorers in 2023-24**

This year we appointed Bob Hearle as DESC & Karon Hearle as DESA of the NWN District Griffin Explorer Scout Section.

Explorers in the district have grown significantly since last year, we currently have 76 young people registered as explorers, 52 attending Explorer units of which 20 are also part of the 44 registered Young Leaders unit. We currently have 10 adult Leaders, including the ESL (YL).

Griffin Explorers are now based over 3 separate sites & open on 2 different days  
Gaywood on Tuesdays, Terrington & Wootton's on Wednesdays plus the mobile Young Leader Training Unit.

We are developing plans to open a new Unit in Downham Market early 2025 as there is an evidenced demand.

It's been a very busy year with Explorers earning 9 Chief Scout Platinum awards and 10 Young Leader Belts. The Explorer units have been doing some interesting activities which include building bird boxes for the Sandringham estate, bell ringing at the minster & an interesting night playing tennis at Lynnsport as well as lots of camps and attending Norfolk 24 again.

We have camps booked in for later in the year, a group attending NORJAM and are looking forward to the continued growth of young people in numbers, skills and opportunities as we work together over the next year.

We appreciate the support Groups offer to Explorer Scouts on Young Leader placement, in offering venues for training to take place and in promoting Explorers to their Scouts moving on.

**NORTH WEST NORFOLK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

**Income and Expenditure Account**

**Year Ended 31 March 2024**

# North West Norfolk District Scout Council

## Income And Expenditure Account

Year Ended 31 March 2024

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Badge Secretary Income	11,486	Badge Secretary Expenditure	11,366
Squirrels Events	1,439	Squirrels Events	1,387
Beavers Events	1,299	Beavers Events	1,478
Cub Events	3,516	Cub Events	3,322
Scouts Events	946	Scouts Events	620
Explorers Income	2,335	Explorers Expenditure	1,848
Water Sports Income	1,255	Water Sports Expenditure	1,300
Membership Fees 2024	40,205	Membership Fees 2024	42,100
Equipment Hire	458	Equipment Repairs	457
Fellowship Interest	43	Network Expenditure	102
		Youshape Awards	536
		District Camp	1,868
		Equipment Insurance	768
		Helper Insurance	52
		Film Licence	621
		Appointments/Travel/AGM	312
		Donations	715
		Stationery/Website	228
Excess Expenditure over Income	6,101		
	<u>69,082</u>		<u>69,082</u>

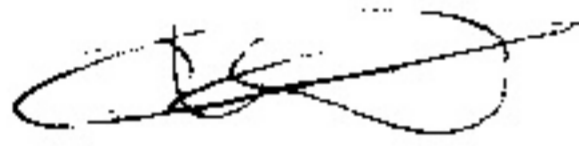
North West Norfolk District Scout Council

Income And Expenditure Account

Year Ended 31 March 2024

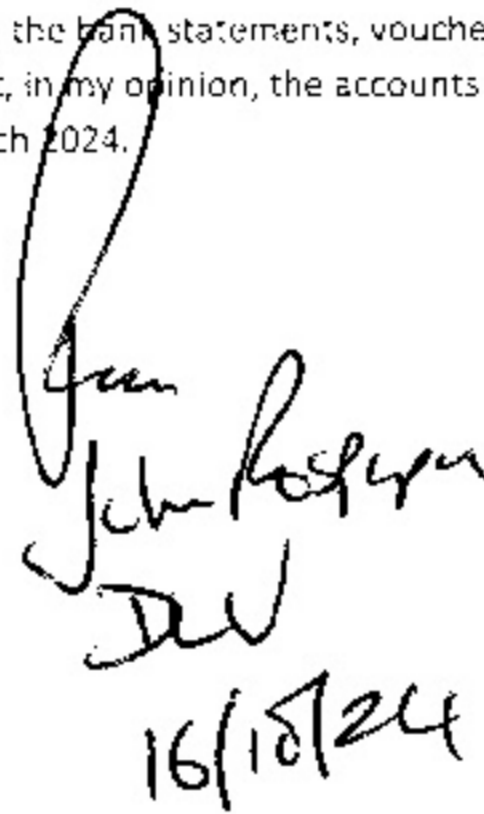
Balance At 1 April 2023	£	Balance at 31 March 2024	£
Current Account	37,282	Current: Account	31,338
Current Account (Fellowship)	2,575	Current: Account (Fellowship)	5,647
CAF Account (Fellowship)	3,229	CAF Account (Fellowship)	-
		Excess Expenditure over Income	6,101
	<u>43,086</u>		<u>43,086</u>

