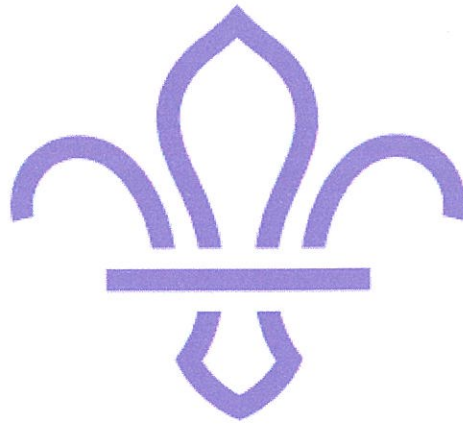




LILFORD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Lilford District Scout HQ Shuttle Street, Tyldesley M29 8BS
Registered Charity No.503221



ANNUAL

REPORT

AGM Wednesday 4th September 2024
7.30pm in the District HQ

Squirrels

BEAVERS

SCOUTS

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EXPLORERS

LILFORD SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 4th September 2024 7.30pm
In the District HQ Shuttle Street Tyldesley M29 8BS

AGENDA

- 1. Introduction and welcome**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21st June 2023
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - c. Note the District's financial year
 - d. Approve appointed and community members of the District Scout Council
 - e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
 - f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
- 4. Review of the previous year**
 - a. The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the Lilford District
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
- 5. Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint the District Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
 - b. Appoint the District Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
 - c. Appoint members of the District Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
 - d. (Re-)appoint District President
 - e. Appoint the Independent Examiner
 - f. Nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council
- 6. Closing remarks**

Minutes of the 14th AGM of Lilford District Scout Council held on Wednesday 21st June 2023 in the District Headquarters.

Present: Steve Ralph (District Commissioner) David Copeland (District Chair) Pamela Copeland (District Secretary) John-Paul Yates (Deputy District Commissioner) Clair Nugent (BL 4th Tyldesley) Marjorie Marsden (BL 5th Tyldesley) Siobhan Mullen (GSL 4th Tyldesley) Suzanne Walker (GSL 18th Leigh) Cllr Jamie Hodgkinson (AGSL 12th Atherton) Jayne Thomson (ASL 4th Tyldesley) Stuart Thomson (ASL 4th Tyldesley) Karen Salisbury (TA Lilford) Andrew Foster (BL 9/15th Leigh) Christina Hughes (ABL 9/15th Leigh) Rebekah Troft Youth Commissioner Lilford) Tom Dutton (ABL 13th Leigh) Sarah Mullaney (ABL 13th Leigh) James Turner County (Youth Commissioner GM West) Mike Cooling (CSL 2nd Atherton) David Simpson (CSL 5th Tyldesley) Steven Lowe (GSL 13th Leigh) Deborah Pitts (ACSL 18th Leigh) Emma Owen (SSL 18th Leigh) Lisa Woodger (CSL 18th Leigh) Marilyn Bell (ADC Beavers Wigan) Malcolm Bell (President Lilford) Alex Waddington (Safety Lilford) Sue Ralph (District Support Lilford) Ellen Roberts 9/15th Leigh Jane Riley (GSL 9/15th & LTM Lilford) Daniel O'Rourke (ABL 18th Leigh) Claire Cavanagh (BL 18th Leigh) Shane Hopkins (deputy DC Lilford) Jacob Bond Deputy CC GM West) Andy Farrell (CC GM West) Councillors – John Harding, Paula Wakefield, Lee McStein

Apologies: Penny Rothwell Mason (CSL 13th Leigh & Trustee Board Member) Sophie Rothwell Mason (ACSL 13th Leigh & Chair AAC) Keith Morris (TA Lilford) Mike Lowe (GSL 5th Tyld & Trustee Board Member) Paul Grimshaw (GSL and all leaders at 2nd Atherton) Councillors Charles Rigby, Paul Watson, Christine Roberts, Debra Wailes, Stuart Gerrard, Liam Walker (EXSL Gryphon) Helen Whitely (ACSL 4th Tyldesley) Damien Z (SL 4th Tyldesley) Sue Bennett (Supporter 4th Tyldesley) Nathan Murray (ASL 9/15th Leigh) Pete Blundell (DExS Commissioner Lilford) Josh Walters (Network Commissioner Lilford)

David, Chair opened the meeting at 8pm prompt.
He then asked Alex Waddington to announce the safety route.

