

GREATER MANCHESTER WEST COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 508002

Details

Other names GMW Scouts

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1978-07-21

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES

Activities: Scout Association

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Salford City
- Trafford
- Wigan

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£132,651	£133,769	-	-
2024-03-31	£370,363	£372,119	-	-
2023-03-31	£154,737	£122,012	-	-
2022-03-31	£105,966	£104,432	-	-
2021-03-31	£101,209	£96,188	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
GRAHAM BARRICK	Chair	2023-09-27
David Copeland		2014-09-16
Ellena Wood		2024-09-18
Gregory Archer		2025-09-24
IRIS EMERY		
Lewis Foster		2015-11-12
Richard Gould		2024-09-18
Roger Kettle		2014-07-27
Ryan Swailes		2022-09-06

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West

Annual Report 2025



**Welcoming our new
County Lead Volunteer**



Jacob Bond



County Chair's Welcome

Welcome to my first Annual Report as your County Chair. I am privileged to be supported by so many members of the County who, as volunteers in Scouts, are proud to help young people step up, speak up, dream big and gain the skills they need for life.

Thanks to you, young people find their place in the world, learn to believe in themselves, and make a difference to their communities and society. No matter which team you are in, your time and skills help young people gain skills for life.

By working together, and living our values of integrity, respect, care, belief and cooperation, our aim is to have a positive, safe, and rewarding experience as volunteers. That means that as volunteers we should all think carefully about the impact of our words and actions and behave as role models for our young people.

The Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity trustees, to make sure Scouts is run safely and legally. All Trustees are equally responsible and work together.

Thank you to all our volunteers in the County who have continued to deliver Scouting to young people over the past year.

My thanks to Jacob, Sue Ralph, and all members of the Trustee Board for the contribution and support you give me, the County Team, and to everybody in the County who freely give their time for the benefit of young people. I could not do my role without that contribution and support.

Finally, let us not forget those who after many years of service to Scouting in Greater Manchester West, have sadly 'Gone Home.'

Graham Barrick
County Chair

County Silver Wolf Holders



Mrs Jacqui Aspinall MBE

Mr Stanley Atkins

Mr Graham Barrick

Mr John Bilsborough

Mr Norman Brown BEM

Mr Keith Chadbourne

Mr Robert Cole

Mr David Copeland

Mrs Pamela Copeland

Mrs Sylvia Cornish

Mrs Vera Crossley

Mr Gerard Davies

Mr Hugh Davies

Mrs Iris Emery

Mr Allan Foster

Mr Jim Field

Mrs Christine Gleaves

Mr Kevin Green

Mr Peter Hart MBE

Mr Bob Haynes

Mr Alan Hayton

Mrs Joan Hayton

Mr Kenneth Ince MBE

Mrs Sheila Ince MBE

Mr Roger Kettle

Mr Chris Knowles

Mr Keith Lang

Mr David Maltby

Mr Peter Marsh

Mr Martin Maynard

Mr Brian Mouat

Mr Harry Peet

Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP

Mrs Adela Ramsbottom

Mr Phil Rigby

Mrs Ann Salt MBE

Mr George Sharp

Mr Geoff Sides

Mrs Joan Smith

Mrs Judith Summersgill

Mr Alex Waddington

Mr Paul Wilkinson

Mr Haydn Worrall

County Team

At 31st March 2025

County President	Mrs Diane Hawkins JP LLB His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester
Vice Presidents	Mr Geoff Sides Mrs Vera Crossley Colonel Sir John Timmins KCVO, OBE, TD Sir Warren Smith KCVO, KStJ, JP
Regional Lead Volunteer	Mr Brendan Booth
County Lead Volunteer	Mr Jacob Bond
County Youth Lead	Miss Ellena Wood
County Chair	Mr Graham Barrick
County Treasurer	Mr Roger Kettle
County Leadership Team	
County Lead Volunteer	Mr Jacob Bond
County Youth Lead	Miss Ellena Wood
Programme Team Leader (Delivery)	Mr Tom Dutton
Programme Team Leader (Adventure)	Mr Chris Starkie
Volunteering Development Team Leader	Mrs Gemma Higson
Support Team Leader (Development)	Vacant
Support Team Leader (Operations)	Mr Greg Archer
Safer Scouting Advisers	Mr Scott Lawson (Safety)
Youth Team Members	Miss Liv Duncan Mr Joe Westhead Miss Issy Brett
Programme Delivery Team	
Team Leader	Mr Tom Dutton
Team Member - Squirrels	Vacant
Team Member - Beavers	Mrs Emma Spragg
Team Member - Cubs	Miss Siobhan Mullen
Team Member - Scouts	Vacant
Team Member - Explorers	Mr James Turner
Team Member – Network	Miss Jess Hill

Top Awards Sub-Team

Sub-Team Leader

Sub-Team Member

Mr Steve Ralph, MBE JP (KSA Lead)

Mrs Debbie Pullen (Duke of Edinburgh)

Goodwood Sub-Team

Sub-Team Leader

Sub-Team Member

Mr Nick Anderson

Mr Michael Reid

Programme Adventure Team

Team Leader

Mr Chris Starkie

Activities Sub-Team

Sub-Team Leader (MAPS)

Archery Assessor

Water Activities Assessor

Hillwalking Assessors

Mr Chris Starkie

Mr Dave Finch

Mr Michael McCarthy

Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP

Mr David Smith

International Sub-Team

Sub-Team Leader (VA Recommender)

Visits Abroad Approver (Lead Volunteer)

Mr Jeff Picton

Mr Jacob Bond

Nights Away Sub-Team

Sub Team Leader

Nights Away Assessor – Greenfield

Nights Away Assessor – Greenfield

Nights Away Assessor – LW Expedition

Vacant

Mr Keith Morris

Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP

Mr Jeff Picton

Volunteering Development Team

Team Leader

Mrs Gemma Higson

Awards Sub-Team

Sub-Team Leader

Mrs Jacqui Aspinall MBE

Learning Sub-Team

Sub-Team Leader

Learning Trainers and Assessors

Mrs Gemma Higson

Mr Greg Archer

Mr Jacob Bond

Mrs Gemma Higson

Mr Jeff Picton

Mrs Jane Riley

Mr Chris Starkie

Mr JP Yates

First Response Trainers

Mr Chris Hayes

Mrs Gemma Higson

Mrs Lindsay Johnston

Mrs Jane Riley

Welcome Sub-Team

Sub Team Members

Mr Andy Atherall
Mr Lewis Foster
Mr Pete Marsh
Mrs Penny Rothwell Mason

Development Support Team

Team Leader

Vacant

Communications Sub-Team

Sub-Team Leader

Sub-Team Members

Mrs Hayley Mullen
Mr Lewis Foster
Mrs Michele Millington

Inclusion Sub-Team

Sub-Team Leader

Mr Tony Staunton-Unsworth

Local Growth Officers (shared with GMN/GME)

Ms Adele Lynch
Ms Beth Powney

Operations Support Team

Team Leader

Mr Greg Archer

Bispham Hall Scout Estate Sub-Team

Sub-Team Leaders

Mr Chris Hayes
Mr Martin Shaw

Dunham Park Scout Camp Sub-Team

Sub-Team Leader

Mr David Hughes

Hollinwood Scout Camp Sub-Team

Sub-Team Leaders

Mr Ste Butterworth
Mr Mike Dunn

District Lead Volunteers

Altrincham

Ellesmere

Lilford

Lowry

Sale

Stretford

Urmston

Wigan

Mr Kenneth Williams

Mr Jacob Bond

Mrs Jane Riley

Mr Ryan Swailes

Mr Andy Atherall

Mr Matt Osborne

Mr Bob Wilson

Mr Jeff Picton

2024 AGM Minutes

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Greater Manchester West County Scout Council held 7.30 pm on Wednesday 18th September 2024 at Stretford Public Hall, Chester Road, Stretford

Present

Mrs Diane Hawkins JP LLB His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, County President
Mayor of Trafford, Councillor Amy Whyte
Mayor of Wigan, Councillor Debbie Parkinson
Miss Sue Leonard, County Chair
Mr Jacob Bond, Acting County Lead Volunteer, Ellesmere District Lead Volunteer
Mr Roger Kettle, County Treasurer
Mrs Jean Archer, County Secretary
Mr James Turner, County Youth Lead, Programme Team Member Explorers
Mr Greg Archer, County Support Team Leader Operations, County Appointments Secretary
Mr Ryan Swailes, County Trustee Board member, Lowry District Lead Volunteer
Mrs Gemma Higson, Development Team Leader
Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP, KS Coordinator, Lilford District Lead Volunteer, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Matt Osborne, Stretford District Lead Volunteer
Mr David Maltby, Stretford District Chair, Silver Wolf Holder
Miss Eve Gerrard, Stretford District Youth Lead
Mr Brian Thorpe, Stretford District Treasurer
Mrs Pat Whaites, Stretford District Secretary
Mr Jeff Picton, International Sub-Team Leader, Wigan District Lead Volunteer
Mrs Ann Salt, CSAS member, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Jacqui Aspinall MBE, County Assistant Appointment Secretary, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Geoff Sides, County Vice President, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Adela Ramsbottom, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Pamela Copeland, Lilford District Admin Support, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr David Copeland, County Trustee Board member, Lilford District Chair, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Alex Waddington, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Iris Emery, County Trustee Board member, Altrincham District Secretary, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Jane Ford, County Scout Council member Altrincham District
Mr David Hughes, Campsite Manager Dunham Park Scout Camp
Mr Tom Dutton, County Team Leader Programme
Mrs Joan Smith, Wigan District Treasurer
Mr Andy Connellan, County Nights Away Adviser
Mr Ste Butterworth, Campsite Manager Hollinwood Scout Camp
Mrs Joan Hayton, CSAS member, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Alan Hayton, Asst. Camp Warden, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Andrew Scialpi-Sullivan, Award Holder Ellesmere District
Mr Andy Atherall, Sale District Lead Volunteer
Mr Chris Varley, F.C.A. Cedar Solutions (Management) Ltd - Account Examiners
Mr Dave Marsden, CSAS member
Mr Ged Davies, Wigan District Chair, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Lewis Foster, County Trustee Board member, CSAS member
Mr Phil Rigby, CSAS member

Mr Simon Gould, Altrincham District Chair
Mr Richard Gould, Altrincham District
Mr Mike Dunn, Campsite Manager Hollinwood Scout Camp
Mr Ken Williams, Altrincham District Lead Volunteer
Miss Isabel Brett, Urmston District Youth Lead
Mrs Sophie Rothwell Mason, CSC member Lilford District
Mrs Christine Gleaves, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Deborah Forrest, Award Holder Ellesmere District
Mr Darren Melling, Ellesmere District Treasurer
Mr Mike Harding, Sale District Treasurer, CSC member
Miss Ellena Wood, County Youth Lead
Miss Jessica Hill, Programme Team Member Network
Mr Ian Merrick, Campsite Chair Dunham Park Scout Camp
Mr Emmett Peacock, Ellesmere District Youth Lead
Mrs Sue Ralph, County Administrator (Minutes) plus 26 other scouters and friends signed the attendance register.

Apologies -

Sir Warren Smith KCVO, KStJ, JP County Vice President
Ceremonial Mayor of Salford Councillor Tanya Burch
Mrs Vera Crossley, County Vice President, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Graham Barrick, County Appointments Chair, District Chair Urmston, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Bob Cole, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr John Paul Yates, County Trainer
Mrs Catherine Bower, Girlguiding Manchester
Mr Phil Horton, Greater Manchester East Scouts
Mr Bob Wilson, Urmston District Lead Volunteer
Mrs Sylvia Cornish, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Chris Starkie, Programme Team Leader Adventure, County Nights Away Adviser
Mrs Judith Summersgill, Campsite Secretary Dunham Park Scout Camp, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Tony Staunton-Unsworth, Inclusion Sub-Team Leader
Mrs Debbie Pullen, County DofE Adviser
Mr Haydn Worrall, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Tony Pickering, Award Holder Urmston District
Mr Hugh Davies, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Keith Lang, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Bob Haynes, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Andrew Egerton, CSAS member
Mr Paul Wilson, Lowry District Chair
Mr Keith Morris, County Nights Away Adviser
Mr Andrew McDonnell, Campsite Treasurer Dunham Park Scout Camp
Mr Ian McGeough, Sale District Chair
Mr Allan Hardy, Award Holder, CSAS member
Mr John Bilsborough, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Norman Brown, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Steve Moss, CSC member Ellesmere District
Mr Stephen Morrell, County Training Adviser
Mr Martin Maynard, Silver Wolf Holder

Mr Peter Hart, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Barbara Spear, Award Holder Urmston District
Mr Joe Westhead, Deputy County Youth Lead, CSAS member
Mrs Lizz Farr, County Lead Volunteer GMN
Mr Simon Field, Urmston District
Mr George Sharp, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Mike Reid, Stretford District
Mr David Finch, Programme Team Member Cub Scouts
Miss Karen Salisbury, Ellesmere District

Health and Safety, Domestic Notice - Matt Osborne, Stretford District Lead Volunteer.

Opening Thought by Millie Ainsworth, Shackleton ESU member

1/24 Introduction and Welcome

- a) Opening Remarks - County Chair, Sue Leonard, gave thanks to Millie for the opening thought and thanked Matt Osborne and his team for hosting. She welcomed members of the County Scout Council, Civic Guests, Guests, and Award holders for their attendance, valuing their support.
- b) The Mayor of Trafford, Councillor Amy Whyte, welcomed everyone to Trafford Metro. She thanked all the Scout volunteers for everything they do and their commitment to the young people.
- c) Mrs Diane Hawkins, Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester stated it was a great pleasure to attend what was her first AGM as County President and wished to record thanks to her predecessor, Sir Warren Smith, for all his involvement over the years, and felt she had 'big shoes to fill'.

Having started her own Scouting journey, helping with the cub section at 4th Hale, Altrincham, as part of her Queen's Guide service, she had never looked back and could not recommend Scouting and Guiding highly enough. Young people gain so much from being involved, including skills, self-reliance, and responsibility. It also stands young people in good stead as they go through life, and employers look favourably on those who have achieved their King's Scout Award, or other top awards, realising their skill set and recognising what an asset they will be to their respective business or company.

In conclusion Mrs Hawkins congratulated and thanked all the volunteers, helping generations of young people to benefit so much from what Scouting has to offer, and she looked forward to her continued association with GMW Scouts.

2/24: Apologies for Absence

The County Chair noted that there were 39 apologies received (as listed).

3/24: Governance Topics

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Tuesday 27th September 2023

The County Chair proposed that the minutes, as previously circulated and reviewed by the County Trustee Board on Monday 20th November 2023, are taken as read and for the County Scout Council to agree they are a true record of that meeting.

Seconded by David Copeland.

Show of hands - Approved.

- a) To re-adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules.
The County Chair proposed that we continue with the recommendation to adopt the model Constitution from Chapter 5 of POR as approved at the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 27th June 2023.

Seconded by Greg Archer.

Show of hands – Approved.

- b) To note the County's Financial Year
Members of the County Scout Council were asked to note that our Charity's financial year runs from 1st April to 31st March.
- c) To approve appointed members who may be admitted to the membership of the County Scout Council.
No requests have been received to admit additional supporters or community members to the Trustee Board.
- d) To agree the number of people that may be elected to the Trustee Board
The County Chair proposed that we continue with the recommendation agreed by the County Scout Council at the AGM held on Wed 27th September 2023, that 6 people can be elected to the Trustee Board.

Seconded by Jane Ford.

Show of hands – Approved.

- e) Agree Quorums for meetings of the County Scout Council, including Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings.
The County Scout Council agreed at the AGM held on Wed 27th September 2023 that the Quorum for the County Scout Council

meetings, including the AGM and EGM's to be 30 members.

The County Chair proposed to continue with that recommendation.

Seconded by Ste Butterworth.

Show of hands – Approved.

4/24: Review of the previous year

- a) Jacob Bond, Acting County Lead Volunteer presented the Annual Report. He highlighted Andy Farrell's report as County Lead Volunteer, and thanked Andy, on behalf of all GMW Scouts, for his commitment and service to the County over the last 10 years.

Congratulations were given to Sam Foster for being awarded the King's Coronation Medal for his support at the Coronation of King Charles III in May 2023.

The Under-Represented Communities (UCF) Fund supported GMW Scouts to work with two Local Growth Officers, employed to support volunteers in growing Scouting in areas of deprivation. The County Trustee Board contributed funding towards the project, and Jacob thanked them for their support in ensuring inclusive growth across the County.

Lots of County events, something for every section, had taken place over the reporting year, and Jacob thanked all those involved in the planning and running of these events.

There had been an increase in 'good service awards' presented to volunteers. The local awards advisory groups were thanked for taking time to recognise the achievements of good and exceptional levels of service from our volunteers. Special thanks to Jacqui Aspinall for all her hard work, both at County and District level.

Revised training was on offer including, more skill-based courses, more opportunities for first aid and a reduction in mandatory training non-compliance, to below 2 percent. Thanks were given to Gemma Higson, Local Training Managers, District Lead Volunteers, and everyone else involved in training.

Jacob pointed out that a huge amount of dedication and hard work goes into running the campsites, and as can be seen in the campsites reports they have been faced with many challenges along the way. Jacob thanked all the campsites service teams who do an amazing job.

Speaking of the future - a new membership system, refreshed learning, a new welcome and a simpler more team-based approach to volunteering

to help recruit and retain more volunteers. Jacob encouraged all scout groups to think about introducing Squirrel Drey's which had proved a brilliant tool for volunteer growth across all sections in a group.

The new County Leadership Team, supported by our new County Chair and Trustee Board will begin to shape what Scouting in GMW will look like in the future taking on board the changes to volunteer experience and the new National strategy being launched early in 2025.

Jacob felt there was a bright future ahead, and it was exciting to be part of an organisation, a movement which contributes so greatly to the lives of young people across Salford, Trafford, and Wigan. He gave huge thanks to everyone on behalf of himself and the County Leadership Team.

The County Chair thanked Jacob for his review.

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

- (i) The County Chair noted that the Trustee Board has approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and the report on the accounts has been received from the independent examiner, Chris Varley of Cedar Solutions.
- (ii) The County Treasurer was then invited to give a brief explanation of the accounts.
- (iii) Roger pointed out the accounts were a little more complicated this year as the Charities Commission, supported by The Scout Association, have requested a change to how the accounts are reported. One of the things done in the past was to net our membership fees but they are now shown separately as total incoming and total outgoing.

The Annual Report included two pages of the accounts, relevant to the meeting, and the full accounts, consisting of 48 pages had been circulated, and would also be available on-line. Roger thanked Chris Varley for his help in completing the accounts.

The International account shown as 'restricted funds' is only a holding/handling account for those going on expeditions. At present the account is inactive.

Roger gave thanks to the District and Campsite Treasurers for the work they do.

- (iv) Questions were invited from the floor regarding the Annual Report and Annual Accounts. None raised.
- (v) The County Chair thanked Roger.

5/24: Appointments

- a) Appointment of the County Chair, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Trustee Board

Jacob explained the open selection process, agreed by the Trustee Board, and the recommendation to the County Scout Council is that Graham Barrick should be appointed as County Chair.

Show of hands – Approved.

- b) To appoint the County Treasurer, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Trustee Board

The County Chair stated that the recommendation to the County Scout Council is that Roger Kettle should be appointed as County Treasurer.

Show of hands – Approved.

- c) Appointment of members to the County Trustee Board following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Trustee Board

The County Chair stated that the recommendation to the County Scout Council is that the following people should be appointed, for a three-year period, as members of the County Trustee Board; these are in addition to those appointed in 2023.

David Copeland
Iris Emery
Richard Gould

Show of hands - Approved.

Thanks were given to the trustees for their hard work during the year, and to Jean and James for their time on the Trustee Board.