I have examined the foregoing income And Expenditure Account with the bank statements, vouchers and cash book. I have obtained all the information and explanations I have requested and certify that, in my opinion, the accounts show a true fair view of the North West Norfolk District Council affairs for the year ended 31 March 2024.



Mrs J Lincoln FCA

19th September 2024



John Robinson  
16/10/24

**NORTH WEST NORFOLK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

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# North West Norfolk District Scout Council Annual Report 2023

Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## Agenda

1. Welcome/President's remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the annual general meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (pg 2-3)
4. Remarks and Reports (pg 3-7)
5. Presentation of the Accounts (pg 8)
6. Elections and nominations to District Executive committee
  - a. District Commissioner's nomination of District Chairman
  - b. Election of District Treasurer and Secretary
  - c. Election of members to the District Executive committee
  - d. District Commissioner's nominations to the District Executive committee
  - e. Co-opted members to the District Executive committee
7. Election of Honorary Auditor
8. Election of members to the County Scout Council
9. Presentations
10. Meeting close

**Minutes of the North West Norfolk District Scout Council Annual General Meeting held at West Newton Village Hall on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Present:** Edward Parsons(President), Alan Lindsay, Dave Andrews, Mike Hart, Kim Smith, Mik Ranger, Dave Human, Jean and David McGuinness, Dudley Scott, Carolyn and Rick Cooper, Roz and John Rospopa, Jill Hudson, Andy Nicol, Richard Wicks, Andrew Farr, Gary Clark, Moira Wesson, Jude Kivlin, Barney Kivlin, Shina Greig, Karen Hearle, Lucy Hearle, Karen Farr, Luke Morgan, Bethany Smith, Simon and Lisa Allerton, Lesley Doherty, Sue Rix, Linda and Don Birdseye Michael Wesson.

1. Welcome

Alan Lindsay welcomed everyone to the AGM especially President Edward Parsons and CC Dave Human.

2. Apologies

Kelly Bowen, Rae Steward, Sally Hornigold, Zoe Hornigold, Bob Hearle, Scott Millard, Beka Millard, Tim Lake, Wayne Hornigold, Charlie Adams, Ian Savage, Miranda Smith, Peter Farr, Kimberley Bullen, Ros Wicks, Doreen McNiff, Martin Lever, Paul Smith, Tony Millburn, Jack and Pam Walker, Julia Adams, Bill White, Bob Keens, Phil Hannant, Nick Jones, Gemma Coady, Vicki Bellars, Donna Barr, Laura Mooney-Dutton.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021

These had been circulated. Proposed by Dave Andrews and seconded by Mike Hart. These were accepted.

4. Reports

District Chair: There was no report as he has only been in place for the last 4 weeks.

District Commissioner Report: See report.

Kim Smith welcomed everybody and thanked them for coming to the first face to face AGM since Covid.

Time was given to reflect on brothers and sisters who have 'Gone Home' since our last face to face meeting.

Throughout lockdown leaders and young people have upped their game and continued scouting via Zoom.

Management changes have been covered by Dave Human and Kim Smith who both congratulate John Rospopa who has now been appointed as DC.

The exciting introduction of the Squirrel section.

Proud to have 4 young people representing the District at next years World Jamboree in South Korea.

Section reports circulated.

District Treasurer: A copy of the audited accounts had been circulated. Acceptance of the audited accounts was proposed by Mike Hart and seconded by John Rospopa. These were accepted.