David then welcomed everyone to the meeting, Malcolm Bell our President, County Commissioner Andy Farrell, Jacob Bond Deputy CC and the Councillors in attendance.

The Minutes of the 13th AGM 29th June 2022 had been circulated and were accepted as a true record.
Proposed by Stuart Thomson and seconded by Andy Foster

Presentation of Annual Report

The Annual report was presented by Steve Ralph District Commissioner
This was accepted by all at the meeting.

Presentation of Examined Accounts,

JP gave a run through of the Annual accounts, noting that 3rd Lowton Group had closed during this financial year and their monies had been paid into District which is shown on these accounts.
During the year, a training/meeting room has been created upstairs and the start of a museum.
JP reminded every Group and unit in the district that copies of their financial reports need to be sent into him as soon as their financial year end. This is a requirement of POR and the Charities commission.
The accounts were examined this year by David Hampson which were done efficiently and quickly, we thank David for this.
Approval of the accounts were proposed by Jane Riley and Seconded by Siobhan Mullen, this was accepted by all at the meeting.

Lilford District Constitution

David – Chair, proposed that Lilford adopt the constitution as outlined in POR
Seconded by Jane Riley. All at the meeting agreed to accept this proposal.

Approval of District Commissioners nomination of District Chair

Steve invited and nominated David Copeland to continue as District Chair, David accepted.
All at the meeting approved.

District Levy: JP proposed £1 payable April 2024

All at the meeting accepted this proposal.

It was not known at this time what the HQ and County membership fee will be for 2024

JP's proposal was seconded by David Simpson

Election of District Secretary

Pam Copeland was asked if she would continue as Secretary, Pam accepted.

Proposed by David Simpson seconded by Jane Riley. All at the meeting approved.

Election of District Treasurer

At the moment JP is treasurer, he has someone in mind to take the job on and will be contacting him in the near future.

Members of the Executive Committee

D.Cs nominations: Jane Riley, Penny Rothwell Mason, Suzanne Walker

Proposed by Jane Thomson Seconded by Siobhan Mullen

Elected members: Siobhan Mullen, Andrew Foster, Steven Lowe.

Ex-Officio DESC Peter Blundell, District Youth Commissioner – Rebekah Trott, District Scout Network – Josh Walters

Proposed by Jane Riley, Seconded by Stuart Thomson

All at the meeting approved these nominations.

Nomination of Rep to County Scout Council

Sophie Rothwell Mason

Proposed by Jane Riley and seconded by Siobhan Mullen. All At the meeting approved

Nomination of Rep to County Executive committee

This was left, awaiting further information from County after their AGM due to Trustee Board changes.

Appointment of Account Examiners

David Hampson had kindly agreed to examine this year's accounts and has indicated he will be happy to do the same next year.

Proposed by Andy Foster and Seconded by Jane Riley. All at the meeting were in agreement.

A letter of thanks will be sent to David by the Secretary.

Awards:

Andy Farrell County Commissioner presented Steve Ralph with 40yrs service award and thanked Steve for his excellent service and leading the District

Steve has received awards which he presented to:

James Turner – 5 yrs service

Daniel O'Rourke – 10 yrs service

Commendation for Good service – Mike Cooling

Lisa J Woodger – Deputy GSL - Wood Badge

Emma L Owen – Cub Scouts Wood Badge

Award for Merit – Christina Hughes

Queen Scouts/King Scouts

Sarah Mullaney, Rebekah Trott, Tom Dutton.