- d) Appoint County President and Vice Presidents

The County Chair announced that His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, Mrs Diane Hawkins, has been proposed to continue

as County President, and Sir Warren Smith, Col Sir John Timmins, Mrs Vera Crossley, and Mr Geoff Sides to continue as Vice Presidents.

Show of hands – Approved.

e) To appoint the Independent Examiner/Auditor

The County Treasurer proposed that Chris Varley from Cedar Solutions continue as Account Examiner.

Seconded by Gemma Higson.

The County Chair noted that Chris Varley has been proposed and seconded and is qualified for the role.

Show of hands – Approved.

f) To elect representatives of the County Scout Council to represent the County on the Council of The Scout Association

The County Chair outlined that the nominated member serves for three years, unless another is nominated in the member's place, and the 18-24 representative serves for three years, unless another representative is nominated in their place, or until the date of the annual census following the representative's 25th birthday and the nominations were Steve Ralph, and, for the 18-24 member, Jess Hill.

Seconded by Andy Connellan

Show of hands – Approved.

This concluded the formal business.

6/24: Member Recognition

Jacob had pleasure in presenting the following: -

Wood Badge – Matt Osborne

Wood Badge – Ryan Swailes

Service Award 5 years – Tom Dutton

Service Award 25 years – Ste Butterworth

Service Award 30 years – Greg Archer

Service Award 50 years – Roger Kettle

The Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, County President Mrs Diane Hawkins, was asked to step forward to present the following: -

Chief Scout's Meritorious Conduct Award – Freddy Higson (Youth Member)

King's Scout Award - Jessica Hill

Jacob then presented Jean Archer with flowers in appreciation of her time as County Secretary and Trustee Board member.

James Turner was thanked and presented with gift for his time as County Youth Lead and Trustee Board member.

Susan Leonard was presented with flowers in appreciation of her time as County Chair.

This was followed by a presentation on the 'Roverway' Moot Norway 2024.

Jacob thanked the Roverway Patrol for their presentation and everyone for attending, reiterating thanks to Stretford District.

Trustees Annual Report

for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Charity Name: **Greater Manchester West County Scout Council**
Registered Charity No: **508002**
The Scouts HQ Registration No: **00168**
Charity's Principal Address: **County Office, Unit 5 Kelmercourt House**
102 Sale Lane, Tyldesley
Manchester, M29 8PZ

Names of the Charity Trustees' who manage the Charity

Trustee Name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year
Andrew Farrell	County Lead Volunteer ex-officio	To 15.6.24
Jacob Bond	County Lead Volunteer ex-officio	Appointed Trustee then Ex-officio from 15.6.24
Sue Leonard	County Chair ex-officio	To 18.9.24
Graham Barrick	County Chair	Appointed Trustee then appointed Chair from 18.9.24
Roger Kettle	County Treasurer	Ex-officio then appointed Treasurer 18.9.24
James Turner	County Youth Lead Volunteer ex-officio	To 18.9.24
Ellena Wood	County Youth Lead Volunteer ex-officio	From 18.9.24
Ryan Swailes	Appointed	
Lewis Foster	Appointed	
Iris Emery	Appointed	
David Copeland	Appointed	
Richard Gould	Appointed	From 18.9.24
Jean Archer	Appointed	To 18.9.24

Bankers CAF to: 26.6.2024	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill, West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ	Lloyds Bank PLC PO Box 1000 BX1 1LT
Independent Examiner	Chris Varley F.C.A. Cedar Solutions (Management) Ltd. Prospect House 2 Sinderland Road Altrincham Cheshire WA14 5ET	

Structure, Governance and Management

The County's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The County is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

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

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 8 Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees) and meets every 2 months. Members of the Trustee Board complete 'Being a Scouts Trustee' learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

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

Members of the Trustee Board must act collectively as Charity Trustees of the Scout County and in the best interests of its members in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The County Trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the County is exposed, these have been reviewed, and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are: the County is primarily reliant upon income from the County Levy. The County does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. Otherwise, the Trustee Board would have to raise the value of the County Levy to increase the income to the County on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The County through the membership fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

The County has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments, and a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The County Finances continue to be in a healthy position as detailed in the Annual Statement of Accounts compiled by our Treasurer Roger Kettle, and the County wishes to record its thanks for the work he has done.

Objectives and Activities

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy, and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs, and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

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

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

Public Benefit Statement

The County meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Financial Review

The County accounts have been independently examined by Chris Varley.

The accounts are presented in a Receipts and Payments format recommended by the Charity Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), which forms part of The Scout Association Policy, Organisation & Rules (POR).

The County's Income and Expenditure is very small and therefore does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The County has therefore adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or those who are registered with the FCA and covered by the FSCS.

The County Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the County obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the County Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

The County's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the County Scout Council should income and fundraising activities fall short. The County Trustee Board considers the County should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £35,000. The County held reserves of approximately £70,000 against this at year end.

Only the 2 Campsites record their own financial accounts, and these are consolidated within the County Accounts.

Greater Manchester West Scout Council (Charity no. 508002)

Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025

Receipts and payments

	2024/25			2023/24	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	51,468	-	-	51,468	49,423
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	697	7,000	-	7,697	52,731
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Other similar income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	52,165	7,000	-	59,165	102,154
Grants					
Maintenance grant	-	-	-	-	-
Other grants	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)					
Activities	55,510	9,118	-	64,628	100,608
Fundraising	6,627	-	-	6,627	4,200
Detail 3	-	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	62,137	9,118	-	71,255	104,808
Scout hut income					
Hire of building	-	-	-	-	-
Hire of equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Other Scout hut income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income					
Bank interest	1,951	280	-	2,231	3,899
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,951	280	-	2,231	3,899
Total Gross Income	116,253	16,398	-	132,651	210,861
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	116,253	16,398	-	132,651	210,861

Greater Manchester West Scout Council (Charity no. 508002)

Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025

Receipts and payments

	2024/25			2023/24	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Payments					
Charitable Payments					
Youth programme and activities	-	-	-	-	-
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-	-
Rent	6,854	-	-	6,854	4,514
Water and Sewerage	5,831	-	-	5,831	8,501
Electricity and Gas	12,335	-	-	12,335	9,911
Insurance	4,072	-	-	4,072	5,373
Repairs and Renewals	10,683	-	-	10,683	25,807
Materials and equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Printing and photocopying	-	-	-	-	-
Contribution to camp costs	-	-	-	-	-
Uniforms	-	-	-	-	-
AGM and trustee expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Running costs	20,895	-	-	20,895	44,315
Staff/Volunteers	17,782	-	-	17,782	17,988
Other	17,057	-	-	17,057	13,675
Sub total	95,509	-	-	95,509	130,084
Fundraising expenses					
Activities	33,081	5,179	-	38,260	63,860
Detail 2	-	-	-	-	-
Detail 3	-	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	33,081	5,179	-	38,260	63,860
Total Gross Expenditure	128,590	5,179	-	133,769	193,944
Asset and investment	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	128,590	5,179	-	133,769	193,944
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 12,337	11,219	-	- 1,118	16,917
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	196,751	30,479	-	227,230	210,312
Cash funds this year end	184,414	41,698	-	226,112	227,229

Greater Manchester West Scout Council (Charity no. 508002)

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2025				31st March 2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Bank current account	81,366	41,698	-	123,064	105,355
Bank deposit account	100,925	-	-	100,925	120,499
Building society account	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	2,123	-	-	2,123	1,375
Total cash funds	184,414	41,698	-	226,112	227,229
(agree balances with receipts and payments a/c)	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Investment assets					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for					
Badge stock	-	-	-	-	-
Shop stock	-	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-	-	-	-
Other	1,022	-	-	1,022	378
Sub total	1,022	-	-	1,022	378
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	3,845	13,786
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	3,520	5,266
Sub total	-	-	-	7,365	19,052
Total net assets	178,071	41,698	-	219,769	208,555

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth August 2025 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
<i>G Barrick</i>	Graham Barrick - Chair
<i>R Kettle</i>	Roger Kettle - Treasurer



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Greater Manchester West County Scouts Council

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

508002

Set out on pages

1 to 3

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed: C K Varley

Date: xx August 2025

Name: C K Varley

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

F.C.A.

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

Congratulations to our Award Holders!



Silver Wolf

Andy Connellan – Wigan & District
Allan Foster - Wigan & District
Harry Peet - Sale & District
Paul Wilkinson - Greater Manchester West
Philip Rigby – Ellesmere District
Roger Kettle - Greater Manchester West



Bar to the Silver Acorn

Glenda Gould - Altrincham & District
Greg Archer – Greater Manchester West
Jon Davies – Greater Manchester West
Simon Gould - Altrincham & District
Susan Leonard - Ellesmere District



Silver Acorn

Andrew Atherall - Sale & District
Anthony Roberts – Altrincham & District
Anthony Sant - Sale & District
Bob Wilson - Urmston & District
Carol Gilbert - Sale & District
Jackie Blades - Lowry District

Jamie Samson - Lowry District
Jane Ford - Altrincham & District
Kathryn Picton - Wigan & District
Michael Harding - Sale & District
Paul Maggs – Sale & District
Robert Whiteley - Sale & District
Sarah Goodstadt - Sale & District



Bar to the Award for Merit

Adam Richardson - Wigan & District
Barry Kay - Wigan & District
Brian Pastore - Altrincham & District
Charlotte Palin - Wigan & District
Clive Winby - Sale & District
Dennis Yarwood - Sale & District
Geoffrey Hill - Greater Manchester West
Ian Culleton - Urmston & District
Marie Hill - Greater Manchester West
Rachel Lyttle - Sale & District
Richard Doherty - Altrincham & District
Richard Taylor - Sale & District
Sally Yarwood - Sale & District



Award for Merit

Alasdair Ferro - Sale & District
Andrea Morgan - Sale & District
Chris Starkie - Wigan & District
Clair Nugent - Lilford District
Colin Lea - Sale & District
Dave Kerrs - Urmston & District
David Simpson - Lilford District
Fiona Glover - Wigan & District
Heather Richardson - Ellesmere District
Ian McGeough - Sale & District

Jemma Williamson - Urmston & District
Joanne Gray - Sale & District
John Fern - Wigan & District
Jordan James - Lowry District
Mandy Westhead - Sale & District
Margaret Pugh - Sale & District
Mark Pope - Lowry District
Martin Bull - Sale & District
Martin Odenrode - Sale & District
Nick Anderson - Stretford District
Patrick Gallois - Sale & District
Penny Rothwell Mason - Lilford District
Peter Sterlini - Stretford District
Phillip Cleary – Greater Manchester West
Ros Bryan - Sale & District
Ryan Swailes – Lowry District
Sean Warman - Sale & District
Simon Lowe - Lilford District
Sophie Rothwell Mason - Lilford District
Wes Buckley – Lowry District



King's Scout Award

Isabel Brett (Urmston District)

Lauren Aldred (Lowry District)

County Lead Volunteer

This is my first annual report as County Lead Volunteer, taking over the role first in an interim capacity in June 2024. It has been a busy year, with changes to the way we do things across the movement and a focus on ensuring safer scouting underpins everything we do.

In April 2024, the changes to Trustee Boards were implemented and the County Trustees were well-prepared and equipped for making these changes. It didn't just involve changes to role titles, but ensuring we are aligned to the core purpose of governance. The changes didn't just affect the County Trustee Board, but also governance of our campsites. This change continues to be a focus across districts and groups to ensure everyone is following the correct format aided by the range of templates provided by The Scouts.

My first task was to grow and strengthen the County Team and we have made some great appointments. I'm looking forward to working with these Team Members and their Team Leaders to develop and work towards our priorities. We are still looking for people to support with communications and media, and to lead the Squirrel and Scout sections.

In Summer 2024, behind the scenes, the County Team and District Lead Volunteers undertook a piece of 'rapid assurance' work, to provide assurance to The Scouts that in Greater Manchester West we continue to deliver a programme with safety at the core of everything we do. This included ensuring all our 'advisers' had up to date reviews and training, reviewing nights away notifications and risk assessments, and making sure our first aid training was validated which created some additional tasks for those who'd completed their training externally. I want to thank everyone involved in this process; a lot of information was requested. Assurance around safer scouting will continue, not quite at the pace of the 'rapid assurance', as we support our campsites and continue to develop our adventurous activities provision in the County. You will see from the reports from our campsites; this has also been a huge task for them over the past year in addition to running and maintaining their facilities too.

Later in the year, we started the process of changing the way we volunteer with Scouts with the implementation of the new teams-based approach and role titles. In the main, most groups and districts have embedded the new teams and are continuing to work together to complete the tasks which are required for each of those teams. Additional to the changes to the way we work, the new membership system was rolled out in December 2024 which wasn't without its challenges! For those who've been around long enough to remember, despite the teething problems and the technical glitches this roll out was much more successful than Compass, the membership systems predecessor. Part of the roll out was the new suite of online learning modules which needed to be completed, these are significantly improved in giving volunteers the knowledge they require to undertake their roles, and particularly for the safety and safeguarding learning it gives more practical examples to support volunteers with their understanding. One exciting feature is the new recruitment tool to advertise and manage volunteer opportunities, I would encourage all groups to look at this feature. The new system has lots of features and is already starting to demonstrate how 'scout admin' can be made easier by using the new digital tools.

In March 2025, the County Team met for the first 'County Team Day' in a considerable number of years. This was an opportunity for everyone to meet and catch up and discuss their ideas and plan for the next chapter for our County in their new teams. There were lots of ideas generated and a number of priorities

established for each team. I'll look forward to sharing some of the progress made in the annual report next year.

Throughout the year there have been a number of programme events including the popular Cub Mudder, BST Adventure for Cubs, Scouts and Explorers and Shooting Competition. The role of the County Programme Team has changed with aligning to the new teams-based approach which focuses them more on supporting volunteers to deliver programme. We will be sharing our calendar soon for the upcoming year which will include a mixture of programme support opportunities and top awards focused events. We have also seen young people and volunteers attend Roverway in Summer 2024 which took place in Norway as part of the UK Contingent, and groups take part in other international activities too.

In January 2025, the annual Scout Census showed our County to grow by 1.9 percent in young people and 10.3 percent in adult volunteers. Our growth rate was 3.7 percent overall between 2024 and 2025, which in comparison to the national picture was positive and gave us a leading role in growth for the North West region. District and groups have worked with our Local Growth Officers to open new sections and groups in areas of deprivation, and this work will continue through the next year. Squirrels has shown to have a significant impact across the whole group and not limited to that section, most importantly it's seen an increase in adult volunteers across groups too.

We have continued to recognise the amazing dedication of our volunteers with good service awards throughout the year, you will see from the awards section of this report we have achieved high numbers of volunteers who provide extraordinary service achieve their Silver Wolf and Bar to the Silver Acorn in recognition. I would like to thank Jacqui Aspinall, our Awards Sub-Team Leader for her hard work in writing citations and supporting others with award nominations.

Throughout the year, I've had the pleasure of not only presenting a number of good service awards but also King's Scout Awards, Chief Scout Awards and Duke of Edinburgh Awards to young people across the County. It's amazing to see such a great programme being delivered, week in, week out to young people across Salford, Trafford and Wigan which enables them to achieve these awards.

I would like to thank the County Leadership Team for their continued support over the past year, during my 'acting' period when we worked together through the challenges of 'rapid assurance'. Each member of the wider County Team, whether their involvement being with programme or behind the scenes, running a campsite or being a trustee contributes valuably to delivering skills for life and supporting volunteers across the County.

I would like to particularly thank the County Chairs during the past year, Graham Barrick and Sue Leonard, for steering me in the right direction and providing me with invaluable support, guidance and advice.

My final heartfelt thank you is to all the amazing volunteers across Greater Manchester West, whether you deliver a programme to young people each week, volunteer behind the scenes in maintaining Scout buildings or our campsites, or act as a trustee – you are brilliant, and we couldn't do this without you!

I'm looking forward to the adventures to come through 2025 and beyond!

Jacob Bond
County Lead Volunteer

County Youth Lead

Another year of Scouting in Greater Manchester West concludes and as always it has been full of great achievements for both adults and youth. It is a pleasure to watch the young people dedicate themselves to Scouting and all the youth members of this County should be immensely proud of themselves.

I would like to congratulate all those young people who have achieved their Top Awards this year. Yet more proof of the dedication shown by both adults and young people. It has been great to see Top Awards achieved across all sections from the Squirrels right up to Explorers and Network members. Achieving these Top Awards within any of the sections is something to be extremely proud of and proves our young people to be outstanding role models, both within and outside of scouting. For any young person who is considering completing the Top Award in their section, I would encourage you to get stuck in and try your best. Please do not be put off because they seem daunting or because you are unsure of how it works. There are many people within the County Team who are there to help.

The Youth Team have been busy this year attending National and County wide events. Notably, the National Youth Forum in March provided an opportunity for members of the County Team and young people within the County to share their thoughts and experiences with the UK Youth Team to help develop the National Scouting Strategy, this followed from Summit 25 which was attended by the County Team.

The County and District Youth Teams continue to grow and develop. This year we have welcomed new members to both County and District Youth Teams including a new County Youth Lead. My first year as County Youth Lead has been full of exciting opportunities and I cannot wait to continue this work across the next 12 months. I look forward to getting to meet more of Greater Manchester West's fantastic youth members and encouraging our young people to take charge of their own Scouting journey.

Ellena Wood
County Youth Lead

Programme Delivery

This year, we were thrilled to bring back the Cubs Water Activities Day at Scotsman's Flash in Wigan. Young participants had the chance to engage in paddleboarding, kayaking, sailing, rafting, and more. A heartfelt thank you to Dave Finch, Scotsman's Flash, and all the volunteers for organising such a fantastic event, allowing young people to explore a variety of water activities for the first time.

Our County Shooting Team made a remarkable impression at the National Shooting Competition in Wolverhampton, securing an impressive 3rd place. Huge congratulations and thanks to everyone who contributed to this achievement.

Cubs and Scouts from Ellesmere had a special moment in the spotlight with an appearance on CBBC's *Blue Peter*, filmed at RHS Bridgewater!

The Goodwood Weekender returned, our annual camp for Explorers, with an action-packed day of activities for Scouts. Explorers participated in adventurous activities and team challenges on Saturday. A big thank you to the Goodwood Team for delivering another outstanding event, and to the team at Dunham Park Scout Camp for their continued efforts as hosts.

BST Adventure returned for another successful event at Rivington. Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers took on a hiking challenge across the Rivington Hills, earning points along the way. The challenge focused not only on completing the course but also on strategically earning points from optional checkpoints. Thank you to Neil Tucker and his team for organising yet another fantastic event that brought young people from across the County together.

Meanwhile, 22 Cubs from Lilford traded their beds for cardboard in the Cardboard City Sleepover, raising funds for local homelessness charities. They also contributed by running a local soup kitchen. It was great to see local members of parliament recognising and congratulating these incredible young people for their impactful work!

It has been fantastic to see the opening of more sections for Squirrels, Beavers, Scouts, and Network this year! A huge thank you goes out to our incredible volunteers who made this possible through their hard work and dedication.

As you'll be aware, we have now transitioned to the updated Scouts team structure, which includes the creation of a brand-new Programme Delivery Team (which can be seen below). If you're interested in learning more about any of the vacant roles within this team, please don't hesitate to reach out for further information!

Our new team is excited to be developing innovative ways to support you as a volunteer in delivering a high-quality programme. These improvements will help ensure all young people have the opportunity to achieve their section's Top Awards. We are looking forward to working with you and supporting your efforts in creating amazing programmes for our young people!

Squirrels – Vacant

Beavers – Emma Spragg

Cubs – Siobhan Mullen

Scouts – Vacant
Explorers – James Turner
Network – Jess Hill
Top Awards – Steve Ralph

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to our Programme Team, County Team, and all our volunteers for delivering exceptional experiences to our young people. Our sections, groups, and districts thrive thanks to the dedication of our adult volunteers. On behalf of our Programme Delivery Team, a massive thank you for your invaluable contributions.