5. Elections and Nominations to District Executive Committee

a) District Commissioner's nomination of District Chairman: John Rospopa nominated Jill Hudson – approved.

b) Election of District Treasurer and Secretary: Gary Clark was nominated as District Treasurer and Kelly Bowen as District Secretary – proposed by Mike Hart – seconded by Andrew Farr. These were agreed.

c) Election of members of the District Executive Committee: Don Birdseye and Doreen McNiff were nominated as members – proposed by John Rospopa and seconded by Mike Hart. These were agreed.

d) District Commissioners nominations to the District Executive Committee: John Rospopa nominated Rick Cooper, Ian Savage and Miranda Smith. These were agreed.

6. Election of Honorary Auditor

Gary Clark proposed Mike Andrews seconded by Dudley Scott.

7. Election of members to the County Scout Council

Kim Smith proposed John Rospopa and Lucy Hearle seconded by Lesley Doherty.

8. Acceptance of the District Constitution

This will be updated after this meeting with the nominated and elected members.

9. Presentation of Awards

The Percy Robinson Award was presented by John Rospopa to Andy Nicols from the 1<sup>st</sup> Runcton Holme and Watlington group.

10. Guest Speakers

Andrew Farr and the 4 young people going to the World Jamboree in South Korea talked about their fundraising so far and their meetings with other participants.

CC Dave Human welcomed the new DC John Rospopa and Chair Jill Hudson. He thanked Kim Smith, Rick Cooper, Andrew Farr and Alan Lindsay for taking interim positions during the turbulent leadership. He thanked Miranda Smith for navigating the DBS checks and training as Appointments chair.

Changes are afoot and a team day for senior management will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> July. This will be a 5 year process and should make it easier for training, recruitment and retention.

Dave Human has 2 objectives as CC:

1. Address scouting in rural communities
2. Make scouting more Youth Led – The young people to bring their ideas and be supported by guidance and experience of leaders.

11. Meeting Close

Alan Lindsay thanked Edward Parsons for allowing us to camp At West Newton next year.

He also thanked everyone for this evening.

Next AGM: 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 7pm for 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

## North West Norfolk District Scouts Annual Report 2023



Since our last AGM in 2022 we have sadly lost Her Majesty the Queen and are now led by His Majesty King Charles III. Our Youth Commissioner was part of Operation Feather supporting the Queen's laying in state.

Over the last year we have grown in all sections and have increased the number of Squirrel Drays from 2 to 5. We still however need to recruit more adult volunteers despite many Leaders completing their training and gaining their Wood Beads.

Scouting is heading for big changes with the Transformation that will take place in 2024. Already Executive Committees are renamed Trustee Boards and we have some idea of the "new" titles that volunteers may have, the District Commissioner will, for example, become the District Lead Volunteer. There will be changes to recruitment and training although the detail is yet to be revealed but it will make things easier for us to recruit and retain volunteers.

We have also begun the process of increasing the numbers of Nights Away Assessors and Appointment Committee Members. Those involved have received training and are now just requiring validation.

This year we awarded the following youth section awards:

- Acorn (Squirrels) – 12
- Bronze (Beavers) – 49
- Silver (Cubs) – 22
- Gold (Scouts) – 19
- Platinum (Explorers) – 9
- Young Leader belts - 4

## Section Reports:

### Squirrels

In September 2022 the 12th and 21st King's Lynn Squirrels had a fabulous day at Pensthorpe for the first 'district' Squirrels trip. Lots of 'firsts' for many of the children, and lots of badge work completed; walks, bug hunts, pond dipping, climbing, sliding and blossoming friendships. As one of the Squirrels said 'we have challenged ourselves today'!

The 12th King's Lynn Squirrels celebrated their 1st Birthday in September and invited the 21st King's Lynn Squirrels to join them for a Birthday Party, lots of fun and games enjoyed by everyone and of course a cake.

14th King's Lynn were super excited to open a Squirrel Drey in October 2022. They have had lots of fun at their meetings; working towards badges, having a Christmas party with friends and visits to the RNLI at Old Hunstanton and the Police Station. They have lots of exciting things to look forward to over the coming year and hope to have as much fun as they have had during the past 8 months.