District Chair:

As many of you are aware the Scouts are implementing changes, Jacob Bond – Deputy County Commissioner for GM West is the Transition lead for our County and has kindly agreed to come to our HQ to do a presentation. There will be an opportunity to ask any question you may have. The date is fixed for Monday 18th September 2023 8pm in the District HQ

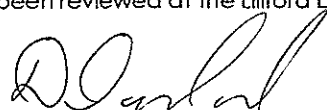
David thanked each and every one for their commitment, and thank you for the support tonight it is a great privilege to work with you.

Looking forward to activities and events in 2024

You are welcome to join us for cheese and wine after the meeting, all donations are for our District International fund.

David closed the meeting at 8.25pm

These minutes have been reviewed at the Lillford District Trustee Board meeting on 8th July 2024





SILVER WOLF

Pamela Copeland
Alex Waddington
Keith Lang
David Copeland
Steve Ralph



Bar to Silver Acorn

Karen Salisbury



Silver Acorn

Jane Riley
Keith Morris
Peter Blundell
Sue Ralph
Marjorie Marsden



Award for Merit

Alan Briggs
Andrew Foster
Bernard Dunsby
Christina Hughes
Jamie Hodgkinson
JP Yates
Julie Rawlinson
Laura Pridding
Lee Aspin
Mike Lowe
Mike Barrett
Olwyn Love
Paul Grimshaw
Paul Lowe
Peter Lowe
Rob Ferguson
Shane Hopkins
Siobhan Mullen
Steve Gray
Steven Lowe
Susan Bennett



Chief Scouts Commendation

Beverley Knowles
Clair Nugent
Clare Kenna
Daniel O'Rourke
David Simpson
Liz Rawson
Hannah Ralph
Helen Whitley
Ian Follows
Jayne Thomson
John Worrall
Kelly Knotman
Mike Cooling



Chief Scouts Commendation (continued)

Neil Marks-Parker
Nicki Cooling
Pauline Ross
Penny Rothwell Mason
Roger Humphries
Simon Lowe
Sophie Rothwell Mason
Stuart Thomson
Suzanne Walker



Commissioners Commendation

Deborah Pitts
Lisa Woodger

Lilford District Scout Council

Financial Report 2023-24 District Executive Board Structure

The schedules, annual accounts and notes cover Lilford District Scout Council which serves Scouting in and around Leigh, Atherton, Tyldesley, Astley and Lowton.

The Executive Committee of the Lilford District comprises:

President	Mr M Bell
Vice Presidents	Vacant

Trustees:

District Lead Volunteer	Mr S A Ralph MBE, JP
District Chair	Mr D Copeland
District Secretary	Mrs P Copeland
District Treasurer	Mr J-P Yates ACMA, CGMA
District Lead Volunteer	
Nominations	Mrs J Riley, Mrs P Rothwell-Mason, Mrs S Walker
Elected members	Miss S Mullen, Mr A Foster, Mr S Lowe
Ex Officio	Miss R Trott (Youth Commissioner) Mr J Walters (Scout Network) Mr P Blundell (District Explorer Commissioner)

Bankers	Royal Bank of Scotland CCLA Investment Management Limited
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Scout Association	16804
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Charity Registration	503221
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District Examiner	Mr D Hampson ACMA CGMA
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The District is a Trust set up under the rules of the Scout Association and common to all Districts. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of the Scout Association.

Accounts are based on the receipts and payments basis and is consistent with previous years. These accounts were approved at the Lilford District Trustee Board on 8th July 2024 and signed on their behalf;

David Copeland



District Chair – Lilford District Scout Trustee Board

Lilford District Scout Council

Financial Report 2023-24

Overview

2023-24 again saw an active year within the District. Changes to the governance structure were introduced because of the Charities Commission regulations update and wider Scout Association developments.

District Accounts

Income was £4,791.47 lower than in 2023. Whilst capitation saw a modest increase of £3,087.50 due to increasing census numbers, we also had the closures of 1st Astley and Lowton Explorers contributing to the coffers. Although these funds are welcome, they must be protected to cover any potential future costs.