Tom Dutton
Programme Team Leader (Delivery)

Programme Adventure

“Progress is impossible without change.”

A new role for me and a new way of working for many of us. My new remit covers International, Adventurous Activities and Nights Away for Greater Manchester West.

This past year has been spent deep diving into our assessments and the ways that we work. Ensuring that our County is as compliant as possible in terms of enabling our adult volunteers to be able to take our young people away overnight and off on adventures away from their normal places to meet in the safest ways. Audits and reviews by HQ have given us the opportunity to re-evaluate how we run permit assessments, whether these are for a nights away permit or an adventurous activity. To be as transparent as possible is our aim in this, so that no matter who looks into our assessment processes and permit recommendations they will find that we are leading the way in being way above board. All areas under my remit will be coming under review and there will be some new training opportunities developed to bolster this.

Nights away have been a varied bag this year with anything and everything from nights slept in laavus at Bispham Hall Scout Estate raising money for homeless veterans, to winter camps at Waddecarr, to the Red Rose Camp sharing the event with 3500 others. If I may offer a word of advice this next year, it is this. Push yourselves to try a different venue or event. The more you put into it, the more you and our young people will get out of it.

The number of new adventurous activity permits being sought by our adult volunteers dropped this last year. There could be a whole host of reasons for this. I'd like to see this improve next year. To help with activity permit assessments we have a highly competent, skilled, and able team of very knowledgeable assessors covering hill walking, archery, and watersports. To find out more information on permits for activities or nights away, you just need to take a look at the GMW website under the activities section. Here you will find a whole host of information and advice on how to request an assessment. Keep your eyes peeled this next year for permit training opportunities. We will be running some permit training sessions to give you an idea of what is expected from your assessment of the more popular activities.

Finally, from me, please use this next year to really push what you offer our young people. Give them memories that will last a lifetime; it's easier than you think.

Chris Starkie
Programme Team Leader (Adventure)

Volunteering Development

If you'd told me a year ago how many cups of tea, spreadsheet tabs, and celebratory emails this role would involve, I probably wouldn't have believed you. But what a joy it's been to serve as the Volunteer Development Team Leader for Greater Manchester West. It's been full of challenges (I'm looking at you, new membership system — though I have to admit, it really is much better), laughter, and most importantly, growth. The development of our volunteers across the County continues to be something special, and I'm genuinely excited to share just how far we've come over the past year.

One of the biggest focuses has been reshaping and enhancing the way we approach learning and training. In line with the Scouts UK refreshed training strategy, we've continued to embed the new Learning Tree model into how we support volunteers at every stage of their journey. Whether it's "Growing Roots" for new volunteers or "Branching Out" for those wanting to deepen their skills, these tools are proving to be a real game changer. They make the process clearer, easier, more accessible and, dare I say it, actually enjoyable. Watching volunteers grow in confidence and capability through these resources has been nothing short of brilliant.

We've had the largest ever attendance at our local learning weekends this year — yes, really! It turns out that giving volunteers the chance to gather in person, share ideas, and eat a frankly irresponsible number of biscuits while learning together is still a winning formula. The weekends have been refreshed (again!) with more interactive workshops, real life scenarios, and flexible options shaped around what our volunteers told us they wanted. You asked and we delivered. From Skills for Nights Away and Inclusion Awareness, to First Response, Safeguarding, Wood Badge and even Traditional Scouting Skills, we've packed the calendar full of meaningful, relevant learning and loved every minute of it.

Speaking of First Aid, we've seen exceptional progress in mandatory training compliance this year. First Response training continues to be a standout success, with countless volunteers getting stuck in, combining online prep within person practice. It's a testament to the commitment of our volunteers, as well as the hard work and coordination of our district learning leads, the wider leadership team and, frankly, the whole County. Keeping young people safe is the heart of what we do, and I couldn't be prouder of how we've stepped up here.

Another real high point for me has been supporting our County Lead Volunteer, Jacob, with this year's County Development Days. These events are full of energy, purpose and connection. There's something incredibly motivating about seeing people arrive with open minds and leave buzzing with new ideas to take back to their sections. It reminds me just how powerful our volunteer network is when we come together to reflect, learn and grow.

But development isn't only about gaining new skills. It's also about being recognised for the amazing work already being done. And that brings me to one of the most joyful parts of the year — awards. Thanks to the tireless work of the wonderful Jacqui Aspinall, we've seen a huge increase in award nominations across all levels. From Chief Scout's Commendations to Good Service Awards, right up to the prestigious Silver Wolf, recognition is rising, and rightly so. Windsor has never looked so full of Greater Manchester West volunteers, and long may that continue.

Between April 2024 and March 2025, a fantastic 113 volunteers across our County received Good Service Awards. That's 113 individuals who've gone the extra mile, stepped up when it mattered, and made an

extraordinary difference to the lives of young people. Jacqui has not only promoted the importance of these awards but made the whole process easier to navigate. She's even created a step-by-step guide (which I've used myself!) to support volunteers in submitting nominations. The best part? Anyone can nominate someone. If a fellow volunteer, leader, or supporter has inspired you, take a moment to write a citation. You can find everything you need on the Scouts website or reach out to Jacqui for her brilliant guide. Recognition matters, and every 'thank you' counts.

As I round off this report, I just want to say what a genuine privilege it's been to take on this role. Volunteering, like teaching, is often done quietly, behind the scenes, powered by passion and purpose. But behind every badge sewn, every tent pitched, and every safeguarding module completed, there's a person making a real difference. I've loved connecting with more of you this year and working together to shape the kind of development support our volunteers actually want and need. Volunteer development is never finished. We're always learning, always adapting, and always looking for ways to be better. So, thank you — for the emails, the ideas, the questions, the humour, and for being part of this amazing community. Here's to another year of connection, celebration and growth. And maybe, just maybe, fewer spreadsheets.

Gemma Higson
Volunteering Development Team Leader

Operations Support

It's been another great year for Greater Manchester West, and it's fantastic to see all we've achieved together! This year I stepped into my new role as Support Team Leader for Operations.

County Office

The hub of the County, where so much happens. Sue Ralph, I can honestly say we'd be lost without you. Your support across all aspects of the County is invaluable, and the fact that everything has run smoothly even while I've been finding my feet speaks volumes about your dedication. Nothing is ever too much trouble — thank you!

Campsites

The County has three sites: Bispham Hall Scout Estate, Dunham Park Scout Camp and Hollinwood Scout Camp. While Bispham Hall operates as a separate entity (with several Counties having a vested interest), its volunteers are managed by GMW and is very much part of the GMW family.

I believe we need a more joined-up approach between all three sites. My focus will be to bring the site teams together to share best practices and develop more efficient ways of working.

We also plan to carry out safety audits at the sites we manage, to identify where extra support may be needed.

Hollinwood, still in its early stages as a campsite, has been a particular focus, ensuring it has the processes and support it needs to thrive. We will also be doing more to communicate the exciting opportunities our campsites can offer.

A big thank you to all the management teams and volunteers at each site — keeping them operational is no small task, and you are all key to their success.

Communications

I briefly stepped into the Communications role, focusing on improving GMW's external presence, including the website. To be honest, it was outside my comfort zone, not an area I'm overly familiar with, and I soon realised the County needed someone better suited to the role. Still, it highlighted just how important Communications now is to what we do.

Wider County Support

Another part of my role is supporting the CC/CLV, the wider Leadership Team, and the Trustee Board (formerly Executive Committee). They have continued to do fantastic work across the County. While there have been some changes (faster than expected!) we've adapted and carried on as we always do. Thank you to Andy, Jacob, Sue, Graham, and all their teams for their support over the past year.

Final Thoughts

Thanks to all the teams I've worked with this year for making my role that bit easier. I'm looking forward to the new challenges ahead and to keeping Greater Manchester West moving forward.

Greg Archer MBE
Support Team Leader (Operations)

Top Awards

This reporting year, 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, the DofE and KSA reports have been combined as part of our Top Award Sub-Team.



The following awards have been issued:-

9 Gold – Sale MacAlpine (3) Urmston 2nd Davyhulme (6)

14 Silver – Wigan 1st Ashton (3), Sale MacAlpine (9), Urmston 2nd Davyhulme (2)

28 Bronze – Stretford Longford (2), Stretford Shackleton (2), Sale MacAlpine (6), Urmston 2nd Davyhulme (2), Wigan 1st Ashton (7) and Ellesmere District (9).

Congratulations to all those who have successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Many thanks to Debbie Pullen, as Duke of Edinburgh Adviser, who continues to oversee the DofE Award Scheme in the County.



I am very pleased to announce that Isabel Brett, Urmston District, and Lauren Aldred, Lowry District, as well as previously completing their Gold DofE, have gone on to achieve the Top Award in Scouting, The King's Scout Award. A huge BRAVO to them both! Quite an achievement.

As you will no doubt be aware, we are now working in teams, and the Top Awards are no exception. A team has been put together to drive forward Top Awards within the County; whether that be providing advice and support, or putting on resources and training events, a lot of the team members are previous Top Awards holders and bring with them a wide range of knowledge and experience. However, none of this works if leaders do not publicise the existence of the team to the young people. Our focus is to help as many of them gain the Top Awards, but we can only do this with help in spreading the word.

I would ask leaders, especially Explorer and Network section leaders, to encourage those members eligible to register for the Top Awards. We currently have four more aspirant King's Scouts nearing completion of the Award and we are looking forward to when their logbooks are presented and ultimately signed off.

Congratulations again to all the young people who have worked so hard to achieve their Awards.

Steve Ralph MBE JP
Top Awards Sub-Team Leader

Dunham Park Scout Camp

Every year Dunham Park continues to grow and develop. I am indebted to the teams of volunteers who, week after week, strive to improve and maintain the site.

The Tuesday crew welcomed added support from Jonathan Carter, John Marsden and Sam Summersgill. These volunteers, whether through working on site or places of employment, are continually developing new skills and techniques. This is a big help when making improvements or fixing problems on site as they arise.

We are fortunate that our financial affairs continue to be expertly managed by Andrew McDonnell. Like all organisations, in the last year we have faced increases in many of the essential services such as rent, waste disposal and power. On top of which, we have also absorbed the associated costs from the safer premises audit and the implementation of corrective works.

The safer premises audit arrived at the start of the year. This resulted in much work and many early mornings at Dunham greeting contractors. The work completed includes the asbestos and legionella inspections, the annual gas check and the service of the play equipment. The fire alarm system in both buildings has been updated to meet current standards. The Wi-Fi system was updated as part of a government rollout for Full Fibre for rural areas. This was delivered to Harrop Lodge.

We continue to look out for options that will enable the refurbishment of the toilet block. Finding a builder who will commit and quote an honest price for the work has proved impossible. Once again, we have had to look for options following a quote for a modular building coming in at £500,000. Some works have been completed. The dated combi boiler has been removed, the mains water replaced, and the associated plumbing has also been updated.

We are no longer required to hold an AGM for the Campsite, as this is covered by GMW County Scout Council at their AGM. I hosted our first review meeting in October 2024.

Last year there were 7692 visitors to the Campsite. There had been a small decline of visitors over the year. Cancellations of bookings in both buildings and large camps are becoming a concern.

Campsites, whether group, district county or national, are an important part of the Scouting experience. Without a clear plan for usage, leadership or plans for site development, the risk of closure to campsites increases.

The Friends of Dunham Park Scout Camp continue to fundraise, so that, we can hopefully continue the development of the Scout Camp.

David Hughes
Campsite Operations Sub-Team Leader

Hollinwood Scout Camp

Each year brings unique challenges to the team at Hollinwood, and this year was no exception. Demands in how we work have been the most challenging aspect since opening, which is saying something when you consider the unbelievable effort that has gone into creating a campsite from scratch.

The highlight from the year, has most definitely been welcoming more young people than ever to Hollinwood. In particular Lowry and Ellesmere districts have used the site for some big events and just as importantly, evening activities. We also welcomed back other local uniformed groups for some wonderful weekends in the sunshine in summer 2024.

In November 2024 thanks to the incredible work from our team, we put on our most successful bonfire event ever. The event was highly commended by lots of smiling families as they left site. We learn things each time we put events on like this and have some ideas of how to make things even better next time.

Just in time for the event was the opening of our brand-new toilet block. Anyone who used our lovely Port-a-Loo will know how much this building was needed. It has been transformative, and we know that everyone is looking forward to using our beautiful site for activities throughout next year (camping season always starts on April 1st for us).

The site only flourishes through the hard work, knowledge and dedication of our team. Without them Hollinwood would not have got off the ground. Most of all, the team at Hollinwood know that operating a campsite requires a delicate balance in understanding different priorities. To keep the site open, well maintained, solvent, compliant, usable (and much much more) is not a job for the faint-hearted, and our team now have many years of experience in doing this; and we thank the incredible Hollinwood crew as always for working so hard behind the scenes.

We are making headway into securing more grants and donations for the site. We're working with energy providers to unpick a thorny electrical issue! We are looking to promote the site more widely and our social media remains engaging and our team always friendly and welcoming. There are plans in place to develop other parts of site while ensuring that Hollinwood is a place where you can run simple but fun and rewarding Scout programmes in an awesome and accessible space.

In late January we lost our dear friend Phil Rowe. Phil was such a valued member of our team and a close friend, and we are still coming to terms with losing him so tragically. For many years he dedicated his time to Middlewood and Hollinwood, and to Scouting more widely. In time we aim to honour Phil's memory at Hollinwood, possibly through an annual camp for those that knew him.

Our challenge now is to look forward and play to our strengths: our dedicated volunteers and the wonderful space we have built, and at the same time know that we need to grow our team and keep working towards our common goal; to provide a "safe, beautiful, and welcoming place for young people to learn skills for life". We know that you are starting to cherish Hollinwood as much as we always have, and we look forward to continuing to welcome you to YOUR site.

Ste Butterworth and Mike Dunn
Campsite Operations Sub-Team Leader

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signatures

<i>G Barrick</i>	
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Full Name

Graham Barrick	Jacob Bond
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Position

County Chair	County Lead Volunteer
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Date

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**Census of County Membership in Gt. Manchester West
For the year ending January 2025**

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
Youth membership					
Squirrels	150	79	0	0	229
Beavers	989	276	0	40	1305
Cubs	1136	335	1	26	1498
Scouts	891	357	1	7	1256
Explorers	332	161	2	1	496
Network	41	24	0	0	65
Total Youth Membership	3539	1232	4	74	4849
Adult roles					
Leadership	420	446	2	17	885
Management	49	21	0	0	70
Support	63	46	0	0	109
Governance	140	119	0	0	259
Group	617	607	2	17	1243
District	41	21	0	0	62
County	14	4	0	0	18
Total Adult Membership	672	632	2	17	1323
Totals					
Total Youth Membership	3539	1232	4	74	4849
Total Adult Membership	672	632	2	17	1323
Total Membership	4211	1864	6	91	6172

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
Total to pay					4784
Waiting lists					
Squirrels	84	24	0	113	221
Beavers	224	54	0	170	448
Cubs	118	29	0	105	252
Scouts	84	24	0	113	221
Total waiting lists	664	193	0	483	1340
Young Leaders					
Squirrels	4	12	0	0	16
Beavers	52	24	0	0	76
Cubs	37	33	0	1	71
Scouts	33	12	0	0	45
Total Young Leaders	126	81	0	1	208
Sections					
Squirrel dreys					19
Beaver colonies					80
Cub packs					82
Scout troops					72
Explorer units					37
Local network					9
Young Leader units					9
Organisation					
Sections					299
Groups					77

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
Districts					8
Counties					1

* Also includes roles in Regions/Countries; † YL totals are not included in the overall totals as Young Leaders are already included in Explorer totals.



GREATER MANCHESTER WEST COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 508002

Accounts



Annual Report 2024



Welcome from the County Chair

I am pleased to present to you the Annual Report for Greater Manchester West Scout County for the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

What can I say except Well Done and Thank you!

There has been a tremendous amount of work undertaken within the County over the past 12 months – all testament to the commitment and dedication of ALL Members of Greater Manchester West. Whatever your role, wherever you Scout, you do it with the utmost commitment and passion to ensure everyone is included and involved whilst providing varied activities and fun all the way.

Transformation has been a huge piece of work, and on behalf of the Trustee Board, we would like to thank you for your work so far on the progress that has been made.

Young people continue to be inspirational in their Scouting commitment taking part in all activities, nights away and with their success in achieving top awards.

Increasing numbers and the opening of new Sections is always pleasing to see and will continue to go from strength to strength to ensure our County continues to deliver the best Scouting it possibly can.

You can now read all the interesting updates from each of the reports that make up this Annual Review.

Many thanks and keep up the good work!

Susan Leonard
County Chair

Silver Wolf Holders



Mrs Jacqui Aspinall MBE

Mr Stanley Atkins

Mr Graham Barrick

Mr John Bilsborough

Mr Norman Brown

Mr David Copeland

Mrs Pamela Copeland

Mrs Sylvia Cornish

Mrs Vera Crossley

Mr Gerard Davies

Mr Hugh Davies

Mrs Iris Emery

Mr Derek Freeman *

Mrs Christine Gleaves

Mr Kevin Green

Mr Peter Hart

Mr Bob Haynes

Mr Alan Hayton

Mrs Joan Hayton

Mr Kenneth Ince

Mrs Sheila Ince

Mrs Eileen Johnson*

Mr Keith Lang

Mr David Maltby

Mr Peter Marsh

Mr Martin Maynard

Mr Brian Mouat

Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP

Mrs Adela Ramsbottom

Mrs Ann Salt

Mr George Sharp

Mr Geoff Sides

Mrs Judith Summersgill

Mr Alex Waddington

Mr Haydn Worrall

[*deceased]

Our County Team

County President	Mrs Diane Hawkins JP LLB His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester
Vice Presidents	Mr Geoff Sides Mrs Vera Crossley Colonel Sir John Timmins KCVO, OBE, TD Sir Warren Smith KCVO, KStJ, JP
Regional Commissioner	Mr Brendan Booth
County Commissioner	Mr Andy Farrell
Deputy County Commissioners	Mr Greg Archer - People Mr Jacob Bond - Programme & Communications (to 29.2.24)
County Transformation Lead County Youth Commissioner	Mr Jacob Bond Mr James Turner
County Chair	Miss Susan Leonard
County Secretary	Mrs Jean Archer
County Treasurer	Mr Roger Kettle
County Appointments Secretary	Mr Greg Archer
Asst County Appts Secretary	Mrs Jacqui Aspinall MBE
County Appts Advisory Committee	Mr Graham Barrick (Chair), Mr Peter Marsh, Mr Greg Archer, Mr Lewis Foster, Mrs Penny Rothwell Mason, Mr Andy Atherall
Deputy County Youth Commissioners	Mr Reece McSherry (to 31.07.2023) Mr Luke Turner Mr Joe Westhead
Assistant County Commissioners	
Squirrel Scouts Beaver	
Scouts	Mr Tom Dutton (to 1.3.24)
Cub Scouts	Mr Dave Finch
Scouts	Mr Bob Wilson (to 31.12.23)
Explorer Scouts	Miss Jen Carline
Scout Network	Mr Oliver Horne
International	Mr Jeff Picton
Activities	Mr Chris Starkie
Inclusion	Mr Anthony Staunton-Unsworth
Communications	Mrs Hayley Mullen
Campsite SAS Manager* BHSE	Mr Chris Hayes and Mr Martin Shaw
Campsite SAS Manager* Dunham	Mr David Hughes

Campsite SAS Manager* Hollinwood

Mr Ste Butterworth and Mr Mike Dunn

Managers/Advisers/Co-ordinators

County Training Manager

Mrs Gemma Higson

Scout Active Support Managers*

Mr Nick Anderson (Goodwood)