The 12th, 14th and 21st got together for a Christmas Party, with games and a visit from Santa in December.

13th Walpole's opened their Squirrel Drey on Friday 13th January. They have been getting to know each other and becoming friends. Their first adventure was an afternoon at group camp, it was an exciting and fun time. The Squirrels done all sorts of crafting while making friends with the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. A favourite activity was Water Rockets which went down a treat on a rather hot Saturday. After a chippy tea it was Campfire time and the Squirrels sung loudly during 'Everywhere we go'. A number of parents reported how chatty their Squirrel was on the way home telling them about their day and they cannot wait until they have a sleepover of their own!

The 21st King's Lynn Squirrels celebrated their first birthday in February to which they asked all the families to join them and they proudly presented their first Acorn Awards.

The 12th King's Lynn Squirrels enjoyed their first sleepover along with the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from their group to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the 12th King's Lynn Scout Group. 11 Squirrels snuggled down for the night in their sleeping bags after a visit to the theatre, a picnic, games in The Walks and a campfire with tasty s'mores. All the Squirrels slept soundly until waking up at 6.30am for another day of fun and celebrations.

The 12th, 13th and 21st Squirrels are looking forward to a trip to Roarr at the end of July. The leaders have been to do a familiarisation visit and can't wait to take the Squirrels!

Termly get togethers with the Squirrel leaders and helpers have enabled ideas to be shared and future plans to be made.

We look forward to new Dreys being opened to allow many more children to start their Scouting journeys at Squirrels!

Many thanks to all the Squirrel Leaders and helpers for their ongoing enthusiasm, ideas and friendship enabling the Squirrels to have such varied and exciting programmes and adventures.

Tracey, Zoe, Katie and Hazel

### Beavers (See also attached)

During the last year the Beavers have visited the District Cub Camp where they got to taste some of the activities the Cubs get up to.

The 3rd Marshland, 9th and 21st colonies have just returned from a District trip to the Gilwell Fundays. We had a shaky start but fun was had by all. The weather was hot and sticky but that didn't stop them from trying different things as you can see from the photos.

Thank you to the District for help with the bus.

All groups have been busy with their own programmes and from what I have seen they are having lots of fun

We have plans for November and starting to plan for next year are already in place.

I would like to thank John, Roz & Sally for their support

*Karen Farr (ADC Beavers)*

## Cubs

Cubs have had a busy year within their own groups we have also had a few events they have been able to attend throughout the year.

**Funday:** 1st October 2022 at Wolferton campsite we had in excess of 100 cubs from different groups where they tried different activities including archery, shooting, fire lighting and cooking on the fire, an informative walk around the village of Wolferton, climbing wall, axe throwing and pioneering along with a few crafts inside the hut. Lots of fun had and new skills learnt. A very big thank you to all that helped on the day with the various activities.

**Leaders Bowling Evening:** January 2023 @ Strikes bowling alley, a fun evening with a basket meal and two games of bowling. This gave the leaders to have the chance for a social evening together and chat about how their cub sections are going and to meet the other leaders.

**Cinema Visit:** February 11th at The Majestic cinema King's Lynn, a showing of 'Puss in Boots' was fun for all to watch. The cinema was almost full to capacity with 175 Cubs in attendance.

Each year we say a big thank you to all involved. Without you as leaders, adult helpers and parents the cubs wouldn't have the fun they do. It is important you know how much your input is welcomed and appreciated.

Thank you so much to the District Cub Scout Leaders Su and Phil, for the efforts they put into the District events whilst running cub packs themselves.

Looking forward to another good year 2023-2024.