The District HQ has again seen significant expenditure in repairs and improvements. The continuing work is plain for all to see who visit. Thank you to the team ably led by David Copeland for all your hard work in maintaining our wonderful building.

Overall, the District had a surplus of £1.00 for 2023-24.

Some will also notice that the building has also been revalued to £700,000. This has been long overdue and in part was commissioned because of the governance changes. Insurance policies have been updated to reflect the new valuation.

Scout Shop

The shop continued to contribute to the District funds. Sales were £423 down on the previous year but the overall surplus was £1,402.85.

Please continue to support the shop!

International Fund

This fund remains in account for the purposes of funding international activities. Having supported the District contingent to South Korea during the year, the fund is still healthy with new adventures being planned.

The future

Finally, I would also like to mention the support of the whole District team during my continuing term as Treasurer.

John-Paul Yates ACMA, CGMA

District Treasurer

Lilford District Scout Council

31st March 2024

Income and Expenditure report

Income:

	Note	Current	Previous
Membership income	1	21,157.50	18,070.00
County / HQ			
District	2	455.00	0.00
District HQ donations		10,372.65	10,901.60
District HQ roof fund		0.00	450.00
Closure 3rd Lowton		0.00	12,442.46
Closure Lowton Explorers	3	315.95	0.00
Closure 1st Astley	3	2,591.16	0.00
Interest received	4	3,008.34	1,078.01
Other donations		250.00	0.00
		38,150.60	42,942.07

Expenditure:

Capitation	1	(21,157.50)	(18,040.00)
County / HQ			
Premises:			
Gas		(1,251.33)	(1,375.44)
Electricity		(1,107.54)	(358.00)
Water		(464.36)	(509.88)
Insurance	5	(2,697.52)	(2,366.76)
Cleaning & repairs	6	(9,379.28)	(5,171.97)
Training		(50.00)	(229.21)
Administration	7	(1,238.64)	(705.73)
Other expenditure	8	(803.43)	(62.50)
Pegasus		0.00	(22.50)
		(38,149.60)	(28,841.99)

Net Surplus / (Deficit) for year

1.00	14,100.08
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Balance sheet report

Brought forward 1st April	346,496.90	331,551.03
District Council	1.00	14,100.08
District Shop	1,402.85	(692.22)
Lilford International Fund	807.00	1,538.01
Revaluation account	9 450,000.00	0.00
	798,707.75	346,496.90

Represented by:

Land & Buildings (District HQ)	9 700,000.00	250,000.00
Stock (Shop)	6,123.78	5,723.61
Bank balances		
District Scout Council account	14,453.14	17,604.13
Shop account	4,017.25	3,014.57
International fund account	9,181.82	8,374.82
Charities Deposit account	64,889.82	61,881.48
Cash in hand		
Treasurer	1.94	1.94
Shop	40.00	40.00
Creditors		
Pegasus ESU	0.00	(143.65)
	798,707.75	346,496.90

Lilford District Scout Shop

31st March 2024

Income and Expenditure report

Income:

Sales	3,914.73	4,337.35
Other income		

3,914.73	4,337.35
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Expenditure:

Opening stock	at cost	5,723.61	6,083.87
Purchases		2,763.64	2,933.25
Closing stock	at cost	(6,123.78)	(5,723.61)
Cost of sales		2,363.47	3,293.51
Contribution		1,551.26	1,043.84

39.6%	24.1%
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Other expenditure	(117.00)	(1,723.53)
Card fees	(31.41)	(12.53)
Transfers to District Scout Council	0.00	0.00

(148.41)	(1,736.06)
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1,402.85	(692.22)
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Balance sheet report

Brought forward 1st April	8,837.18	9,529.40
Shop	1,402.85	(692.22)
	10,240.03	8,837.18

Represented by:

Stock (Shop)	6,123.78	5,723.61
Cash & balances		
Bank account	4,017.25	3,014.57
Cash in hand	40.00	40.00
Creditors (Pegasus)	59.00	59.00
	10,240.03	8,837.18

Lilford District International Fund

31st March 2024

Income and Expenditure report

Income:

Grants & Donations

Other income

Note	Current	Previous
	957.00	5,237.01
	957.00	5,237.01

Expenditure:

WSJ 2023 contributions paid

(150.00) (3,699.00)

(150.00) (3,699.00)

Net Surplus / (Deficit) for year

807.00 1,538.01

Balance sheet report

Brought forward 1st April

Lilford International Fund

8,374.82 6,836.81

807.00 1,538.01

9,181.82 8,374.82

Represented by:

Cash & balances

Bank account

Cash in hand

9,181.82 8,374.82

0.00 0.00

9,181.82 8,374.82

SECTION A - Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Lilford District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lilford District Scout Council (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name:

DAVID JOHN HAMPSON

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

ACMA

Address:

1 BROADWAY, ATHORTON, MANCHESTER. M46 9HW.

Date:

6/6/2024

SECTION B - Disclosures

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. County / HQ membership

This is the amount received from the Groups incorporated into the District and is based on a census of youth membership as at 31st January 2023.

There is a corresponding charge shown as "Capitation" in expenditure.

This is the District contribution to the Scout Association Insurance and central running costs.

2. District

At the AGM in 2023, the District levy was re-instated, having been suspended during the pandemic. It is based on the same headcount census mentioned in note 1.

3. Closure Lowton Explorer and 1st Astley Groups

Due to a lack of numbers and volunteer leaders, these Group was closed during the year and the residual funds were transferred to District as per Scout Association rules. These balances will be ring fenced for a period of 3 years in case the Groups are reformed.

4. Interest

Interest is received from the CAF Charities deposit account. This has risen considerably over the year in line with the rise in overall interest rates.

5. Insurance

See also Note 9. The increase in the premium is as a result of a revaluation in the insurance valuation of the Shuttle Street Headquarters owned by the district.

6. Cleaning & repairs

The Trustees have continued to support renovations to the building. Approximately £5,000 of the total shown relates to repairs and improvements to the building.

7. Administration

The increase over 2023 of £533 is attributable to the additional services added to the shop till system that was purchased in 2022-23.

8. Other expenditure

The major increase in "Other expenditure" is attributable to the closure of 1st Astley and clearance of the building in Astley, which has now been returned to the Parish of St. Stephen's, Astley.

9. Revaluation of District HQ

See also note 5. The District Trustees requested that the building be revalued for insurance purposes during the year. Cooke & Company of Leigh inspected the building and grounds. They advised that the valuation should be revised to £700,000. Upon renewal of the insurance premium for 2023-24, this valuation was updated and the premium shows a modest increase.

District Adult Lead Volunteer Report 2023-24

Lilford District is a great district and I do not say that lightly. This is totally due to the dedication and commitment of our leaders, helpers and trustees who week in week out, year in year out strive to give the best possible Scouting experience to the young people in their charge. It often goes unrecorded and unrewarded but you should all take personal satisfaction in a job well done.

There is no need for me to reiterate what has already been said in the section lead volunteer reports other than it is great to see two new Squirrel Dreys up and running with another to follow.

This is particularly good news at a time when districts are seeing long established sections and groups closing, hopefully this will reverse the trend of a lack of volunteers to help our young people on their Scouting journey.

Scouting in Lilford is holding its own. This years Census recorded that the District had 596 members however each week I am receiving email enquiries from parents wanting a place for their child, all of which is great news and bodes well for the future, we just need those leaders !

All I can say to you, as I have done at the last nine AGM's is for you to keep doing what you are doing, providing quality scouting within our District. We can only hope that more adults will get involved and give up that "hour" every week !

Again I would like to thank the District Trustees for all the hard work they put in. David and Pam Copeland for their continued support and who make life so much easier for us all. Thanks also to JP for the work put in on the accounts and to Marjorie Marsden for her continued support in running the scout shop.