Mrs Hayley Mullen (Communications)

Duke of Edinburgh Award Adviser

Mrs Debbie Pullen

Climbing Adviser

Mr Neil Gregory

Staged Performances Adviser Safeguarding Adviser

Miss Sarah Goodstadt Mr Greg Archer

Safety Adviser

Mr Mike Barrett (to 25.1.24)

King's Scout Award Coordinator

Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP

Communications Team Members

(See Asst. Co. Commissioners)

Newsletter Co-ordinator

Mrs Michele Millington

Digital Systems Coordinator

Mr Lewis Foster

County Assessors

Climbing

Mr Andrew Bradley

Climbing and Abseiling

Mr Neil Gregory

Hill Walking

Mr David Smith

Hill Walking

Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP

Kayaking/Canoeing/Rafting

Mr Michael McCarthy Mr

Stand up Paddleboarding

Michael McCarthy

County Administrator

Mrs Sue Ralph

County Training Team

Mr Jacob Bond, Mr Chris Hayes, Mrs Gemma Higson, Mrs Lindsay Johnston, Mr Neil Marks-Parker, Mrs Jane Riley, Mrs Penny Rothwell Mason, Mr JP Yates

County Training Administrator

Mr Chris Hayes, Mrs Jackie Worswick, Miss Sam Holloway, Mrs Lindsay Johnston

District Commissioners

Altrincham

Mr Kenneth Williams

Ellesmere

Mr Jacob Bond

Lilford

Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP

Lowry

Mr Ryan Swailes

Sale

Mr Andy Atherall

Stretford

Mr Matt Osborne

Urmston

Mr Bob Wilson

Wigan

Mr Jeff Picton

2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Greater Manchester West County Scout Council held 7.30 pm on Wednesday 27th September 2023 at Cansfield High School, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Wigan, WN4 9SF

Present

Sir Warren Smith KCVO, KStJ, JP County President

Mayor of Wigan, Councillor Kevin Anderson and Mayoress Samantha Lloyd

Ceremonial Mayor of Salford, Councillor Gina Reynolds and Consort Cllr Neil Reynolds

Miss Sue Leonard, County Chair

Mr Andrew Farrell, County Commissioner

Mr Roger Kettle, County Treasurer

Mrs Jean Archer, County Secretary

Mr James Turner, County Youth Commissioner

Mr Jacob Bond, Deputy County Commissioner (Transformation, Programme & Communications)

Mr Greg Archer, Deputy County Commissioner (People)

Mr Tony Staunton-Unsworth, Assistant County Commissioner Inclusion

Mr Ryan Swailes, District Commissioner Lowry

Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP, KS Coordinator, District Commissioner Lilford, Silver Wolf Holder

Mr Matt Osborne, District Commissioner Stretford

Mr Jeff Picton, Assistant County Commissioner International, District Commissioner Wigan

Mrs Jacqui Aspinall MBE, Assistant Appointment Secretary, Silver Wolf Holder

Mrs Pamela Copeland, District Secretary Lilford, Silver Wolf Holder

Mr David Copeland, County Executive, District Chair Lilford, Silver Wolf Holder Mr John Paul Yates, County Trainer

Mrs Iris Emery, County Executive, District Secretary Altrincham, Silver Wolf Holder

Mrs Jane Ford, County Scout Council member Altrincham

Mr David Hughes, Campsite Manager Dunham Park Scout Camp

Mrs Judith Summersgill, Campsite Secretary Dunham Park Scout Camp, Silver Wolf Holder

Miss Rebekah Trott, District Youth Commissioner Lilford

Mr Tom Dutton, Assistant County Commissioner Beaver Scouts

Mrs Joan Smith, District Treasurer Wigan

Mr Clive Winby, County Executive

Mr Andy Connellan, County Nights Away Adviser, County Training Adviser

Mr Ste Butterworth, Campsite Manager Hollinwood Scout Camp

Mr Alex Waddington, Silver Wolf Holder

Mrs Joan Hayton, Appt Sec Wigan, Silver Wolf Holder

Mr Alan Hayton, Asst. Camp Warden, Silver Wolf Holder

Mr Dave Marsden, District Secretary Sale

Mr Ged Davies, District Chair Wigan

Mrs Margaret Davies, Wigan District, CSC member
Mr Michael Harding, District Treasurer Sale, CSC member
Mr Derek Batchen, Hollinwood Scout Active Support member
Mr Phil Rigby, Hollinwood Scout Active Support member
Mr David Finch, Assistant County Commissioner Cub Scouts
Mr Simon Gould, District Chair Altrincham
Miss Emma Hambelton, Unit Leader World Scout Jamboree 2023
Mr Adam Richardson, Asst. Unit Leader World Scout Jamboree 2023
Mr Richard Gould, Asst. Unit Leader World Scout Jamboree 2023
Miss Isabel Brett, Asst. Unit Leader World Scout Jamboree, District YC Urmston
Mr John Bilsborough, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Chris Gleaves, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Deborah Forrest, District Secretary Ellesmere, CSC member
Mrs Sue Ralph, County Administrator (Minutes) plus 61 other scouters and friends signed the attendance register.

Apologies -

Mrs Diane Hawkins JP LLB His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester
Mrs Mary-Liz Walker JP DL High Sheriff of Greater Manchester
Mayor of Trafford, Councillor Dolores O'Sullivan
Col Sir John Timmins KCVO, OBE, TD County Vice President
Mr Geoff Sides, County Vice President, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Vera Crossley, County Vice President, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Elaine Disley, Girlguiding Lancashire South
Mr Phil Horton, Greater Manchester East Scouts
Mr Graham Barrick, County Appointments Chair, District Chair Urmston, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Bob Wilson, Assistant County Commissioner Scouts, District Commissioner Urmston
Mrs Ann Salt, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr William Outhwaite, District Secretary Urmston
Mrs Sylvia Cornish, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Chris Starkie, Assistant County Commissioner Activities, County Nights Away Adviser
Mrs Sharm Clarke, District Treasurer Lowry
Mr David Smith, County Assessor
Mrs Debbie Pullen, County DofE Adviser
Mr Haydn Worrall, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Tony Pickering, District Treasurer Urmston
Mr Hugh Davies, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Keith Lang, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Alyson and Mr David Smethurst, Urmston District
Mr Jon Davies, Dunham Park Scout Camp
Mrs Gemma Higson, County Training Manager
Mr Andy Atherall, District Commissioner Sale
Mr David Maltby, District Chair Stretford
Mr Chris Varley, F.C.A. Cedar Solutions (Management) Ltd - Account Examiners
Mrs Lindsay Johnston, County Trainer

Mr Keith Morris, County Nights Away Adviser
Mr James Seddon, Lowry District
Mr Justin McDonnell, Local Training Manager Lowry
Mr Paul Wilson, District Chair Lowry
Mrs Suzanne Walker, County Scout Active Support member
Mrs Sophie Rothwell Mason, Lilford District, CSC member
Mr Ian McGeough, District Chair Sale
Mr Lewis Foster, Executive member, Communications Team member
Mr Mike Dunn, Campsite Manager Hollinwood Scout Camp

Health and Safety Notice by Jeff Picton

Opening Thought by Evie Foster and Melody Yarwood members of the World Scout Jamboree Unit 53

1/23: Introduction and Welcome

- a) Opening Remarks - County Chair, Sue Leonard, gave thanks to the young people for their opening thought. She thanked the school for the use of their facilities and to Wigan District for hosting. She welcomed members of the County Scout Council, Guests, and Civic Guests for their attendance, valuing their support.
- b) Mayor of Wigan Councillor Kevin Anderson on behalf of himself and the Mayoress thanked GMW Scouts for their kind invitation. He welcomed everyone to the meeting, wishing the Scouts every success in the future.
- c) Sir Warren announced that after 16 years he was to step down and reflected on his time as County President, stating it had been an absolute pleasure. He felt that the Scouts reflect and represent the absolute best in Society and congratulated the volunteers and leaders who are an inspiration and doing a remarkable job.

Sir Warren felt that Scouts is one of the few organisations that teaches their young people about responsibility, but at the same time have 'fun', and since the pandemic with so many young people having mental health problems due to insecurities and a lack of purpose, there is probably a greater need now for the Scouts than there has ever been.

Sir Warren thanked everyone for the support and inspiration he had received over the last 16 years and wished everyone all the best in the future.

2/23: Apologies for Absence

The County Secretary Jean Archer read out apologies received as listed.

3/23: Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Tuesday 6th September 2022

The County Chair proposed that the minutes, as previously circulated and reviewed by the County Trustee Board, are taken as read, and for the County Scout Council to agree they are a true record of that meeting.

Seconded by Greg Archer. Show of hands - Approved.

4/23: Governance Topics

a) To re-adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules 5.4

The County Chair proposed that we continue with the recommendation to adopt the model constitution from Chapter 5 of POR as approved at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on Wednesday 28th June 2023.

Seconded by JP Yates. Show of hands – Approved.

b) To note the County's Financial Year

Members of the County Scout Council were asked to note that our Charity's financial year runs from 1st April to 31st March.

c) To agree the number of people that may be elected to the Trustee Board

The County Chair proposed that we continue with the recommendation agreed by the County Scout Council at the EGM held on Wed 28th June 2023, that 6 people can be elected to the Trustee Board.

Seconded by Andy Connellan. Show of hands – Approved.

d) Agree Quorums for meetings of the County Scout Council, Trustee Board and Sub-Committees.

The County Scout Council agreed at the EGM held on Wed 28th June 2023 the Quorums for the County Scout Council, Trustee Board and Sub-Committees as follows: -

- (i) Quorum for CSC meetings, including AGM's and EGM's to be 30 members.
- (ii) Quorum for Trustee Board meetings to be one third of the trustees rounded up to the nearest whole number.
- (iii) Quorum for the Sub-Committee meetings to be half of the membership rounded up to the nearest whole number.

The County Chair proposed to continue with those recommendations.

Seconded by Iris Emery. Show of hands – Approved.

5/23: Review of the previous year

a) The County Commissioner's review of Annual Report

The County Commissioner, Andy Farrell, said it gave him great pleasure in presenting the Annual Report. Speaking of the transformation process he thanked all those across the County who have embraced the changes and adopted their constitutions accordingly and thanked Jacob Bond our Transformation Lead and all the District Transformation Supporters/Leads. It is hope that the changes will result in an increase in adult membership and therefore an increase in the young people's membership.

Andy was thanked for his review.

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

(i) The County Chair noted that the Trustee Board has approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, and the report on the accounts has been received from the independent examiner, Chris Varley of Cedar Solutions.

(ii) The County Treasurer was invited to give a brief explanation of the accounts.

(iii) The County Treasurer pointed out that this was his 10th presentation of the Annual Accounts in which time we had changed banks, gone from cheques to digital banking and moved from spreadsheets to an accounting programme, namely Club Treasurer. The accounts as presented in the Annual Report are self-explanatory.

Roger pointed out that some groups/districts have not yet gone digital, something the County has no control over, but would strongly advise them to think seriously about it as banks are starting to charge for cheques, plus the additional cost of postage.

The International account is shown as 'restricted funds' as this is only a holding/handling account for those going on expeditions. The account is currently active for the Jamboree in South Korea.

Roger gave thanks to the District and Campsite Treasurers for the work they do, and to Adam Richardson Unit Treasurer for the Jamboree.

(iv) Questions were then invited from the floor, regarding the Annual Report and Annual Accounts; none were raised.

(v) The County Chair thanked Roger

a) To appoint or re-appoint the County President and County Vice Presidents

The County Chair reported that as previously mentioned, Sir Warren Smith was stepping down as County President and was pleased to announce that Diane Hawkins, the Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester had agreed to take on the role.

Vice President, Col Sir John Timmins had expressed an interest in stepping down, although this had not yet been finalised, so it was proposed that we include Col Sir John this year, together with Geoff Sides, Vera Crossley, and Sir Warren Smith.

Show of hands – Approved.

b) To note other supporters who may be admitted to the membership of the County Scout Council.

- (i) The County Chair announced the members nominated from the District Scout Councils, as notified to the County Secretary, as follows: -

Altrincham – Jane Ford

Ellesmere – Steve Moss (Subject to approval at Ellesmere’s District AGM on 28th September*)

Lilford - Sophie Rothwell Mason

Lowry – Josh MacDonald

Sale – Mike Harding

Stretford – Vacant

Urmston – Mike Ellis

Wigan – Vacant

Show of hands – Approved.

- (ii) It was noted that no requests have been received to admit additional supporters to the CSC.

c) To approve the County Commissioner’s nomination of the County Chair The County Commissioner nominated Sue Leonard as the County Chair. Show of hands – Approved.

d) To elect the County Secretary

The County Chair proposed that Jean Archer continue as County Secretary Seconded by David Marsden.

Show of hands – Approved.

e) To elect the County Treasurer

The County Chair proposed that Roger Kettle continue as County Treasurer
Seconded by Steve Ralph.
Show of hands – Approved.

f) To elect persons to the County Trustee Board

The County Secretary announced that the following have been formally proposed,
and seconded, by the due date. (Maximum of six people)

Graham Barrick elected for 3 years.

Jacob Bond elected for 3 years.

Lewis Foster elected for 2 years.

Ryan Swailes elected for 2 years.

Show of hands to approve their election – Approved.

g) To approve the County Commissioner's nomination to the County Trustee Board

The County Commissioner nominated Iris Emery and David Copeland Show of
hands – Approved.

The County Chair took the opportunity to thank the Trustees for their work during
the year and gave thanks to Clive Winby and Solomon Cuthbertson who were
stepping down.

h) To appoint the Independent Examiner/Auditor

The County Treasurer proposed that Chris Varley from Cedar Solutions continue as
Account Examiner/Auditor.

Seconded by Dave Finch.

The County Chair noted that Chris Varley has been proposed, and seconded, and is
qualified for the role.

Show of hands – Approved.

i) To elect representatives of the CSC to represent the County on the Council of The
Scout Association

The County Commissioner proposed Lewis Foster as 'Adult' member and James
Turner as 'Youth' member. Seconded by David Copeland Show of hands –
Approved.

7/23: Announcement of HQ and County Membership Subscriptions for year 2024

Roger announced that Headquarters membership fee, per young person, had increased by
£2 to £37.50 (which includes discount for prompt payment by the 23rd April 2024). The
increase was to help cover increased costs in the annual operations budget due to
inflation pressures, and to provide greater investment in safety and safeguarding, making
every effort to make sure the increase is below the current rate of inflation.

County membership fees have been frozen, for this coming year, at £11.00. GMW are still
financing the Online Scout Manager (OSM) Gold level, and any add-ons still need paying

for by the sections using the OSM code. The total payable therefore to the County in April 2024 will be £48.50.

8/23: Member Recognition

The County Commissioner had pleasure in presenting Awards, as follows: -

Queen's Scout Awards

Sarah Mullaney, Lilford District

Rebekah Trott, Lilford District

Tom Dutton, Lilford District

Commissioner's Commendation Award presented to the WSJ Unit leaders Unit 53

Adam Richardson, Wigan District

Isabel Brett, Urmston District

Richard Gould, Altrincham District

Emma Hambelton, Lowry District

Thanks to Sir Warren

The County Commissioner took the opportunity to thank Sir Warren and presented him with a gift in appreciation of him serving the County as our President for the last 16 years. Thankful for all the support, not only on a personal level, but for everything he had done for the County during that time.

9/23: Closing Remarks

The County Chair thanked everyone for attending. On a personal note, thanked everyone who had supported her in her role over the last year. She felt everyone, including leaders and young people, should be proud of what they have achieved and to keep up the good work.

This concluded the official business.

There was then a presentation by attendees of the World Scout Jamboree, Unit 53, The Weatherbees.

**Since the AGM we have been advised of the following – Agenda Item 6(b)(i) - Following Ellesmere District's AGM on 28.9.23, their representative on the County Scout Council is Steve Moss.*

Trustee's Annual Report

For the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Charity Name: **Greater Manchester West County Scout Council**
Registered Charity Number: **508002**
Scout Association HQ Registration Number: **00168**
Charity's Principal Address: **County Office**
Unit 5, Kelmercourt House 102
Sale Lane
Tyldesley
Manchester M29
8PZ

Names of the Charity Trustees' who manage the Charity

Trustee Name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year
Andrew Farrell	County Commissioner ex-officio	
Sue Leonard	County Chair ex-officio	
Roger Kettle	County Treasurer ex-officio	
Jean Archer	County Secretary ex-officio	
James Turner	County Youth Commissioner ex-officio	
Jacob Bond	Elected	From 27 th September 2023
Graham Barrick	Elected	From 27 th September 2023
Ryan Swailes	Elected	
Lewis Foster	Elected	
Iris Emery	Nominated	
David Copeland	Nominated	
Clive Winby	Elected	Until 27 th September 2023
Solomon Cuthbertson	Elected	Until 27 th September 2023

Banks CAF to: 31.03.2024 Lloyds from: 07.03.24	CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ	Lloyds Bank PLC PO Box 1000 BX1 1LT
Independent Examiner	Chris Varley F.C.A. Cedar Solutions (Management) Ltd. Prospect House 2 Sinderland Road Altrincham Cheshire WA14 5ET	

Structure, Governance and Management

The County's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The County is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

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

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 8 Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees) and meets every 2 months. Members of the Trustee Board complete 'Being a Scouts Trustee' learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

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

Members of the Trustee Board must act collectively as Charity Trustees of the Scout County and in the best interests of its members in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The County Trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the County is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are: the County is primarily reliant upon income from the County Levy. The County does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. Otherwise, the Trustee Board would have to raise the value of the County Levy to increase the income to the County on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

The County has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments, and a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The County Finances continue to be in a healthy position as detailed in the Annual Statement of Accounts compiled by our Treasurer Roger Kettle, and the County wishes to record its thanks for the work he has done.

Objective and Activities

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy, and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs, and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

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

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

Public Benefit Statement

The County meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The County's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the County Scout Council should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Trustees have agreed to establish a finance working group after the AGM, with a remit to draft a reserves policy for the County. This draft will then be presented to the Trustees for discussion and approval.

Investment Policy

The County's Income and Expenditure is very small and therefore does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The County has therefore adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks.

The County Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances, and the interest rates received to ensure the County obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the County Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements. Only the two Campsites record their own financial accounts, and these are consolidated within the County Accounts.