*Lesley Doherty (ADC Cubs)*

## Scouts

We held our Survival Camp in October 2022 which was attended by 60 Scouts from 11 Groups. There was also a group of 12 Explorers who were there to encourage Scouts to move on to Explorers by showing them the next stage of shelter building. We also had help from several Young Leaders, Adult Leaders and members of the Fellowship. The weather was good which meant everyone enjoyed this camp. This year was the first time we made it a competition by judging the sub-camps on things such as tidiness, shelter construction, cooking and gadget building. The winners were Team Death Swing Camp who were made up of Scouts from the 21st Kings Lynn and 1st Dersingham.

In March 2023 we held the Night Hike for the Merv Becket Trophy. 9 groups took part in 9 teams (one team was a combined team from the 1st Dersingham, 21st Kings Lynn & 19th Kings Lynn). After having their kit checked by the Fellowship they started at 6.00pm and all completed by 6.00am. They had to complete a variety of tasks at checkpoints to gain points. The winning team was a team from the 2nd Runcton Holme & Watlington. The best individual award went to Lily Caul-Byrne from the 1st Downham Market.

June 17th & 18th saw the Expedition challenge take place from Hunstanton to the 14th Kings Lynn HQ. There were 25 Scouts undertaking this from 5 groups across the district. We were also joined by 10 Explorers for this event.

## Explorers

North West Norfolk Explorers Central & West 2022-23

We are currently running 2 explorer groups a week.

Central is run at the 14th Kings Lynn Scout HQ on Wednesday evening, run by Tim, Bob, Karon & Katy. West is run on a Thursday evening at the 1st Terrington HQ by Jim & George. Across the 2 sites we have 29 members with 15 regularly attending central & 7 attending west.

Our program has been really varied this year, with the young people visiting many different locations in the local area. Jim took his explorers to the local wind turbine to learn about renewables while central went to the local

virtual reality rooms where we were joined by some of the west explorers. West explorers have also had a talk given by the local food bank & central went to the RNLI station at Hunstanton for a water safety evening with them & the coastguard. Central are doing a trip to the ambulance station & their first aid course with our DC later in the term.

In September we will be taking 11 explorers to the Norfolk24 at the 2-mile bottom site for 24 hrs of non-stop fun.

We are looking forward to a fantastic autumn term

*Karen Hearle (Asst. Explorer Scout Leader)*

### **Explorer Young Leaders:**

The District Currently has 42 registered Young Leaders on placement across Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in 15 of the District's 21 Groups.

Of these Young Leaders 15 Currently attend Griffin Central (North Wootton) and 5 attend Griffin West (Terrington), 23 are Young Leaders only due to either geography or choice.

All of the current Young leaders have completed Module A and 22 of the 42 Young Leaders are actively engaged with the Young leader Training Unit. The Young Leader Training Modules are delivered by a core Group of experienced trainers, we move the training around across the District to improve accessibility and are responsive to feedback from the Young Leaders regarding days and time which work best for them. At the end of this term 4 Young Leaders will be presented with their Young Leader Belt for competition of all training modules.

We are delighted that many of Young leaders are using their placement as volunteering evidence for Duke of Edinburgh Awards and/or Chief Scout Awards with 6 Platinum Awards and 4 DofE Bronze Awards being presented. In addition, we are extremely proud of the 2 Young Leaders whose exceptional contributions to their placement Group has led to them receiving a Commissioner Commendation this year.

Young Leaders are much valued across the Groups and several of our Young Leaders have moved on into adult roles, albeit for some for a short period only before moving geographically for further education.

The Young Leader training in North West Norfolk is publicised to at a County level and we regular have attendance from outside of North West Norfolk. This year we have worked with WSJ to support the provision of Module A to Contingents 25 and 26.

*Roz Rospopa (ESL – Young Leaders)*

### **District Youth Commissioner (Lucy Hearle)**

Since my time in post I have been working with explorers to recruit new explorers within the district and within that time the explorer numbers have gone up, I made posters and went around to the explorer groups to see what they were enjoying and keep them at explorers all coming back with different answers.

I am currently now working alongside squirrels to see how squirrels get their voice across to our leaders.

### **World Scout Jamboree**

We are proud to have four young people and an Adult IST member from the district representing us at this year's World Scout Jamboree in South Korea and we look forward to hearing how things are developing and the stories they will share with us on their return.