To the members of the Appointments Advisory Committee, Sophie and Mel.
To Shane and the rest of the Group Lead Volunteers thank you.

I stated last year that big changes were afoot, well they are here now and over the next 12 months we will be implementing a lot of these changes from the operating system we use to an upgraded safeguarding policy and to how we run our District and groups.
It is daunting but we are more than up to the task. We will have a new County Lead Volunteer shortly and hopefully they will lead us to greater heights.

In all likelihood this will be my final report as a DC.
I can honestly say that it has been the highest honour to lead such a dedicated and selfless group of people. Little did I imagine 53 years ago when starting my scouting journey that I would end up leading my District. All I can say is "I've done my best" and once again thank you one and all for your friendship and continued support in making our District what it is.
Steve Ralph MBE JP District Commissioner

ADC Squirrel AGM report 2024.

Over the past year, the squirrels in the Lilford District have shown significant growth and enthusiasm, marked by the establishment of two new dreys. The introduction of scouting to younger individuals in Lilford has been met with great excitement. Recruitment for scouts has been strong, although attracting new leaders has been a slower process. Nonetheless, the outlook for the coming year remains positive.

18th Leigh have gone from strength to strength this past year, they have joined the whole group on a sleepover at Dunham Park, been to see a pantomime, as well as several trips to Charlie Park. During the sessions they have all been working hard toward their 'Golden Acorn' award. The sessions have been engaging and filled with diverse activities, fostering strong bonds among the young participants, turning strangers into lifelong scouting friends.

The 2nd Atherton Squirrel Drey was successfully launched in January 2024 with three new leaders, including one who is entirely new to scouting, supported by an experienced leader, Nikki. Initially, the drey is limited to 12 members to facilitate manageable intakes over the first two years and then seasonal. The next major intake is scheduled for September, and there is already a waiting list in preparation. The squirrels are mostly invested and actively working through their two-year program towards the 'Golden Acorn' award. They participated in a 'Drey Day' at Waddecarr in June, which was filled with numerous activities, marking a promising start for the new drey.

The 9th & 15th Leigh drey opened at the end of June, featuring initial sessions with games designed to help young participants (YP) get acquainted with each other and their leaders. There have also been discussions about their favorite activities and how these can be transformed into badges. The first group of squirrels is set to be invested soon, and there are already six more participants ready to join once they turn four in two months.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the volunteers for their unwavering time and enthusiasm. Your dedication is essential to the operation and success of the dreys, allowing them to flourish and continue making a positive impact.

Emma Owen

Beaver Section Report

This past year has been filled with adventure, learning, and community engagement, embodying the core principles of the Beaver Scout programme. Not only have our Beavers demonstrated incredible enthusiasm, teamwork, and personal development throughout the year, so have our Leaders. This is very clearly evidenced by the fact that almost all groups are now running at capacity for Beavers.

As well as providing an engaging weekly programme, Leaders have been able to provide opportunities for various camps and trips.

Star Wars Themed Camp: Hosted by 9th/15th Leigh, Beavers immersed themselves in a galaxy far, far away, participating in themed activities and adventures.

Gulliver's World Camp: Both 13th Leigh and 18th Leigh attended this camp, enjoying the excitement and fun of Gulliver's World theme park during the day with special sleepover activities once the park closed to general guests.

53rd Birthday Celebration: 5th Tyldesley celebrated their group's 53rd Birthday with a bowling party, creating wonderful memories and fostering team spirit.

Day Trips: Several groups have ventured out on day trips to Gulliver's World and Chill Factore, where Beavers experienced thrilling rides and snow-filled fun.