Greater Manchester West County Scout Council		Charity No (if any)	508002
Annual accounts for the period			
Period start date	01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024

Section A Statement of financial activities

Guidance Notes

Recommended categories by Unrestricted funds Total funds funds

Restricted income Endowment Prior year activity funds funds

52,731	-	-	52,731	41,597
275,451	-	-	275,451	261,025
-	-	-	-	-
3,899	-	-	3,899	973
-	-	-	-	-
-	38,282	-	38,282	104,551
<u>332,081</u>	<u>38,282</u>	-	<u>370,363</u>	<u>408,146</u>
£	£	£	£	£

Incoming resources (Note 3) Income and endowments from:

Donations and legacies	S01
Charitable activities	S02
Other trading activities	S03
Investments	S04
Separate material item of income	S05
Other	S06
Total	S07

Resources expended (Note 6)

Expenditure on:

Raising funds	S08
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-	-	-	-	-
320,468	-	-	320,468	265,870
-	-	-	-	-
-	51,651	-	51,651	119,030
<u>320,468</u>	<u>51,651</u>	-	<u>372,119</u>	<u>384,900</u>



Charitable activities

S09

Separate material item of expense

S10

Other S11 **Total** S12

Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)

Net gains/(losses) on investments

Net income/(expenditure)

Extraordinary items S16 **Transfers between funds**
S17

Other recognised gains/(losses):

Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use

Other gains/(losses) S19 **Net movement in funds** S20

Reconciliation of funds:

Total funds brought forward

Total funds carried forward

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Section B Balance sheet

S13	11,613	-	-	-	23,246
S14	-	-	-	-	-
S15	11,613	-	-	-	23,246
S16	-	13,369	-	1,756	23,246
S17	-	-	-	-	-
S18	-	-	-	-	-
S19	-	-	-	-	-
S20	-	-	-	-	-
S21	11,613	-	-	-	23,246
S22	-	13,369	-	1,756	23,246
	191,586	18,726	-	210,312	187,066
	203,199	5,357	-	208,556	210,312

Guidance Notes

	Unrestricted £	Restricted		Total this funds year £	Total year £
		income last funds £	Endowment funds £		
	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
B01	-	-	-	-	-
B02	-	-	-	-	-
B03	-	-	-	-	-
B04	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets B05	-	-	-	-	-
B06	-	-	-	-	-
B07	378	-	-	378	1,629
B08	-	-	-	-	-
B09	-	-	-	-	-
Total current assets B10	221,873	5,357	-	227,230	226,744
	222,251	5,357	-	227,608	228,373

Fixed assets

Intangible assets (Note 15) B01

Tangible assets (Note 14) B02

Heritage assets (Note 16) B03

Investments (Note 17) B04

Total fixed assets B05

Current assets

Stocks (Note 18) B06

Debtors (Note 19) B07

Investments (Note 17.4) B08

Cash at bank and in hand (Note 24) B09

Total current assets B10

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 20)

B11	19,052	-	-	19,052	18,061
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Net current assets/(liabilities)

B12	203,199	5,357	-	208,556	210,312
B13	Total assets less current liabilities				210,312

Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 20) Provisions for liabilities

B14	203,199	5,357	-	208,556	210,312
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Total net assets or liabilities Funds of the Charity

B16	-	-	-	-	-
B17	-	-	-	-	-

Endowment funds (Note 27)

Restricted income funds (Note 27)

Unrestricted funds

Revaluation reserve



Total funds

B18					
B19	203,199	5,357	-	208,556	210,312
B20					210,312
B21	-			-	-
		5,357		5,357	18,726
	203,199		-	203,199	191,586
				-	
	203,199	5,357	-	208,556	210,312

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

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11/07/2024

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
	Susan Leonard (County Chair)	12.08.2024
	Roger Kettle (County Treasurer)	12.08.2024

Awards

Congratulations to all our Award Holders



Silver Wolf

Adela Ramsbottom – Lowry District
Gerard Davies – Wigan District
Kevin Green – Wigan District
Norman Brown – Wigan District
Peter Marsh – Greater Manchester West



Bar to the Silver Acorn

David Hughes – Greater Manchester West



Silver Acorn

Allan Hardy – Greater Manchester West
Andrew Palin - Greater Manchester West
Barbara Spear – Urmston District
Chris Hayes - Greater Manchester West
Colin Maguire - Greater Manchester West
John Broomhead – Greater Manchester West
Martin Shaw - Greater Manchester West
Michael Hayes – Ellesmere District
Peter Leonard – Ellesmere District
Karen Mathieson – Greater Manchester West
Andrew McDonnell – Greater Manchester West
Janice Platt – Greater Manchester West
Donald Young – Ellesmere District



Bar to the Award for Merit

Joseph Hussey - Wigan District



Award for Merit

Brian Baines – Greater Manchester West

Jacob Bond – Greater Manchester West

Jacqueline Worswick – Greater Manchester West

Joan Shaw – Greater Manchester West

Katherine Rigge – Greater Manchester West

Rebekah Shaw - Greater Manchester West

Susan Baines – Greater Manchester West

Andrew Scialpi-Sullivan – Ellesmere District

Helen Hubbard – Ellesmere District

Christina Hughes – Lilford District

Robert Ferguson – Lilford District

Tracey McCarty – Lowry District

Michael Reid – Stretford District

Angela Hart – Urmston & District

Deborah Gilpin – Urmston & District

Heather Field - Urmston & District

Tony Pickering - Urmston & District

Michael Spear – Urmston & District

Nicola Rostron - Urmston & District Kirsty

Wilson – Wigan & District

Deborah Forrest – Ellesmere District



King's Scout Award

The Highest Award in Scouting available to Explorer Scouts and Scout Network Members

Connor O'Neill (Urmston District)

Jess Hill (Wigan District)



The Chief Scout's Commendation for Meritorious Conduct

Freddy Higson (Youth Member) Greater Manchester West

County Commissioner's Report

The work and dedication that goes into providing a quality programme does not go unnoticed. It takes hours of preparation and volunteer time to ensure that young people get the very best Scouting experience. I would like to thank all volunteers for the time they sacrifice to ensure not only that we provide an exciting and engaging programme, but one that is safe also.

Adult Learning is changing as part of our new ways of working, which means lots of resources will be available online. Our training team have worked tirelessly for years in providing residential weekends for our volunteers and although some modules are changing format, the team will continue to host weekends to do what they do best, which is to provide exceptional adult learning. My thanks to Gemma Higson for continuing to lead an amazing team.

Growth has continued to play a large part in our success and with Squirrel Dreys and Explorer Units opening at a rate of knots, it is hopeful that either through parents or young leaders, we can encourage more adult volunteers – a topic close to many leaders' hearts. The census figures were very pleasing with 4773 Young People and 1437 Adults – a total membership of 6210 – a 3.5% increase on 2023!

Looking back through previous reports, I've spoken at length about change, and 2023/24 has been one of the biggest periods of transformation, with changes to trustee boards, team structures, and with a new membership system on the horizon the future of Scouting looks set for even further changes to how it operates.

It is fitting therefore that I write this, my final report, as your County Lead Volunteer. I have had the privilege of leading Greater Manchester West since 2014 and seeing how far we have come as a County makes me very proud indeed. Together we've overcome obstacles, broken down barriers and achieved great things, even if we were told it wasn't possible.

In closing, I would like to thank a small but dedicated group who have been with me since the beginning – Roger Kettle for keeping on top of the accounts and reining in some of my unorthodox ideas for events, Greg Archer for being the kindest, most caring right hand man, Sue Leonard for being the better half of me and keeping me sane, and of course Sue Ralph at County Office.

I would also like to thank my family. My hour a week became 10 years as County Commissioner, and you have allowed me to give it my all. You've sacrificed your own time, moved important family occasions and seen me through both happy and sad times. Now we can watch together as my nephew continues his Scouting journey.

Andy Farrell
County Commissioner

Programme and Transformation Report

Programme

There were lots of programme events held throughout the year, with some of the biggest attendances we've ever seen. THANK YOU to all the amazing volunteers who made this possible.

We held our first two Water Sport Days for the Cubs at Scotsman's Flash. Young people had the opportunity to take part in paddleboarding, kayaking, sailing, rafting and more. The sun was shining for both days which made the dip in the cold water even more worthwhile! Thank you to Dave Finch, Scotsman's Flash and all the volunteers for running such a great event, where young people got to try out so many water activities they'd never experienced before.

Goodwood Weekender returned which is our annual camp for Explorers, with an action-packed day of activities for Scouts. This year saw record numbers of attendees taking part across the weekend. The theme for this year was 'Celebrating the King's Coronation', and the event included a day of adventurous activities, discos, films and team challenges for Explorers to take part in on the Saturday. A huge thank you to the Goodwood Team for providing another great event, and to the team at Dunham Park Scout Camp for all their efforts in being hosts for another year.

Sale Waterpark became the new home of the Cardboard Canoe Race in June 2023. Our new venue was packed with young people, volunteers and members of the public. There were lots of great designs, and some which looked good but were worthy of the 'Titanic Award' for their rapid sinking times. After the presentations, I was delighted to present Bob Wilson with his Wood Badge for the ACC Scouts role. Congratulations to our winners, 2nd Timperley Scouts, 3rd Davyhulme Explorers and our 'Out of County' winners 8th Magpie ESU. There was also the Titanic Award for 18th Leigh who sank the fastest and 4th Hale for the best design, for their 'Castaway' theme completed with their own Wilson. Well done to all 60+ teams who took part in the event, including some from other Counties in the Northwest Region.

Beavers and Squirrels travelled into Manchester City Centre for a day of activities and exploration at the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry. Many of them started their adventures by using public transport to make their way from home to the museum. There were lots to do including visiting exhibitions, taking part in experiments and having the chance to meet other Beavers and Squirrels from all over our County.

The Celebration of Excellence Day was held at Bispham Hall Scout Estate at the end of June. There were 155 award holders who attended with their families for an action-packed day of activities. We were lucky with the weather once again, the sun beamed down as young people (and some of our dignitaries) took part in the activities which included climbing, axe throwing, archery, shooting, craft, backwoods cooking, to name a few. The day was supported by a team of volunteers who helped run activities. Unit 53 ran the BBQ stall selling hot food and drinks to raise funds for their upcoming trip to the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. I would like to say a huge thank you to the team at Bispham Hall Scout Estate for hosting the event, arranging parking and supporting us to deliver lots of activities.

The day was also attended by a number of dignitaries, including HM Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester, Ceremonial Mayor of Salford, and representatives from the emergency services. The day ended with presentations of certificates to our award holders.

This was the first year, after the launch of the Squirrel section in September 2021, that we had Squirrel Scouts in attendance, who had achieved the Chief Scout Acorn Award, the top award in the Squirrel section. It was great to see so many young people achieving their Top Awards.

In Summer 2023, after two years of preparations, Unit 53 'The Weatherbees' travelled to South Korea for the 25th World Scout Jamboree. We are all aware this jamboree didn't quite go to plan and after only a few days on-

site the unit returned to Seoul for Jamboree 2.0. Despite all the challenges, our Jamboree Unit had the opportunity to explore South Korea learning about culture, meeting with other Scouts and creating friendships which would last a lifetime.

This group of young people were extremely resilient, and I would like to thank on behalf of all the participants, their families and the County our amazing Unit 53 Leadership Team – Emma Hambelton, Richard Gould, Adam Richardson and Issy Brett who provided an extraordinary opportunity, and supported our young people exceptionally throughout the experience tackling the challenges head on to reduce the impact on our young people. In addition to the Unit Leaders, Ben Arrowsmith, one of the International Service Team members from our County stepped up to support the unit throughout their experience. I was delighted to nominate them for Commissioner's Commendation for their extraordinary efforts in supporting the wellbeing of our young people.

The 'Blood Sweat and Tears' BST Adventure returned for another successful event at Rivington. This year, for the first time Cubs were able to take part in a hiking adventure of their own. Young people from Cubs, Scouts and Explorers took part in a hiking challenge across the hills of Rivington, earning points along the way. The challenge is not just about finishing the course first, it's also about taking the risk to get points from optional checkpoints. Thank you to Neil Tucker and his team for another great event attended by 145 young people from across the County.

Our annual Cub Mudder was back on a very muddy course from the Bispham Hall Chariot Race held the previous weekend. There were 57 teams of eager Cubs taking part, and the rain made it even more fun! In addition to the main event, we had the South Lancs Radio Team join us to allow young people the opportunity to take part in the 'Jamboree on the Air' taking place across the weekend. Congratulations to the teams from 2nd Brooklands, 1st Ashton and 3rd Ashton for coming first, second and third.

In addition to the events mentioned above, there was the Scout Lord Derby, Cub Cooking Competition, Camping Competition, Scout Football and the Shooting Competition. Thank you to everyone for taking part and to all the volunteers who made these events happen!

In January, I was delighted to present the County's first ever King's Scout Award alongside our County President, His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, Mrs Diane Hawkins in her first formal event as our new County President. This took place during a special celebration evening at 1st Broadheath Scout Group. Emily Topping, a volunteer at the group became the first young person in Greater Manchester West to achieve their King's Scout Award, the highest award in Scouting. Young people from all sections within the Group, alongside volunteers from across the District and County Teams came together to mark the occasion. A special thank you to 1st Broadheath and Altrincham District for their hospitality. It was amazing to see so many people attend this historic occasion, hopefully lots of the Cubs and Scouts in attendance will be inspired to aim high and achieve their King's Scout Award in the future.

This is my final report as the Programme Team Leader for Greater Manchester West. I stepped down from the role earlier this year after 5 years. I would like to thank all the amazing team members over the years who've supported me in ensuring we deliver a great programme with exciting opportunities for our young people.

Transformation

This year we have seen the first changes implemented across the County as part of the transformation of volunteer experience, and the transition to Trustee Boards. I would like to thank all the Lead Volunteers, Chairs, Treasurers and Trustees for rising to the challenge and implementing changes ahead of their 2024 AGM's.

In April 2023, we saw Executive Committees become Trustee Boards, and the purpose switch from operational tasks to a focus on governance. The Scouts have worked hard to ensure local governance is strengthened by aligning our processes to Charity Commission guidance and other good practice from across the Charity Sector.

At the County AGM in September 2023, we saw the new election process for Trustees take place with a new County Trustee Board with a more diverse range of experience and skills than ever before.

Throughout the year, we saw many of our Groups, Districts and the County move to the new team structure, which included changes to role titles to make them easier to understand for our new volunteers and young people. Commissioners and Group Scout Leaders became Lead Volunteers, Deputies and Assistant Commissioners became Team Leaders and Team Members, just to name a few of the changes. Urmston District was the first to appoint a new District Lead Volunteer and take the leap in recruiting Team Leaders for Programme, Volunteer Development, Support and 14-24.

A huge focus of the changes to volunteer experience is to reduce lengthy and onerous role descriptions undertaken by one volunteer, to a list of tasks which are undertaken by a volunteer team. This more flexible approach to volunteering will see volunteers undertake a smaller number of tasks as part of a larger team.

I'm looking forward to the next chapter in improving our volunteer experience, which included embedding the Trustee Board membership changes, and implementing the team-based approach at all our Groups, Districts and at County level.

I'm most excited about the new membership system, to replace Compass, which is due to be launched in Autumn 2024 which will reduce significantly the administration time for our Lead Volunteers and other supporters, creating a system which is fit for purpose for the future. Alongside the new system will be easier joining processes, and more flexible learning to support the recruitment and retention of volunteers in the future.

I would like to pay a special thanks to Graham Barrick for all his support in keeping me on my toes with the latest transformation information received from HQ and spending hours on the phone digesting the information from the monthly Transformation Lead calls we both attended. I would also like to thank the County Trustee Board for leading the way in implementing changes as early as possible to ensure the County led the way in transitioning to Trustee Boards.

Jacob Bond
Deputy County Commissioner

Adult Support and Activities Report

Transformation, Training! Another busy year for GMW!

Training was back in full swing and lots of people booking on the courses. The Training Team looked at new ways to develop the way we offer courses to our members, lots of thinking outside the box in how we can cover the basics through to the more advanced courses. The team worked tirelessly to create what I think are some of the best courses out there, delivering what our members want, in a comfortable environment, allowing everyone to get the best from these courses.

I still do believe the weekends are the best way to do the training, but we always are conscious that this doesn't work for some, and with transformation ongoing there are changes all the time. It's difficult to assess what we need and how many we need on the team, but again we ask you to get in touch, we are approachable and if we can, we will always look to help. If we don't know we can't help!

It has been great seeing the courses as full as ever, as some work towards their wood badge, before any changes, and some working towards their Nights Away permits.

One area that has had a poor uptake has been the Managers and Supporters Training. We have looked at several different ways of putting this training on away from the weekend residential courses, but uptake has been low. We will continue to work out how we can get these courses filled.

We always say training is your responsibility. We can deliver training but making sure your mandatory training is up to date is up to you, please it's not our fault if you end up suspended, there are enough first response courses around nowadays and other courses online. Hopefully the new system will improve the way training is updated but again only as good as the information you input.

Alongside the Training set up, we have Chris Starkie who looks after the activities for the County. Chris has built his team to offer support and advice on any matter of activities. If you require any more information on getting adventurous activities permit please go the GMW Scouts webpage and there is section on there that assists you. Any questions contact Chris by emailing, activities@gmwscouts.org.uk. Many thanks again to Chris for all his efforts and due diligence with his team in making sure we are covered as a County.

Finally, as always, this could not happen without the fantastic team we have in place. Huge thanks to Gemma Higson, County Training Manager, who works so hard in the planning of the courses, making sure the right people are there to facilitate the modules we are delivering, which takes time and planning. Any questions on any aspect of training drop Gemma an email at training@gmwscouts.org.uk and she will help.

We never stop looking at ways of improving, and whilst we work on HQ's vision for Volunteer Learning we know some parts will change, but we will continue to put on more specialist courses and continue to offer the courses we have now. Any changes will be communicated with you as we have them.

As part of my role, I have been supporting the County Commissioner, the rest of the leadership team and trustee board. They are doing some fantastic work in the County, and it has been a pleasure to help them where I can. I would like to thank Andy, Jacob, Sue and the rest of their teams for their support over this year also.

Finally thank you again to the teams. I say it every year, you make my role enjoyable and working with you is absolutely my pleasure, I would be lost without each and every one of you. As my role changes again for next year the team you have is very capable and will continue to deliver for you.

Greg Archer Deputy County Commissioner

Youth Commissioner's Report

It has been yet another year full of excitement and challenge for Greater Manchester West; there have been many great achievements for both the adults and youth within the County. It has been great to see this unfold. I've said it before, and I will say it again; the commitment shown by you all is exceptional and you should all be proud.

I would like to congratulate all those young people who have achieved their top awards this year. Yet more proof of the commitment shown by both adults and young people. It has been great to see progress with the Squirrels section all the way through to those in Explorers and Network achieving the Top Awards. You should all be extremely proud of yourselves for this achievement and hold your heads high – This will set you up for great things now and in the future.

For those considering completing the awards, I would say it is the best decision you could make. Please do not be put off because the challenge seems daunting or simply because you are just unsure of what to do or how it works. There are many people within the County Team who are there to help.

The Youth Team have again been busy trying to attend as many events around the County as possible and have greatly appreciated being invited to those events. They have been well attended and everyone who took part enjoyed every moment of them. I hope this gives you things to share with your friends and families.

As is always the case a large amount of work has gone on behind the scenes to ensure we remain youth focused and stick to our core values. I had the amazing opportunity to sit on the interview panel for the Growth Development Officers that have been appointed by HQ to work with the Greater Manchester Counties. The work they will do should benefit the youth of today and the youth of tomorrow for many years to come. I look forward to seeing their work in action.

I am please, to see a massive growth in District Youth Leads within each District. It is inspiring to see so many of them that are keen to make a positive difference and support transformation to its fullest. Youth leading the youth has many benefits and should influence the next generation of young people to step up and take on these roles.

It is a privilege to have been able to meet so many of you and to see the work that goes on to help develop Scouting for the young people within the County. Thank you for everything you do and keep up the good work giving the young people #SkillsForLife.

Given all the positivity I have mentioned above, and the statement 'that the youth should lead the youth', it is time for me to move to pastures new. I have been honoured to have been a part of the County Youth Team for the best part of around 9 years as of September 2024, and as it stands, I am no longer as "youthful" as I might want to be or as I feel. It is time for someone with new ideas and a strong passion to take on this challenging, but extremely rewarding role, and lead the County Youth Team into the new era of Scouting with transformation. I wish my successor the very best of luck and look forward to seeing how the next 12 months unfold.

James Turner
County Youth Commissioner



Duke of Edinburgh Award

This reporting year there were 37 Bronze Awards issued, an increase of over 50% from last year, together with 15 Silver Awards and 2 Gold Awards issued, as follows:

Ellesmere - 3 Bronze

Sale (MacAlpine) - 11 Bronze, 11 Silver

Stretford (Longfords) 6 Bronze

Stretford (Shackleton) 4 Bronze

Urmston (2nd Davyhulme) 5 Bronze, 3 Silver

Wigan - 8 Bronze, 1 Silver, 2 Gold

Congratulations to all the young people who have worked so hard to achieve their Awards.