### **Wolferton Guide & Scout Camp Site and Washbay Scout Fellowship (ASU) 2022/2023 Annual Report.**

Post Covid visitor numbers to Wolferton are slowly returning to normal.

The ASU has held most bi monthly meetings in the hut, but we did weaken in April and with Ruth's help held a meeting in The Babingley Club. Collections for the local food bank were made at the meetings and in January we received a letter of thanks for our donations.

Maintenance of the site continues :- Control of the ragwort is now by hand pulling only as the use of effective weed killer is no longer permitted. Little grass cutting has been required due to the extremely dry season. Moles

continue to be a problem. The estate's mole catcher was contacted but he was unwilling to take on the job as the infestation was too great.

Fence posts continue to rot at ground level. Eleven more have been repaired using Met post anchors and new support posts, cost of materials £150.

At our Sept meeting after much discussion a majority decision was made to progress the recycling of surplus equipment and the storage container back into local Scouting and Guiding. In January the equipment was moved to the Wolferton Hut. In February local units were invited to help themselves to anything of use to them. The 9th.KL – 1st.Hunstanton - 2nd Runcton Holm - 1st Downham Mkt, - 21st KL and The District Store were all able to find useful equipment. The 14th KL will make use of the storage unit which they will move to their HQ. together with the trailer which will still be available for other units to use

The generator which had belonged to the guides was donated to UK-Ukraine appeal as safety issue limited its use at camps.

Members assisted at a number of district events including , Survival Camp and Night Hike @ Rougham.

During the dry summer no open fires were allowed on the site. Visiting units during this period were loaned gas burners for cooking on.

A store for the district pioneering poles has been constructed on the site.

Thanks to all active members of both the ASU & Guides and it is hoped that increasing numbers of young people will enjoy the natural beauty of Wolferton Camp Site at an affordable cost in these inflationary times.

*Ian Savage ASU/Wolferton Site Chairman*

### **NWN District Water Activities -2022/2023**

Water Activities were quite slow last year, with all groups getting back to Scouting after COVID.

We think we were around 100 Scouts on the water.

We applied for, and were given 2 grants from Norfolk Community Foundation Totalling £3,143, this was used to purchased 3 small Kayaks for Cubs and Small Scouts, as well as 2 boats for our Young Instructors to use.

Our supply of Buoyancy Aids were safety checked at the beginning of the year, and being 20+ years old the decision was made to also get 20 new ones.

The rest of the grant was used to buy new tow ropes, first aid kit, air bags as well as 6 small paddles so we can take Squirrels on the water.

This year bookings were slow at the start of the year, with no groups until mid-June, now we have groups in for most sessions.

We have done our first Squirrels session with the 12th, which was very enjoyable and a leader only session with the 12th.

*Rob Ashwell, Lead Instructor, NWN Water Activities*

**North West Norfolk district Scout Council**  
**Income & Expenditure Account, Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Badge Secretary Income	9,385	Badge Secretary Expenditure	9,694
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Squirrels Events	475	Squirrels Events	667
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Equipment Hire	245	Capitation	36,053
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Capitation	40,912	Equipment Storage	486
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Excess Expenditure Over Income	793	Film Licence	564
	<u>63,186</u>	Appointment/Travel Expenses	502
		Hardship Fund Donation	100
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		Archery Training	120
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<b>Balance At 1 April 2022</b>		<b>Balance At 31 March 2023</b>	
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Current Account - Scout Fellowship	3,173	Current Account - Scout Fellowship	3,229
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Online Scout Manager	295	Online Scout Manager	-
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Mr M J Andrews FCA

28/06/2023

**NORTH WEST NORFOLK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

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# **North West Norfolk District Scout Council Annual General Meeting**