Beaver Scout Skills Day

Hosted by 2nd Atherton, this event saw three groups come together for a day of skill-building and outdoor fun. Leaders and parent helpers worked tirelessly to create a memorable experience that included:

- **Making S'mores:** Learning to cook over a campfire.
- **Building Bug Hotels:** Understanding and helping local wildlife.
- **Nature Art:** Creating artwork using natural materials.
- **Tent Pitching:** Gaining practical camping skills.
- **Indoor Climbing Wall:** Developing physical skills and confidence.
- **Getting Muddy:** Enjoying various outdoor games and activities.
- **Songs around the campfire:** Because we are Scouts!!

Feedback from this event was overwhelmingly positive, with everyone having a fantastic day.

Many, many badges, awards, and skills have been achieved across the District with a special mention for 2nd Atherton, who had 6 Beavers achieve their Chief Scout Bronze award. A presentation evening was held and the Mayor of Wigan attended to present the awards in front of a very proud audience of family and friends.

Young Leaders

We are happy to report a significant increase in Young Leaders volunteering in Beavers across the District. These young volunteers have worked hard, developing their leadership skills and

preparing to become the next generation of leaders. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and the positive impact they have had on our Beavers.

At our last Beaver Leader meeting Leaders expressed a desire to foster relationships between groups and to come together more often, helping each other out and sharing opportunities. This will be our focus for the coming year as we look forward to more adventures.

Bekah Bamber
ADC (Beaver Scouts)

Cubs Section Report 2023-2024

During the past year, it has been my pleasure to see the packs continue to offer experiences and opportunities to the young people of Lilford District.

Whilst most packs have grown in size, volunteer recruitment and retention have remained an issue.

This year has seen Cubs from Lilford take part in numerous events and activities, both district and County.

Cub Mudder was well attended by packs from Lilford with teams from 1st Lowton, 1st Atherton, 2nd Atherton, 9th & 15th Leigh, and 18th Leigh taking part. 1st Lowton (B) claimed the highest placing of our teams by taking 6th place.

The district cooking competition was won by 13th Leigh, who went on to represent us at the County competition, winning 1st place!

Once again, thank you, it was my pleasure to take YP from Lilford to the Inter-district Chess Competition held at 5th Urmston. All played well and supported one another fantastically.

Pick Of The Packs was well attended and won, again, by 5th Tyldesley. I am sure that all would agree that both attendance and competition had increased, so a good win indeed!

The County Water Activities Days were fantastic fun as always and it was great to see packs from 1st Lowton, 2nd Atherton, and 9th & 15th Leigh enjoying the time on the water.

At all of the District and County events attended our Cubs were a credit to themselves, groups, and Lilford.

It was also my privilege to accept an invitation to present Chief Scout Awards to YP from 1st Atherton this year.

It has been another fantastic year for CSAs within our packs and I am hopeful that an event will take place in recognition of this, in lieu of the cancelled Celebration of Excellence.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who have given their time and energy to planning and running sessions, enabling YP to attend the extra events, and coming along to the Cubs Leaders' meetings.

Without the enthusiasm and efforts of the dedicated volunteers, none of this would be possible.

Lisa Woodger

Scout Section Report

Andy Foster- ADC Scouts

We saw another successful year of scouting within groups and at county level with several groups taking part in county competitions and events.

For the coming year we have already held a fishing competition and are planning a JOTA in October for the first time in a few years.

With changes coming in we will be looking at how we can best support the Scout section and look forward to any input those section leaders can provide to make a successful year

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[District Youth Commissioner AGM report. Rebekah Trott](#)

Another exciting year in Lilford District for our young people!

All the way from the beavers skills day to some of our leaders going to Windsor and the Palace to receive their top awards, it has been fantastic.

The young leader unit is still thriving and there are lots of our young people wanting to continue their scouting journey which is great.

Looking forward to another exciting year with the young people of Lilford district.

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Some leaders have gained their wood badge in the past 12 months, although there are still some issues with Compass not triggering the alerts of Personal Learning Plan (PLP) completion. This has been escalated to the County Training Manager.

There have been some suspensions as leaders whose safety and safeguarding learning have expired. This is something Gilwell has been tightening up on; leaders are starting to receive reminders alerting leaders to expiry dates, so hopefully this will help reduce the number of suspensions in future.