Debbie Pullen

Duke of Edinburgh Adviser



King's Scout Award

This year GMW is proud to announce that we have two new King's Scouts, Jess Hill and Connor O'Neill. Congratulations to them both. Having had the pleasure of attending both Jess and Connor's presentations I know that a lot of hard work and planning went into gaining their awards and I am sure that they are justifiably proud, I know that we as a County are extremely proud of them.

The King's Scout Award is the culmination of years of hard work and endeavour, and I would reiterate that we as leaders should do everything in our power to encourage and assist our young people in signing up to the challenge of striving for the top awards at the earliest opportunity, i.e. when they start in Explorers.

The Scouting Awards coupled with the D of E make for a great and exciting program, link these in with the Young Leader Award, the Explorer Belt and the Scouts of the World Award and we really have it all covered from ages 14 to 25. Here's looking to more exciting times ahead for the young people of GMW and proving that they are up there with the best.

Steve Ralph

King's Scout Award Coordinator



Bispham Hall Scout Estate

Over the reporting period Bispham Hall has continued to be busy and successful, with over eight thousand children and young people camping, in addition to this we have hosted several scout and guide district camps and have had thousands of day and evening visitors throughout the year. This could not be facilitated without the dedication of leaders, young people from groups across the County and further afield.

We have hosted several camps and residential for schools, youth groups and Duke of Edinburgh award schemes, and continued our partnership with Nomad Rangers CIC who continue to support us. In addition to this we have extended our agreement with Meta games, a live action role play group, to hold 3 events over 3 weekends at Bispham Hall this year and in 2024/25. These 'non scout' groups continue to help us achieve growth and provide significant revenue. We will continue to ensure that scout and guide groups get priority for the use of Bispham Hall and will benefit from the increased revenue by the development of the site and subsidising the ever-increasing costs of operating the site.

We have continued to maintain close links with GMW County Team and the Training Team who deliver several training sessions throughout the year at Bispham Hall. We value this relationship and hope it will continue to develop in the future.

As we alluded to earlier, the cost of running the site continues to be a challenge, particularly the cost of utilities, insurance and our statutory compliance obligations, and as such, regrettably, it was necessary to apply a small increase to those using the site; thankfully this increase has been met with understanding from all our site users.

We have also spoken before about some 'invest to save' projects. We have continued to develop these projects and are rolling out (pardon the pun!) additional insulation within all of the buildings to help reduce our carbon footprint, and to reduce the cost of heating going forwards. We continue to explore further opportunities for 'invest to save' projects and will continue to take action to reduce long terms costs as and when funding allows.

During the COVID era some of our amazing team completed a sponsored walk from Bispham in Blackpool back to Bispham Hall Scout Estate on what was probably the hottest day of the year. The sponsored walk raised around £5000 which was match funded by Greater Manchester West Scout County. We remain incredibly appreciative of this and the support we received from Andy Farrell and the GMW County Trustees. This money was set aside for a legacy project, and we are pleased to tell you that we now have plans to refurbish Orchard Lodge which was previously used for staff accommodation. The building has had several uses over the years, and we have decided to open this back up as a smaller bunk house for groups to hire. Once complete the building will have accommodation for 14 people with a suitable kitchen and bathroom. We hope this project will enable smaller groups to access good quality indoor accommodation at an affordable cost which will again increase revenue for the site.

Last year we told you about our work to register Bispham Hall Scout Estate with the Land Registry. This had taken some time, due to delays out of our control, but we are happy to report that this has now been completed. Due to this we have further safeguards in place to protect the site going forward.

In October we held another very successful Chariot Race event which saw around 60 teams compete from all over the Northwest and further afield. The event was enjoyed by all who took part, and we look forward to next year's event. The Chariot Race was closely followed by Cub Mudder which makes use of the Chariot Race course and obstacles, and this event is put together and run by GMW and is growing each year, which is testament to the hard work put in by the organisers.

As usual we held our annual Christmas Do in January for all of our team as a well-deserved night off and 'thank you' for all their help over the past year. We were pleased to be able to present awards to 15 adult members of our team and 1 of our wonderful young people, this again demonstrates our appreciation and the dedication our team show to the site.

Unfortunately, in February of 2024 Bispham sustained a break-in, despite extensive security measures, after an hour of trying a team of 4 gained access to one of our buildings, once in they were able to take almost all of our ground's maintenance equipment within a couple of minutes. Obviously, this was really upsetting for our team, however the equipment was insured, and no one was hurt. Frustratingly this will likely see an increase in our insurance premium in coming years.

As with all counties, districts and groups Bispham Hall is currently working towards the transformation of governance in Scouts and will see some changes occur in the way that Bispham Hall is managed going forward, this will be a challenge. However, we will work hard to ensure that the right structure and governance arrangements will be in place for the new era of Scouting at Bispham Hall Scout Estate.

Over the last 10 years we have really tried to bring our team together to work with shared goals and to keep our site operational 365 days of the year. We cannot put into words how much these people do, how hard they work and the sacrifices they make to make sure Bispham Hall is the best that it can be.

Thousands of hours volunteering take place each year at Bispham Hall, much of it unseen by groups. We recently worked out that cutting the grass alone takes around 240 hours a year! That's before the toilets are cleaned, the Provi is stocked, the grounds and buildings are maintained, the accounts are done, and the activities delivered! To try and raise the profile of this, Gareth Powell has set up a You Tube Channel – 'When the campers go home' and is in the process of putting videos together to promote the unseen work that goes into running a campsite.

To our amazing team – We thank you for your continued dedication and service to Scouts and to Bispham Hall Scout Estate.

Finally, thanks must also go to Andy Farrell for his and GMW's continued support, to leaders and most importantly Young People. It's been another busy year filled with fun, challenges and lots of hard work. We look forward to what the next year holds and hope to see you soon.

Chris Hayes and Martin Shaw
Campsite Managers

(Please note Bispham Hall Scout Camp is an independent registered charity and therefore will not feature in our accounts.)



Dunham Park Scout Camp

Dunham Park Scout Camp Site continues to attract campers from within Scouting, Guiding, and other youth organisations, and this year is no exception. This year we have shown an increase in camping nights from 5,300 (22/23) to 6,700 (23/24). We have groups within our own Scout County and those from other counties.

The facilities we offer, and the general upkeep and maintenance of the site reflect the work achieved by our volunteers; the Tuesday maintenance team, the duty wardens, and scout groups who offer site service.

The Harrop Lodge was closed to bookings during January and February, and during this time we were able to replace the main room ceiling, update the fire precautions to standard, replace the radiators, and replace the flooring in the bedrooms. At the same time, the old wooden windows and shutters in the Wardens' accommodation were removed and then replaced with modern double-glazed windows and new external doors. A wardens' day was held at the beginning of March when we recruited 5 new duty wardens who have already committed to staff the site during the busy summer months.

As far as activities are concerned, owing to a generous donation from the 9th Sale Scout Group, we have been able to install four new pieces of play equipment which are now in full use each weekend. We continue to work with our landlords, the National Trust, in maintaining the beauty of the camp site and addressing any health and safety issues. We have recently adopted a 'Severe Weather Policy' to cope with adverse weather conditions, and the National Trust address any concerns we have with the trees on site and regularly inspect them. We have appreciated all the work done by the National Trust Young Rangers Group in maintaining the grounds at the camp site.

I am truly grateful for the team I have with me at Dunham. Although at times we may have to call in the professionals to deal with an issue outside our expertise, many of the week by week maintenance and improvements to the site are taken on by our volunteers, and the site would not survive without them. The efforts by the Friends of Dunham Park Camp Site in raising funds to aid our projects have been invaluable. It has meant that we could fund projects that further enhance the experience of the visitors to the site. We are looking forward to another successful year ahead.

David Hughes
Campsite Manager



Hollinwood Scout Camp

What a year. Again! Our dedicated crew members have done us proud again ensuring that Hollinwood was able to host some pretty sizeable events this year.

Lowry District had a soggy but fun time in April 2023 at their mad-cap water Olympics. The day began with the St. George's day parade through Hollinwood and some investitures.

The European Scout Federation came from all over the UK (and the Netherlands) for their annual camp and even turned their hands to building us a new altar in our Garden of Reflection.

The Polish Scout Federation of Manchester held their first group gathering since Covid and absolutely loved our campsite, bringing over 200 young people to Hollinwood for a weekend of activities, amazing food, singing and music.

These visits, as well as many others, meant hundreds of young people were able to enjoy the outdoors, make friends and learn to be good World Citizens – surely anyone's motivation to be part of the Scout Movement, whichever 'branch' we're involved in.

An interesting quote we heard this year was from a first-time visitor to our campsite.

"Oh this is actually amazing! I'd heard that Hollinwood was just a muddy field"

It might have been once but not anymore. Thanks to the efforts of our crew and visitors we continue to move forwards.

Our local community, conservation groups, campers and visitors have really kept the 'Job for the Warden' ethos alive. Each person who uses Hollinwood can leave it the tiniest bit better – in such ways campsites are built.

Importantly this year we've also welcomed some new governance arrangements with representation for the first time from GMW County. This should ensure greater understanding all round of how we are now starting to flourish as one of our 3 uniquely different GMW campsites.

This year didn't only bring good news. We were unsuccessful in our £1.3 million bid for Youth Investment Fund grants. Our professional team were understandably devastated to hear that a year's worth of effort had come to nothing. It would have been a game-changer.

But our team have picked themselves back up and refocused. We now have a designed and costed masterplan, and a wealth of professional contacts and experience to be able to keep chipping away at the long-term goal, all while keeping the campsite running. These are remarkable achievements for a small group of volunteers.

We continue to fundraise of course and make no secret of the cost to 'keep the lights on' at Hollinwood – around £10,000 per year. Donations are welcome but just as important are those small visits by groups of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Scout Network members. We're pleased to say these have remained steady but could increase. Please get in touch on Facebook or via our website to learn more or make a booking – our aim is to make everyone feel welcome.

The year seems to go very quickly but as always, we also like to list a few of the more interesting things that have happened over the last 12 months.

We purchased a small container which is currently being renovated to become our new tuckshop.

Urmston District held a fantastic Backwoods Cooking competition with some very high standards. We were awarded over £1,000 by the RHS to buy a LOT of bulbs. So many we couldn't plant them all so some were donated to our local community.

Mike Dunn and Haydn Lomas travelled over 2,000 miles across India to raise money for Hollinwood. Unbelievable!

We now have our very own bees on site courtesy of a local beekeeper (anyone who has a group of youngsters wanting to know about bees, please get in touch).

At the time of writing our new toilet block arrival is imminent. Apologies, this falls outside of this report's time period but it's too important not to mention.

Hollinwood held its first celebrant wedding, as a couple literally tied the knot under our beautiful pine trees. We purchased 6 new hammocks which are available to hire. Easy for a quick getaway camp anyone?

This is only the tip of the iceberg of what happens at Hollinwood. Please visit us (Saturdays' when someone will be on site) to see for yourself and hear more about what we're doing.

Ste Butterworth and Mike Dunn
Campsite Managers

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above on 12th August 2024.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signatures

	
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Full Names

Susan Leonard	Roger Kettle
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Position

County Chair	County Treasurer
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Date

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Please Note: The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet can be found in this Annual Report. [A copy of detailed accounts can be accessed by clicking here.](#)

**Census of County Membership in Gt. Manchester West
For the year ending January 2024**

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
YOUTH MEMBERSHIP					
Squirrels	79	36	0	0	115
Beavers	1,032	271	1	37	1,341
Cubs	1,192	313	0	16	1,521
Scouts	894	346	1	5	1,246
Explorers (including Young Leaders)	302	149	4	1	456
Ventures	0	0	0	0	0
Network members	61	32	1	0	94
TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	3,560	1,147	7	59	4,773
PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES					
Section Leaders	158	139	2	0	299
Assistant Section Leaders	189	184	2	0	375
Section Assistants	74	89	0	0	163
TOTAL ADULT PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES	421	412	4	0	837
Young Leaders*	115	88	1	0	204
TOTAL PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES	536	500	5	0	1,041
LINE MANAGER ROLES					
Group Scout Leaders	37	16	0	0	53
District Commissioners	8	0	0	0	8
GOVERNANCE ROLES					
Group Chair	32	16	0	0	48
Group Secretary	6	31	0	0	37
Group Treasurer	25	31	0	0	56
Group Trustee Board members	36	29	0	0	65
TOTAL LINE MANAGER ROLES	53	16	0	0	69
GOVERNANCE ROLES					
District ES/SN Commissioners	7	0	0	0	7
County* Commissioners	1	0	0	0	1
County* ES/SN Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL LINE MANAGER ROLES	53	16	0	0	69
GOVERNANCE ROLES					
Group Chair	32	16	0	0	48
Group Secretary	6	31	0	0	37
Group Treasurer	25	31	0	0	56
Group Trustee Board members	36	29	0	0	65

TOTAL GROUP GOVERNANCE ROLES	99	107	0	0	206
					8
District Chair	7	1	0	0	
District Secretary	2	3	0	0	5
District Treasurer	2	3	0	0	5
District Trustee Board members	1	3	0	0	4
TOTAL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE ROLES	12	10	0	0	22
					1
County* Chair	0	1	0	0	
County* Secretary	0	1	0	0	1
County* Treasurer	1	0	0	0	1
County* Trustee Board members	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL COUNTY* GOVERNANCE ROLES	1	2	0	0	3
TOTAL GOVERNANCE ROLES	112	119	0	0	231

SUPPORT ROLES

	Male	Female	identify	Prefer not to say	Self-Total
Deputy Group Scout Leaders	6	4	0	0	10
Group Administrators/Supporters	1	11	0	0	12
Group Skills Instructors	4	1	0	0	5
Other Group Adults	50	21	2	0	73
TOTAL GROUP SUPPORT ROLES	61	37	2	0	100
Deputy District Commissioners	6	2	0	0	8
District Youth Commissioners	1	1	0	0	2
Deputy District Youth Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
Assistant District Commissioners	5	7	0	0	12
District Leaders	0	1	0	0	1
District Administrators/Supporters	6	4	0	0	10
District Skills Instructors	6	3	0	1	10
Other District Support roles	16	9	0	0	25
TOTAL DISTRICT SUPPORT ROLES	40	27	0	1	68
Deputy County* Commissioners	1	0	0	0	1
County* Youth Commissioners	1	0	0	0	1

Deputy County* Youth Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
Assistant County* Commissioners	2	1	0	0	3
County* Leaders	0	0	0	0	0
County* Administrators/Supporters	0	1	0	0	1
County* Skills Instructors	0	0	0	0	0
Other County* Support roles	6	3	0	0	9
TOTAL COUNTY* SUPPORT ROLES	10	5	0	0	15
Active Support	62	55	0	0	117

	Male	Female	Self-identify say	Prefer not to	Total
TOTAL SUPPORT ROLES	173	124	2	1	300

TOTALS

TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	3,560	1,147	7	59	4,773
TOTAL ADULT MEMBERSHIP	759	671	6	1	1,437
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	4,319	1,818	13	60	6,210

Total Membership due to pay the Headquarters Membership Subscription
ie Total of Youth Membership excluding Scout Network

4,679

UNITS

Squirrel Dreys	7
Beaver Colonies	78
Cub Packs	82
Scout Troops	71
Explorer Units (Including YL Units)	37
Local Networks	8
Active Support Units	18
Young Leader Units	5
Groups	78
Districts	8

* Also includes roles in Regions/Countries; * YL totals are not included in the overall totals as Young Leaders are already included in Explorer total



Greater Manchester West County Scout Council		Charity No (if any)	508002
Annual accounts for the period			
Period start date	01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024

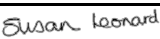

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
		£ F01	£ F02	£ F03	£ F04	£ F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	S01	52,731	-	-	52,731	41,597
Charitable activities	S02	275,451	-	-	275,451	261,025
Other trading activities	S03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	S04	3,899	-	-	3,899	973
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	-	38,282	-	38,282	104,551
Total	S07	332,081	38,282	-	370,363	408,146
Resources expended (Note 6)						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	S08	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	S09	320,468	-	-	320,468	265,870
Separate material item of expense	S10	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S11	-	51,651	-	51,651	119,030
Total	S12	320,468	51,651	-	372,119	384,900
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)						
	S13	11,613	-	13,369	-	1,756
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S14	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	S15	11,613	-	13,369	-	1,756
Extraordinary items	S16	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	S17	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S18	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S19	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	S20	11,613	-	13,369	-	1,756
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	S21	191,586	18,726	-	210,312	187,066
Total funds carried forward	S22	203,199	5,357	-	208,556	210,312

Section B Balance sheet

		Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
			£	£	£	£	£
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets							
Intangible assets	(Note 15)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	(Note 14)	B02	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets	(Note 16)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	(Note 17)	B04	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		B05	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets							
Stocks	(Note 18)	B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	(Note 19)	B07	378	-	-	378	1,629
Investments	(Note 17.4)	B08	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	(Note 24)	B09	221,873	5,357	-	227,230	226,744
Total current assets		B10	222,251	5,357	-	227,608	228,373
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		B11	19,052	-	-	19,052	18,061
Net current assets/(liabilities)		B12	203,199	5,357	-	208,556	210,312
Total assets less current liabilities		B13	203,199	5,357	-	208,556	210,312
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities		B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		B16	203,199	5,357	-	208,556	210,312
Funds of the Charity							
Endowment funds	(Note 27)	B17	-			-	-
Restricted income funds	(Note 27)	B18		5,357		5,357	18,726
Unrestricted funds		B19	203,199		-	203,199	191,586
Revaluation reserve		B20				-	
Total funds		B21	203,199	5,357	-	208,556	210,312

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
	Susan Leonard (County Chair)	12/08/2024
	Roger Kettle (County Treasurer)	12/08/2024

Section C **Notes to the accounts**

Note 1 **Basis of preparation**

This section should be completed by all charities.

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- and with* the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
- and with* the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.*

* -Tick as appropriate

1.2 Going concern

If there are material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, please provide the following details or state "Not applicable", if appropriate:

An explanation as to those factors that support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern;	Not applicable
Disclosure of any uncertainties that make the going concern assumption doubtful;	Not applicable
Where accounts are not prepared on a going concern basis, please disclose this fact together with the basis on which the trustees prepared the accounts and the reason why the charity is not regarded as a going concern.	Not applicable

1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in note { }.

Yes* No* * -Tick as appropriate

Please disclose:

<i>(i) the nature of the change in accounting policy;</i>	Accounts presented on accruals basis rather than income and expenditure following clarification from The Scout Association.
<i>(ii) the reasons why applying the new accounting policy provides more reliable and more relevant information; and</i>	The entity falls under different disclosure requirements.
<i>(iii) the amount of the adjustment for each line affected in the current period, each prior period presented and the aggregate amount of the adjustment relating to periods before those presented, 3.44 FRS 102 SORP.</i>	Not applicable

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes* No* * -Tick as appropriate

Please disclose:

<i>(i) the nature of any changes;</i>	Not applicable
<i>(ii) the effect of the change on income and expense or assets and liabilities for the current period; and</i>	Not applicable
<i>(iii) where practicable, the effect of the change in one or more future periods.</i>	Not applicable

1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes* No* * -Tick as appropriate

Please disclose:

<i>(i) the nature of the prior period error;</i>	Not applicable
<i>(ii) for each prior period presented in the accounts, the amount of the correction for each account line item affected; and</i>	Not applicable
<i>(iii) the amount of the correction at the beginning of the earliest prior period presented in the accounts.</i>	Not applicable

Note 2 Accounting policies

Please complete this note when first reporting under FRS2102. Section 35 of FRS102, requires 3 reconciliations to be presented, if all are applicable.