**West Newton Village Hall**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**7pm for 7.30**

## **Agenda**

- 1. Welcome/President's remarks –**
- 2. Apologies for absence -**
- 3. Minutes of the annual general meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021**
- 4. Remarks and Reports**
- 5. Elections and nominations to District Executive committee**
  - (a) District Commissioner's nomination of District Chairman**
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- 6. Election of Honorary Auditor**
- 7. Election of members to the County Scout Council**
- 8. Acceptance of the District constitution**
- 9. Presentations**
- 10. Guest Speaker**
- 11. Meeting close**

**North West Norfolk District Scout Council  
Annual General Meeting  
West Newton Village Hall  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
7pm**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Edward Parsons(President), Alan Lindsay, Dave Andrews, Mike Hart, Kim Smith, Mik Ranger, Dave Human, Jean and David McGuinness, Dudley Scott, Carolyn and Rick Cooper, Roz and John Rospopa, Jill Hudson, Andy Nicol, Richard Wicks, Andrew Farr, Gary Clark, Moira Wesson, Jude Kivlin, Barney Kivlin, Shina Greig, Karen Hearle, Lucy Hearle, Karen Farr, Luke Morgan, Bethany Smith, Simon and Lisa Allerton, Lesley Doherty, Sue Rix, Linda and Don Birdseye Michael Wesson.

**1. Welcome**

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**2. Apologies**

Kelly Bowen, Rae Steward, Sally Hornigold, Zoe Hornigold, Bob Hearle, Scott Millard, Beka Millard, Tim Lake, Wayne Hornigold, Charlie Adams, Ian Savage, Miranda Smith, Peter Farr, Kimberley Bullen, Ros Wicks, Doreen McNiff, Martin Lever, Paul Smith, Tony Millburn, Jack and Pam Walker, Julia Adams, Bill White, Bob Keens, Phil Hannant, Nick Jones, Gemma Coady, Vicki Bellars, Donna Barr, Laura Mooney-Dutton.

**3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

These had been circulated.

Proposed by Dave Andrews and seconded by Mike Hart.

Thses were accepted.

**4. Reports**

**District Chair:**

There was no report as he has only been in place for the last 4 weeks.

**District Commissioner Report:**

**See report.**

Kim Smith welcomed everybody and thanked them for coming to the first face to face AGM since Covid.

Time was given to reflect on brothers and sisters who have 'Gone Home' since our last face to face meeting.

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The exciting introduction of the Squirrel section.

Proud to have 4 young people representing the District at next years World Jamboree in South Korea.

Section reports circulated.

District Treasurer:

A copy of the audited accounts had been circulated.

Acceptance of the audited accounts was proposed by Mike Hart and seconded by John Rospopa.

These were accepted.

5. Elections and Nominations to District Executive Committee

a) District Commissioner's nomination of District Chairman  
John Rospopa nominated Jill Hudson - approved.

b) Election of District Treasurer and Secretary  
Gary Clarke was nominated as District Treasurer and Kelly Bowen as District Secretary - proposed by Mike Hart - seconded by Andrew Farr. These were agreed.

c) Election of members of the District Executive Committee  
Don Birdseye and Doreen McNiff were nominated as members - proposed by John Rospopa and seconded by Mike Hart. These were agreed.

d) District Commissioners nominations to the District Executive Committee  
John Rospopa nominated Rick Cooper, Ian Savage and Miranda Smith.  
These were agreed.

6. Election of Honorary Auditor

Gary Clarke proposed Mike Andrews seconded by Dudley Scott.

7. Election of members to the County Scout Council

Kim Smith proposed John Rospopa and Lucy ? seconded by Lesley Doherty.

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8. Acceptance of the District Constitution

This will be updated after this meeting with the nominated and elected members.

9. Presentation of Awards

The Percy Robinson Award was presented by John Rospopa to Andy Nicols from the 1<sup>st</sup> Runcton Holme and Watlington group.

10. Guest Speakers

Andrew Farr and the 4 young people going to the World Jamboree in South Korea talked about their fundraising so far and their meetings with other participants.

CC Dave Human welcomed the new DC John Rospopa and Chair Jill Hudson. He thanked Kim Smith, Rick Cooper, Andrew Farr and Alan Lindsay for taking interim positions during the turbulent leadership.