1st Response (Level 1)

We've run several courses during the past year at Lilford HQ. Many thanks to Peter Blundell for his help with this. Andy Keyworth has volunteered to be a trainer so this helps us deliver local courses. If you are interested in being a 1st Aid trainer please let me know. You need to hold a valid Level 3 type 1st Aid course eg First Aid at Work or similar, and the appropriate trainer skills.

We will be running further courses from September. GSL's should encourage leaders to check when their learning needs renewing and nominate them for courses.

If there are new leaders, and they have not done 1st response, please let me know as this isn't always picked up by the Compass reports.

NB If your 1st response certificate lapses, this may also lead to suspension until it is renewed.

How do you know what training is needed?

Many of the adult learning modules can be completed online on the Scout Association's website. However, the learning needs to be validated ie show that you can put it into practice. This needs a discussion with your Training Adviser (TA) about what is required and how this can be done. Details can be found in the Adults Personal File. External courses and prior learning can also be taken into account for your training, but you need to discuss this with your TA.

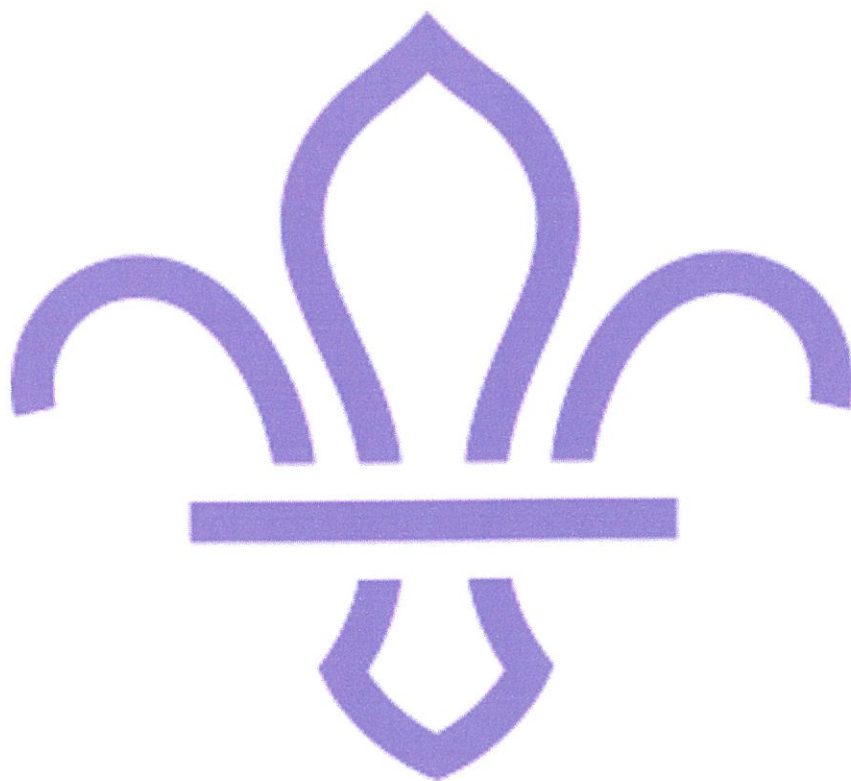
Training for the new role descriptions

This seems broadly similar to the current scheme, although the Adults Personal Files still need to be updated. Getting Started is going to be referred to as 'Growing Roots' with the further stages referred to as Branching Out. For details see: www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/volunteer-experience/learning

Finally, I would like to thank all those leaders who have attended courses over the year; the TA's and Assessors. I appreciate that they have given up additional time to that spent with their sections and probably time away from their families. I'd also like to thank Sophie and Mel for their help, notifying me of leaders who have attended the AAC and answering my questions about roles etc.

We are all volunteers, whatever our role in Scouting so we want to make it as simple as possible for you to undergo the training and support your fellow leaders.

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