2.1 RECONCILIATION WITH PREVIOUS GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRACTICE

Please provide a description of the nature of each change in accounting policy

Not applicable

Reconciliation of funds per previous GAAP to funds determined under FRS 102

	Start of period £	End of period £
Fund balances as previously stated		
<i>Adjustments:</i>		
Fund balance as restated		

Reconciliation of net income/(net expenditure) per previous GAAP to net income/(net expenditure) under FRS 102

	End of £
Net income/(expenditure) as previously stated	
<i>Adjustments:</i>	
Previous period net income/(expenditure) as restated	

Note 2

Accounting policies

2.2 INCOME

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those ticked "No" or "N/a". Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

Recognition of income	<p>These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the charity becomes entitled to the resources; it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. 	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Offsetting	<p>There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Grants and donations	<p>Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Legacies	<p>In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).</p> <p>Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Government grants	<p>The charity has received government grants in the reporting period</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	<p>Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Contractual income and performance related grants	<p>This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Donated goods	<p>Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<p>The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<p>Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<p>Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<p>Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Donated services and facilities	<p>Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<p>Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Support costs	<p>The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Volunteer help	<p>The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Income from interest, royalties and dividends	<p>This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes	No	N/a						
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Income from membership subscriptions	<p>Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<p>Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Yes	No	N/a						
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

Settlement of insurance claims	Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Investment gains and losses	This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.3 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES				
Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Governance and support costs	Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Grants payable without performance conditions	Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Redundancy cost	The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Deferred income	No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creditors	The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts	Yes	No	N/a
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provisions for liabilities	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date	Yes	No	N/a
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Basic financial instruments	The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 11.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.4 ASSETS				
Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least <input type="text"/>	Yes	No	N/a
	They are valued at cost.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.2.	Yes	No	N/a
Intangible fixed assets	The charity has intangible fixed assets, that is, non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are identifiable and are controlled by the charity through custody or legal rights. The amortisation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.5	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	They are valued at cost.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Heritage assets	The charity has heritage assets, that is, non-monetary assets with historic, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture. The depreciation rates and methods used as disclosed in note 9.6.1.4.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	They are valued at cost.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Investments	Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stocks and work in progress	Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Work in progress is valued at cost less any foreseeable loss that is likely to occur on the contract.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Debtors	Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Current asset investments The charity has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.

Yes	No	N/a
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.

Yes	No	N/a
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**POLICIES ADOPTED
ADDITIONAL TO OR
DIFFERENT FROM
THOSE ABOVE**

<p style="text-align: center;">Historically Fixed Assets have not been capitalised or depreciated. Consideration is being given as to how to estimate a value of the historic assets.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stocks for campsite shops etc are not recognised in the accounts as they are not material.</p>

Note 3 Analysis of income

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Analysis						
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	52,731	-	-	52,731	41,597
	Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	General grants provided by government/other charities	-	-	-	-	-
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	-	-	-	-	-
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	52,731	-	-	52,731	41,597
Charitable activities:	Activities of the County Scout Council	275,451	-	-	275,451	261,025
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	275,451	-	-	275,451	261,025
Other trading activities:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments:	Interest income	3,899	-	-	3,899	973
	Dividend income	-	-	-	-	-
	Rental and leasing income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	3,899	-	-	3,899	973
Separate material item of income:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other:	Conversion of endowment funds into income	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a tangible fixed asset held for charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a programme related investment	-	-	-	-	-
	Royalties from the exploitation of intellectual property rights	-	-	-	-	-
	Other - International activities	-	38,282	-	38,282	104,551
	Total	-	38,282	-	38,282	104,551
TOTAL INCOME		332,081	38,282	-	370,363	408,146

Other information:

All income in the prior year was unrestricted except for:
(please provide description and amounts)

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Where any endowment fund is converted into income in the reporting period, please give the reason for the conversion.

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Where any endowment fund is converted into income in the prior period, please give the reason for the conversion.

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Within the income items above the following items are material: (please disclose the nature, amount and any prior year amounts)

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Note 4

Analysis of receipts of government grants

	Description	This year £
Government grant 1		-
Government grant 2		-
Government grant 3		-
Other		-
	Total	-

	Description	Last year £
Government grant 1		-
Government grant 2		-
Government grant 3		-
Other		-
	Total	-

	This year	Last year
<i>Please provide details of any unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attaching to grants that have been recognised in income.</i>		

	This year	Last year
<i>Please give details of other forms of government assistance from which the charity has directly benefited.</i>		

Note 5 Donated goods, facilities and services

	This year £	Last year £
Seconded staff	-	-
Use of property	-	-
Other	-	-
	-	-

	This year	Last year
Please provide details of the accounting policy for the recognition and valuation of donated goods, facilities and services.		
Please provide details of any unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attaching to resources from donated goods and services not recognised in income.		
Please give details of other forms of other donated goods and services not recognised in the accounts, eg contribution of unpaid volunteers.		

Note 6

Analysis of expenditure

Analysis	This year				Last year			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£				£			
Expenditure on raising funds:								
Incurred seeking donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Incurred seeking legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Incurred seeking grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating membership schemes and social lotteries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Staging fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising agents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating charity shops	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating a trading company undertaking non-charitable trading activity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Start up costs incurred in generating new source of future income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Database development costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of obtaining investment advice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment administration costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intellectual property licencing costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rent collection, property repairs and maintenance charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure on raising funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities:								
Activities of the County Scout Council	320,468	-	-	320,468	265,870	-	-	265,870
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure on charitable activities	320,468	-	-	320,468	265,870	-	-	265,870
Separate material item of expense								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other								
International activities	-	51,651	-	51,651	-	119,030	-	119,030
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other expenditure	-	51,651	-	51,651	-	119,030	-	119,030
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	320,468	51,651	-	372,119	265,870	119,030	-	384,900

Other information:

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Activity or programme	This year				Last year			
	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support Costs	Total this year	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support Costs	Total last year
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Activity 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activity 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note 7 Extraordinary items

Please explain the nature of each extraordinary item occurring in the period.

	Description	This year £	Last year £
Extraordinary item 1		-	-
Extraordinary item 2		-	-
Extraordinary item 3		-	-
Extraordinary item 4		-	-
Total extraordinary items		-	-

Section C **Notes to the accounts**

Note 8 **Funds received as agent**

8.1 Please complete this note if the charity has agreed to administer the funds of another entity as its agent. Note: If a charity is acting as an agent, it should not recognise the income in the Statement of Financial Activities or the Balance Sheet.

Description/name of party	Related party (Yes or No)	Amount received		Amount paid out		Balance held at period end	
		This year	Last year	This year	Last year	This year	Last year
		£	£	£	£	£	£
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-	-	-	-

8.2 Where a consortia or similar arrangement exists whereby 2 or more charities co-operate to achieve economies in the purchase of goods or services, please disclose details of any balances outstanding between any participating members.

Description/name of party	Balance held at period end	
	This year	Last year
	£	£
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
Total		-

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Note 9 Support Costs

Please complete this note if the charity has analysed its expenses using activity categories and has support costs.

This year

Support cost (examples)	Raising funds	Activity 1	Activity 2	Activity 3	Grand total	Basis of allocation (Describe method)
	£	£	£	£	£	
Governance	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Other	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	

Last year

Support cost (examples)	Raising funds	Activity 1	Activity 2	Activity 3	Grand total	Basis of allocation (Describe method)
	£	£	£	£	£	
Governance	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Other	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	

Please provide details of the accounting policy adopted for the apportionment of costs between activities and any estimation techniques used to calculate their apportionment.

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Note 10 **Details of certain items of expenditure**

10.1 Fees for examination of the accounts

Please provide details of the amount paid for any statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by your independent examiner. If nothing was paid please enter '0' in the appropriate box(es).

Independent examiner's fees

Assurance services other than audit or independent examination

Tax advisory fees

Other fees (for example: financial advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner

This year £	Last year £
600	600
-	-
-	-
-	-

Note 11

Paid employees

Please complete this note if the charity has any employees.

11.1 Staff Costs

	This year £	Last year £
Salaries and wages	12,352	8,238
Social security costs	209	195
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)		
Other employee benefits	-	-
Total staff costs	12,561	8,433

This year:

Please provide details of expenditure on staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party

Not applicable

Last year:

Please provide details of expenditure on staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party

Not applicable

Please give details of the number of employees whose total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) fell within each band of £10,000 from £60,000 upwards. If there are no such transactions, please enter 'true' in the box provided.

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

TRUE

Band	Number of employees	
	This year	Last year
£60,000 to £69,999	-	-
£70,000 to £79,999	-	-
£80,000 to £89,999	-	-
£90,000 to £99,999	-	-
£100,000 to £109,999	-	-

Please provide the total amount paid to key management personnel (includes trustees and senior management) for their services to the charity. For specific amounts paid to trustees, see Note 28.

This year £	Last year £
-	-

11.2 Average head count in the year

The parts of the charity in which the employees work

	This year Number	Last year Number
Fundraising	-	-
Charitable Activities	-	-
Governance	-	-
Other	1	1
Total	1	1

11.3 Ex-gratia payments to employees and others (excluding trustees)

Please complete if an ex-gratia payment is made.

Please explain the nature of the payment

This year	
Last year	

Please state the legal authority or reason for making the payment

This year	
Last year	

Please state the amount of the payment (or value of any waiver of a right to an asset)

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-

11.4 Redundancy payments

Please complete if any redundancy or termination payment is made in the period.

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Total amount of payment	-	-
The nature of the payment (cash, asset etc.)		
	This year	Last year
	£	£
The extent of redundancy funding at the balance sheet date	-	-
Please state the accounting policy for any redundancy or termination payments		

Note 12 Defined contribution pension scheme or defined benefit scheme accounted for as a defined contribution scheme.

12.1 Please complete this note if a defined contribution pension scheme is operated.

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Amount of contributions recognised in the SOFA as an expense	-	-

Please explain the basis for allocating the liability and expense of defined contribution pension scheme between activities and between restricted and unrestricted funds.

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12.2 Please complete this section where the charity participates in a defined benefit pension plan but is unable to ascertain its share of the underlying assets and liabilities.

Please confirm that although the scheme is accounted for as a defined contribution plan, it is a defined benefit plan.

Please provide such information as is available about the plan's surplus or deficit and the implications, if any, for the reporting charity for this year and last year, if different

12.3 Please complete this section where the charity participates in a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan that is accounted for as a defined contribution plan.

Describe the extent to which the charity can be liable to the plan for other entities' obligations under the terms and conditions of the multi-employer plan. If this is different for last year, provide details

Provide an explanation of how any liability arising from an agreement with a multi-employer plan to fund a deficit has been determined. If this is different for last year, provide details

Note 13 Grantmaking

Please complete this note if the charity made any grants or donations which in aggregate form a material part of the charitable activities undertaken.

This year:

13.1 Analysis of grants paid (included in cost of charitable activities)

Analysis	Grants to institutions	Grants to individuals	Support costs	Total
			£	£
Activity or project 1	-	-	-	-
Activity or project 2	-	-	-	-
Activity or project 3	-	-	-	-
Activity or project 4	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

Please enter "Nil" if the charity does not identify and/or allocate support costs.

13.2 Grants made to institutions

<p><i>My charity has made grants to particular institutions that are material in the context of its grantmaking. Details of the institution supported, purpose of the grant and total paid to each institution is available on the charity's web site.</i></p>	Yes	<i>Please provide details of charity's URL.</i>
	No	<i>Provide details below</i>

Names of institution	Purpose	Total amount of grants paid £
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
Total grants to institutions in reporting period		-
Other unanalysed grants		-
TOTAL GRANTS PAID		-

Last year:

13.3 Analysis of grants paid (included in cost of charitable activities)

Analysis	Grants to institutions	Grants to individuals	Support costs £	Total £
Activity or project 1	-	-	-	-
Activity or project 2	-	-	-	-
Activity or project 3	-	-	-	-
Activity or project 4	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

Please enter "Nil" if the charity does not identify and/or allocate support costs.

13.4 Grants made to institutions

My charity has made grants to particular institutions that are material in the context of its grantmaking. Details of the institution supported, purpose of the grant and total paid to each institution is available on the charity's web site.

Yes	<i>Please provide details of charity's URL.</i>
No	<i>Provide details below</i>

Names of institution	Purpose	Total amount of grants paid £
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
Total grants to institutions in reporting period		-
Other unanalysed grants		-
TOTAL GRANTS PAID		-

Note 14 Tangible fixed assets*Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets***14.1 Cost or valuation**

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	-	-

14.2 Depreciation and impairments

**Basis	SL or RB (Straight Line or Reducing Balance)	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB
** Rate					

At beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	-	-

14.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	-	-	-

14.4 Impairment

This year: Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.

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Last year: Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.

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14.5 Revaluation

If an accounting policy of revaluation is adopted, please provide:

the effective date of the revaluation

the name of independent valuer, if applicable

the methods applied and significant assumptions

the carrying amount that would have been recognised had the assets been carried under the cost model.

This year	Last year
-	-

14.6 Other disclosures

(i) Please state the amount of borrowing costs, if any, capitalised in the construction of tangible fixed assets and the capitalisation rate used.

(ii) Please provide the amount of contractual commitments for the acquisition of tangible fixed assets.

(iii) Details of the existence and carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment to which the charity has restricted title or that are pledged as security for liabilities.

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-
-	-

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

** Please indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also please indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, what is the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, what is the percentage annual deduction.

Note 15 Intangible assets*Please complete this note if the charity has any intangible assets***15.1 Cost or valuation**

	Research & development	Patents and trademarks	Other	Total
	£	£	£	£
At beginning of the year	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	-

15.2 Amortisation and impairments

**Basis	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	Straight Line ("SL") or Reducing Balance ("RB")
** Rate					

At beginning of the year	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Amortisation	-	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-
At end of year	-	-	-	-

15.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	-
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	-	-

15.4 Accounting policy*Please disclose the accounting policy for intangible fixed assets including:**Reasons for choosing amortisation rates**Policies for the recognition of any capital development*

15.5 Impairment

This year:

Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.

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Last year:

Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.

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15.6 Revaluation

If an accounting policy of revaluation is adopted, please provide:

the effective date of the revaluation

the name of independent valuer, if applicable

the methods applied

the carrying amount that would have been recognised had the assets been carried under the cost model.

This year	Last year

15.7 Other disclosures

(i) If your intangible asset was acquired by way of grant, provide value on initial recognition and carrying amount of the asset.

(ii) Details of the carrying amounts of any intangible assets to which the charity has restricted title or that are pledged as security for liabilities.

(iii) Please provide the amount of contractual commitments for the acquisition of intangible assets.

(iv) State the amount of research and development expenditure recognised as expenditure in the year.

(v) Please detail the headings in the SOFA in which a charge for amortisation of intangible assets is included.

(vi) For any material intangible assets, please provide a description, its carrying amount and any remaining amortisation period.

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

** Please indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also please indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, what is the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, what is the percentage annual deduction.

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

Note 16 **Heritage assets**

Please complete this note if the charity has heritage assets

16.1 General disclosures for all charities holding heritage assets

	This year	Last year
(i) Explain the nature and scale of heritage assets held.		
(ii) Explain the policy for the acquisition, preservation, management and disposal of heritage assets.		

16.2 Cost or valuation

	Heritage asset 1 £	Heritage asset 2 £	Heritage asset 3 £	Heritage asset 4 £	Total £
At beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	-	-

16.3 Depreciation and impairments

**Basis					Straight Line ("SL") or Reducing Balance
** Rate					

At beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-
At end of year	-	-	-	-	-

16.4 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	-	-	-

16.5 Impairment

This year

Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.

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Last year

Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.

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16.6 Revaluation

If an accounting policy of revaluation is adopted, please provide:

the effective date of the revaluation

the name of independent valuer, if applicable

qualifications of independent valuer

the methods applied and significant assumptions

any significant limitations on the valuation

This year	Last year

16.7 Analysis of heritage assets by class or group distinguishing those at cost and those at valuation

Carrying amount at the beginning of the period

Additions

Disposals

Depreciation/impairment

Revaluation

Carrying amount at the end of period

At valuation Group A	At cost Group B	Total
£	£	£
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

16.8 Heritage assets (where heritage assets are not recognised on the balance sheet)

(i) Explain the reason why heritage assets have not been recognised on the balance sheet.

(ii) Describe the significance and nature of heritage assets.

(iii) Disclose information that is helpful in assessing the value of heritage assets.

(iv) Explain the reason why it is not practicable to obtain a valuation of heritage assets.

This year	Last year

16.9 Five year summary of heritage assets transactions

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	£	£	£	£	£
Purchases					
Group A	-	-	-	-	-
Group B	-	-	-	-	-
Group C	-				
Other	-				
Donations					
Group A	-	-	-	-	-
Group B	-	-	-	-	-
Group C	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total additions	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for impairment					
Group A	-	-	-	-	-
Group B	-	-	-	-	-
Group C	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total charge for impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals					
Group A - carrying amount	-	-	-	-	-
Group B - carrying amount	-	-	-	-	-
Group C	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total disposals	-	-	-	-	-

Note 17 Investment assets

Please complete this note if the charity has any investment assets.

17.1 Fixed assets investments (please provide for each class of investment)

	Cash & cash equivalents	Listed investments	Investment properties	Social investments	Other	Total
Carrying (fair) value at beginning of period	-	-	-	-	-	-
Add: additions to investments during period*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Less: disposals at carrying value	-	-	-	-	-	-
Less: impairments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Add: Reversal of impairments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Add/(deduct): transfer in/(out) in the period	-	-	-	-	-	-
Add/(deduct): net gain/(loss) on revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying (fair) value at end of year	-	-	-	-	-	-

*Please specify additions resulting from acquisitions through business combinations, if any.

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Please note that Fair Value in this context is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable and willing parties in an arm's length transaction. For traded securities, the fair value is the value of the security quoted on the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List or equivalent. For other assets where there is no market price on a traded market, it is the trustees' or valuers' best estimate of fair value.

17.2 Please provide a breakdown of investments shown above agreeing with the balance sheet row B04 differentiating between those held at fair value and those held at cost less impairment.

This year:

Analysis of investments

	Fair value at year end	Cost less impairment
	£	£
Cash or cash equivalents	-	-
Listed investments	-	-
Investment properties	-	-
Social investments	-	-
Other investments	-	-
Total	-	-
Grand total (Fair value at year end+Cost less impairment)	-	-

Last year:

Analysis of investments

	Fair value at year end	Cost less impairment
	£	£
Cash or cash equivalents	-	-
Listed investments	-	-
Investment properties	-	-
Social investments	-	-
Other investments	-	-
Total	-	-
Grand total (Fair value at year end+Cost less impairment)	-	-

17.3 If your charity holds investment properties, please complete the following note:

	This year	Last year
(i) Explain the methods and significant assumptions in determining the fair value of investment property held by the charity		
(ii) Name or independent valuer, if applicable, and relevant qualifications		
(iii) Provide details of any restrictions on the ability to realise investment property or on the remittance of income or disposal proceeds		
(iv) Explain any contractual obligations for the purchase, construction or development of investment property or for repairs, maintenance or enhancements		

17.4 Please provide a breakdown of current asset investments, if applicable, agreeing with the balance sheet.

Analysis of current asset investments

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Cash or cash equivalents	-	-
Listed investments	-	-
Investment properties	-	-
Social investments	-	-
Other investments	-	-
Total	-	-

17.5 Guarantees

	This year	Last year
Please provide details and amount of any guarantee made to or on behalf of a third party		
Name of the entity or entities benefitting from those guarantees		
Please explain how the guarantee furthers the charity's aims		

17.6 Concessionary loans

Amount of concessionary loans made (*Multiple loans made may be disclosed in aggregate provided that such aggregation does not obscure significant information*).

Description	This year £	Last year £
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
Total	-	-

Amount of concessionary loans received (*Multiple loans received may be disclosed in aggregate provided that such aggregation does not obscure significant information*).

Description	This year £	Last year £
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
Total	-	-

Terms and conditions eg interest rate, security provided

Value of any concessionary loans which have been committed but not taken up at the reporting date

Amounts payable within 1 year

Amounts payable after more than 1 year

Amounts receivable within 1 year

Amounts receivable after more than 1 year

This year	Last year

17.7 Additional information

Please provide information about the significance of investments to the charity's financial position or performance eg. terms and conditions of loans or the use of hedging to manage financial risk.