He thanked Miranda Smith for navigating the DBS checks and training as Appointments chair.

Changes are afoot and a team day for senior management will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> July.

This will be a 5 year process and should make it easier for training, recruitment and retention.

Dave Human has 2 objectives as CC:

1. Address scouting in rural communities
2. Make scouting more Youth Led - The young people to bring their ideas and be supported by guidance and experience of leaders.

11. Meeting Close

Alan Lindsay thanked Edward Parsons for allowing us to camp At West Newton next year.

He also thanked everyone for this evening.

Next AGM: 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 7pm for 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

**NORTH WEST NORFOLK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

**Income and Expenditure Account**

**Year Ended 31 March 2022**

# North West Norfolk District Scout Council

## Income And Expenditure Account

Year Ended 31 March 2022

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Income	£	Expenditure	£
Badge Secretary Income	6,629	Badge Secretary Expenditure	6,754
		WSJ Badge Expenditure	617
		Jubilee Badge Expenditure	288
Beavers Events	974	Beavers Events	996
Cub Events	-	Cub Events	100
Scouts Events	701	Scouts Events	750
Explorers Income	577	Explorers Expenditure	696
Water Sports	4,183	Water Sports	3,222
Capitation	32,250	Capitation	30,268
Donations	1,432	Fellowship Insurance	188
Gift Aid Refund	-	Equipment Storage	463
Fellowship Interest	2	Equipment Insurance	631
		Equipment Repairs	894
Excess Expenditure Over Income	585	Helper Insurance	42
		Film Licence	486
	<u>47,332</u>	Appointment/Travel Expenses	340
		Hardship Fund Donation	75
		Stationery/Website	121
		District Supplies	125
		Archery Training	275
			<u>47,332</u>

**North West Norfolk District Scout Council**

**Income And Expenditure Account**

**Year Ended 31 March 2022**

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**Balance At 1 April 2021**

Current Account	38,575
Current Account - Scout Fellowship	2,717
CAF Account - Scout Fellowship	3,171

44,463

**Balance At 31 March 2022**

Current Account	37,382
Current Account - Scout Fellowship	295
CAF Account - Scout Fellowship	3,029
Online Scout Manager	3,173

Excess Expenditure Over Income 585

44,463

I have examined the foregoing Income And Expenditure Account with the bank statements, vouchers and cash book. I have obtained all the the information and explanations I have requested and certify that, in my opinion, the accounts show a true and fair view of the North West Norfolk District Scout Council affairs for the year ended 31 March 2022.



Mr M J Andrews FCA

05th July 2022



**NORTH WEST NORFOLK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

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# Accounts

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**NORTH WEST NORFOLK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

**Income and Expenditure Account**

**Year Ended 31 March 2021**

**North West Norfolk District Scout Council**

**Income And Expenditure Account**

**Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
Badge Income	1,950	Badge Expenditure	1,997
Beaver Events	-	Beaver Events	-
Cub Events	118	Cub Events	288
Scout Events	-	Scout Events	-
Watersports Project	285	Watersports Project	1,200
Capitation Fees	2021 23,950	Capitation Fees	22,432
Scout Fellowship	3	Equipment Storage	441
Donations	915	Equipment Insurance	629
Gift Aid Refund	122	Scout Fellowship	188
Explorers District	-	Helper Insurance	42
		Film License	472
		Explorers OSM Fees	43
		Appointment/Travel Expenses	128
		Archery Training	825
Excess Expenditure Over Income	1,341		
	<u>28,685</u>		<u>28,685</u>

**North West Norfolk District Scout Council**

**Income And Expenditure Account**

**Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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**Balance At 1 April 2020**

Current Account	39,731
Current Account - Scout Fellowship	2,905
CAF Account - Scout Fellowship	3,168

45,804

**Balance At 31 March 2021**

Current Account	38,575
Current Account - Scout Fellowship	2,717
CAF Account - Scout Fellowship	3,171
Excess Expenditure Over Income	1,341

45,804

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Mr M J Andrews FCA

07 July 2021

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