For all investments measured at fair value, the basis for determining the value, including any assumptions applied when using a valuation technique.

Where a charity has provided financial assets as a form of security, the carrying amount of the financial asset pledged as security and the terms and conditions relating to its pledge.

This year	Last year

Note 18

Stocks

Please complete this note if the charity holds any stock items

18.1 Please state the carrying amount of stock and work in progress analysed between activities.

	Stock		Donated goods		Work in progress
	For distribution	For resale	For distribution	For resale	
	£	£	£	£	
Charitable activities:					
<i>Opening</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Added in period</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Expensed in period</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Impaired</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Closing</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities:					
<i>Opening</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Added in period</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Expensed in period</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Impaired</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Closing</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Other:					
<i>Opening</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Added in period</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Expensed in period</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Impaired</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Closing</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total this year	-	-	-	-	-
Total previous year	-	-	-	-	-

18.2 Please specify the carrying amount of any stocks pledged as security for liabilities

This year	Last year
£	£

Note 19 Debtors and prepayments

Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.

19.1 Analysis of debtors

Trade debtors

Prepayments and accrued income

Other debtors

Total

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-
378	1,629
-	-
378	1,629

Please complete 19.2 where a material debtor is recoverable more than a year after the reporting date.

19.2 Analysis of debtors recoverable in more than 1 year (included in debtors above)

Trade debtors

Prepayments and accrued income

Other debtors

Total

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

Note 20 Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

20.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Accruals for grants payable	-	-	-	-
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	13,786	13,122	-	-
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	5,266	4,939	-	-
Taxation and social security	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
Total	19,052	18,061	-	-

20.2 Deferred income

Please complete this note if the charity has deferred income.

Please explain the reasons why income is deferred.

This year	Last year

Movement in deferred income account

Balance at the start of the reporting period
 Amounts added in current period
 Amounts released to income from previous periods
 Balance at the end of the reporting period

This year £	Last year £
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

Note 21 Provisions for liabilities and charges

Please complete this note if you have included in charity expenditure any provisions. A provision is made when the charity has a liability of uncertain timing or amount.

21.1 Movements in recognised provisions and funding commitment during the period

	This year £	Last year £
Balance at the start of the reporting period	-	-
Amounts added in current period	-	-
Amounts charged against the provision in the current period	-	-
Unused amounts reversed during the period	-	-
Balance at the end of the reporting period	-	-

21.2 Please provide:

- a brief description of any obligations on the balance sheet and the expected amount and timing of resulting payments;
- an indication of the uncertainties about the amount or timing of those outflows; and
- the amount of any expected reimbursement, stating the amount of any asset that has been recognised for that expected reimbursement.

	This year	Last year

21.3 For any funding commitment that is not recognised as a liability or provision, provide details of commitment made, the time frame of that commitment, any performance-related conditions and details of how the commitment will be funded (with contracts for capital expenditure separately identified).

	This year	Last year

21.4 Where unrestricted funds have been designated to a fund commitment, please disclose the nature of any amounts designated and the likely timing of that expenditure.

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Note 22 Other disclosures for debtors, creditors and other basic financial instruments

22.1 Please provide information about the significance of financial instruments (eg. debtors, creditors, investments etc) to the charity's financial position or performance, for example, the terms and conditions of loans or the use of hedging to manage financial risk.

This year	Last year

22.2 If the charity has provided financial assets as a form of security, the carrying amount of the financial assets pledged as security and the terms and conditions related to its pledge should be given here.

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Note 23 Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

23.1 Contingent liabilities

Where the charity has contingent liabilities, please complete the following section unless the possibility of their existence is remote.

This year

Description of item including its legal nature. Please describe any security provided in connection to the liability.	Estimate of financial effect

Last year

Description of item including its legal nature. Please describe any security provided in connection to the liability.	Estimate of financial effect

23.2 Contingent assets

Where the charity has contingent assets, please complete the following section when their existence is probable

This year

Description of item	Estimate of financial effect

Last year

Description of item	Estimate of financial effect

23.4 Other disclosures for contingent assets and/or liabilities

Please provide the following information where practicable:

	This year	Last year
Explain any uncertainties relating to the amount or timing of settlement; and the possibility of any reimbursement		
Where it is not practical to make one or more of these disclosures, please state this fact		

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 24 Cash at bank and in hand**

Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)
Short term deposits
Cash at bank and on hand
Other
Total

This year £	Last year £
-	-
-	-
227,230	226,744
-	-
227,230	226,744

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

Note 25 **Fair value of assets and liabilities**

	This year	Last year
<p>25.1 Please provide details of the charity's exposure to credit risk (the risk of incurring a loss due to a debtor not paying what is owed) , liquidity risk (the risk of not being able to meet short term financial demands) and market risk (the risk that the value of an investment will fall due to changes in the market) arising from financial instruments to which the charity is exposed at the end of the reporting period and explain how the charity manages those risks.</p>		
<p>25.2 Please give details of the amount of change in the fair value of basic financial instruments (debtors, creditors, investments (see section 11, FRS 102 SORP)) measured at fair value through the SoFA that is attributable to changes in credit risk.</p>		

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

Note 26 **Events after the end of the reporting period**
Please complete this note events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the

	This year	Last year
Please provide details of the nature of the event		
Provide an estimate of the financial effect of the event or a statement that such an estimate cannot be made		

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

Note 27 **Charity funds**

27.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

Please give details of the movements of material individual funds in the reporting period together with a balancing figure for 'Other funds'. The 'Total funds' figure below should reconcile to 'Total funds' in the balance sheet.

* Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendible endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U - unrestricted funds

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
Other funds	N/a	N/a	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds			-	-	-	-	-	-

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

Note 27 **Charity funds (cont)**

27.2 Details of material funds held and movements during the PREVIOUS reporting period

Please give details of the movements of material individual funds in the reporting period together with a balancing figure for 'Other funds'. The 'Total funds' figure below should reconcile to 'Total funds' in the balance sheet.

* Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendible endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U - unrestricted funds

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
Other funds	N/a	N/a	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds			-	-	-	-	-	-

Note 27 Charity funds (cont)

27.3 Transfers between funds

This year

	Reason for transfer and where endowment is converted to income, legal power for its conversion	Amount
Between unrestricted and restricted funds		
Between endowment and restricted funds		
Between endowment and unrestricted funds		

Last year

	Reason for transfer and where endowment is converted to income, legal power for its conversion	Amount
Between unrestricted and restricted funds		
Between endowment and restricted funds		
Between endowment and unrestricted funds		

27.4 Designated funds

This year

Planned use	Purpose of the designation	Amount

Last year

Planned use	Purpose of the designation	Amount

Note 28 Transactions with trustees and related parties

If the charity has any transactions with related parties (other than the trustee expenses explained in guidance notes) details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "True" in the box or "False" if there are transactions to report.

28.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits**This year**

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

TRUE

In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value				
		Remuneration	Pension contribution	Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia	Other	TOTAL
		£	£	£	£	£
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

Please give details of why remuneration or other employment benefits were paid.

Where an ex gratia payment has been made to a trustee, provide an explanation of the nature of the payment.

Last year

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

TRUE

In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value				
		Remuneration	Pension contribution	Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia	Other	TOTAL
		£	£		£	£
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

Please give details of why remuneration or other employment benefits were paid.

Where an ex gratia payment has been made to a trustee, provide an explanation of the nature of the payment.

28.2 Trustees' expenses

If the charity has paid trustees expenses for fulfilling their duties, details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "True" in the box below. If there are transactions to report, please enter "False".

No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False) **TRUE**

Type of expenses reimbursed	This year	Last year
	£	£
Travel	-	-
Subsistence	-	-
Accommodation	-	-
Other (please specify):	-	-
	-	-
TOTAL	-	-

Please provide the number of trustees reimbursed for expenses or who had expenses paid by the charity

28.3 Transaction(s) with related parties

Please give details of any transaction undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a related party has a material interest, including where funds have been held as agent for related parties. If there are no such transactions, please enter 'true' in the box provided.

This year
There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False) **TRUE**

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£

In relation to the transactions above, please provide the terms and conditions, including any security and the nature of any payment (consideration) to be provided in settlement.

For any related party, please provide details of any guarantees given or received.

Last year

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

<i>TRUE</i>

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£

In relation to the transactions above, please provide the terms and conditions, including any security and the nature of any payment (consideration) to be provided in settlement.

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For any related party, please provide details of any guarantees given or received.

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Note 29**Additional Disclosures**

The following are significant matters which are not covered in other notes and need to be included to provide a proper understanding of the accounts. If there is insufficient room here, please add a separate sheet.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Greater Manchester West County Scout Council

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

508002

Set out on pages

1 to 48

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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**

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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:

Date:

12 August 2024

Name:

Christopher Keith Varley

**Relevant professional
qualification(s):**

F.C.A.

Address:

Cedar Solutions (Management) Limited

Prospect House, 2 Sinderland Road
Altrincham, Cheshire

WA14 5ET

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

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

As reported at Note 1.3, the accounts have been presented on an accruals, rather than receipts and payments, basis for the first time this year.

A consequence of moving to an accruals basis is that Accounting Policy 2.4 requires fixed assets to be capitalised and depreciated over their useful economic lives.

The Trustees are in the process of determining the historic cost and current value of such assets so they can be capitalised, as required.

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England & Wales - Charity number 508002

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Annual Report 2023



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UNIT 53: THE WEATHERBEEES

County Chair's Welcome

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Annual Report for Greater Manchester West County Scout Council from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

What a year! Within this report you will read about the fun and challenging experience that young people have been involved in. This is testament to you, and your teams, in the time that you give to ensure every young person has the opportunity to take part in a wide and varied activity programme, from weekly meetings, days out, camping experiences, adventurous activities and for some, international trips. This leads to the achievement of Top Awards – WELL DONE TO EVERYONE!

There are many volunteers within Greater Manchester West who carry out their role(s). Some are front facing delivering the excellent programme for the young people and many are “behind the scenes” working hard to support you to carry out your role. As a County, we recognise this hard work and the experience many individuals bring – THANK YOU!

Further thanks are passed to our excellent campsite teams who work hard to ensure our campsites are excellent local spaces for many young people to take part in outdoor experiences. The continuing development of activities, programmes on offer, site maintenance and buildings do not just happen – so THANK YOU to everyone associated with our campsites.

It has been my pleasure to work with the County Commissioner and the Senior Leadership Team in order that they have the necessary support to carry out their roles.

Thank you to the County Executive Committee who have welcomed me as Chair since my appointment. Firstly, thank you for the support and direction you have shown me personally, but THANK YOU for the work and decision making undertaken to ensure the future direction and development of the County.

Overall, the commitment, dedication, willingness and just an overall desire to strive to grow is shown by every single person who is part of Greater Manchester West.

THANK YOU!

Silver Wolf Award Holders



Mrs Jacqui Aspinall MBE

Mrs Joan Hayton

Mr Stanley Atkins

Mr Kenneth Ince

Mr Graham Barrick

Mrs Sheila Ince

Mr John Bilsborough

Mrs Eileen Johnson

Mr David Copeland

Mr Keith Lang

Mrs Pamela Copeland

Mr David Maltby

Mrs Sylvia Cornish

Mr Martin Maynard

Mrs Vera Crossley

Mr Brian Mouat

Mr Hugh Davies

Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP

Mrs Iris Emery

Mrs Ann Salt

Mr Derek Freeman

Mr George Sharp

Mrs Christine Gleaves

Mr Geoff Sides

Mr Peter Hart

Mrs Judith Summersgill

Mr Bob Haynes

Mr Alex Waddington

Mr Alan Hayton

Mr Haydn Worrall

Our County Team

County President

Sir Warren Smith KCVO KStJ JP

Vice Presidents

Mr Geoff Sides
Mrs Vera Crossley
Colonel Sir John Timmins KCVO OBE TD

Regional Commissioner

Mr Brendan Booth

County Commissioner

Mr Andy Farrell

Deputy County Commissioners

Mr Greg Archer (People)
Mr Jacob Bond (Programme and Communication)

County Youth Commissioner

Mr James Turner

Deputy Youth Commissioners

Mr Reece McSherry
Mr Luke Turner
Mr Joe Westhead

County Transformation Lead

Mr Jacob Bond

County Chair

Miss Susan Leonard

County Secretary

Mrs Jean Archer

County Treasurer

Mr Roger Kettle

County Appointments Secretary

Mr Greg Archer

Asst. County Appts Secretary

Mrs Jacqui Aspinall MBE

County Appts Advisory Committee

Mr Graham Barrick (Chair), Mr Peter Marsh,
Mr Greg Archer, Mr Lewis Foster, Mr Andy Atherall,
Mrs Penny Rothwell Mason

Assistant County Commissioners

Mr Tom Dutton (Beaver Scouts)
Mr Dave Finch (Cub Scouts)
Mr Bob Wilson (Scouts)
Miss Jenn Carline (Explorer Scouts)
Mr Oliver Horne (Scout Network)
Mr Jeff Picton (International)
Mr Chris Starkie (Activities)
Mr Anthony Staunton-Unsworth (Inclusion)

County Campsite Managers

Mr Chris Hayes and Mr Martin Shaw (Bispham Hall)
Mr David Hughes (Dunham Park)
Mr Ste Butterworth and Mr Mike Dunn (Hollinwood)

Our County Team

Managers / Advisers

County Training Manager	Mrs Gemma Higson
County Communications Manager	Mrs Hayley Mullen
Media Development Coordinator	Miss Amy Tomkins
Newsletter Coordinator	Mrs Michele Millington
Digital Project Coordinator	Mr Andy Brown
Digital Systems Coordinator	Mr Lewis Foster
Duke of Edinburgh Award Adviser	Mrs Debbie Pullen
King's Scout Award Coordinator	Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP
Safeguarding Adviser	Mr Greg Archer
Safety Adviser	Mr Mike Barrett

Scout Active Support Managers (not listed elsewhere)	Mr Nick Anderson (Goodwood)
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Assessors

Climbing	Mr Andrew Bradley
Climbing and Abseiling	Mr Neil Gregory
Hill Walking	Mr David Smith
Kayaking/Canoeing/Rafting	Mr Michael McCarthy

County Administrator

Mrs Sue Ralph

County Training Team

Mr Jacob Bond, Mr Chris Hayes, Mrs Gemma Higson, Mrs Lindsay Johnston, Mr Neil Marks-Parker, Mrs Jane Riley, Mrs Penny Rothwell Mason, and Mr JP Yates

County Training Administrator

Mr Chris Hayes, Mrs Jackie Worswick, Miss Sam Holloway and Mrs Lindsay Johnston

District Commissioners

Mr Kenneth Williams (Altrincham)
Mr Jacob Bond (Ellesmere)
Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP (Lilford)
Mr Ryan Swailes (Lowry)
Mr Andy Atherall (Sale)
Mr Matt Osborne (Stretford)
Mr Chris Knowles (Urmston)
Mr Jeff Picton (Wigan)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2022

Held Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 7.30pm at Dunham Park Scout Camp

Present

Sir Warren Smith KCVO, KStJ, JP County President
Mrs Diane Hawkins JP LLB Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester
Mayor of Trafford Councillor Chris Boyes and Mayoress Mrs Pam Boyes
Mayor of Wigan Councillor Marie Morgan
Ceremonial Mayor of Salford Councillor Ann-Marie Humphreys and Consort Mr Keith Byers
Mr Ian Hill, Regional Commissioner
Miss Sue Leonard, County Chair, Acting District Commissioner Ellesmere
Mr Andrew Farrell, County Commissioner
Mr Roger Kettle, County Treasurer
Mrs Jean Archer, County Secretary
Mr Jacob Bond, Deputy County Commissioner (Programme & Communications)
Mr Greg Archer, Deputy County Commissioner (People)
Mr James Turner, County Youth Commissioner
Mrs Judith Summersgill, Dunham Park Camp Site Secretary, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Gemma Higson, County Training Manager
Mr Graham Barrick, County Appointments Chair, District Chair Urmston
Mr Tony Staunton-Unsworth, Assistant County Commissioner Inclusion
Mr Bob Wilson, Assistant County Commissioner Scouts
Mr Chris Knowles, District Commissioner Urmston
Mr Ken Williams, District Commissioner Altrincham
Mr Ryan Swales, District Commissioner Lowry
Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP, QS Coordinator, District Commissioner Lilford, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Matt Osborne, District Commissioner Stretford
Mr Jeff Picton, Assistant County Commissioner International, District Commissioner Wigan
Mrs Jacqui Aspinall MBE, Assistant Appointment Secretary, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Pamela Copeland, District Secretary Lilford, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr David Copeland, County Executive, District Chair Lilford, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Hugh Davies, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Iris Emery, County Executive, District Secretary Altrincham, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Deborah Forrest, District Secretary Ellesmere, CSC member
Mr David Hughes, Campsite Manager Dunham Park Scout Camp
Mr Anthony Roberts, Local Training Manager Altrincham
Mrs Lindsay Johnston, Local Training Manager Ellesmere
Mrs Joan Smith, District Treasurer Wigan
Mr Bob Haynes, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Ann Salt, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Clive Winby, County Executive
Mrs Hayley Mullen, Communications Manager
Mr Lewis Foster, Executive member, Communications Team member
Mr Dave Maltby, District Chair Stretford, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Brian Mouat, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Andy Connellan, County Nights Away Adviser, County Training Adviser
Mrs Christine Gleaves, Local Training Manager Sale, Silver Wolf Holder
Miss Sarah Goodstadt, County Adviser Staged Performances

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Mr Josh MacDonald, District Youth Commissioner Lowry
Mr Ste Butterworth, Campsite Manager Hollinwood Scout Camp
Mrs Joan Hayton, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Alan Hayton, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Chris Varley, F.C.A. Cedar Solutions (Management) Ltd - Account Examiners
Mr Andrew McDonnell, Dunham Park Camp Site Treasurer
Mr Jon Davies, Dunham Park Camp Site Chair
Mr Dave Marsden, District Secretary Sale
Mr Joe Westhead, Deputy County Youth Commissioner
Mr Michael Harding, District Treasurer Sale, CSC member
Mrs Eileen Johnson, Scout Active Support Manager Ellesmere, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Derek Jones, Scout Active Support Manager Urmston
Mr Derek Batchen, Hollinwood Scout Active Support
Mr David Finch, Assistant County Commissioner Cub Scouts
Mr Simon Gould, District Chair Altrincham
Mr Richard Gould, Asst. Unit Leader World Scout Jamboree 2023
Mr Paul Wilkinson, Dunham Park Active Support
Mrs Sue Ralph, County Administrator (Minutes) plus 14 other scouters and friends signed the attendance register.

Apologies

Col Sir John Timmins KCVO, OBE, KStJ, TD, DL, DSc, LLD, County Vice President
Mrs Vera Crossley, County Vice President, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Geoff Sides, County Vice President, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Haydn Worrall, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Phil Rigby, County Scout Active Support Manager Hollinwood Camp Site
Mr David Astin, President Bispham Hall Scout Estate
Mrs Sharm Clarke, District Treasurer Lowry
Mr John Bilborough, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Phil Horton, Greater Manchester East Scouts
Mr Reece McSherry, Deputy Youth Commissioner
Mr Keith Lang, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Cathy Ward, County Commissioner, Greater Manchester North
Mr Alex Waddington, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Justin McDonnell, Local Training Manager Lowry
Mrs Rona Rommel, Girlguiding Manchester
Mr Ian McGeough, District Chair Sale
Miss Yasmin Lee, District Youth Commissioner Sale
Mr Andrew Atherall, District Commissioner Sale
Mrs Margaret Davies, CSC member
Mr Ged Davies, District Chair Wigan
Mr Chris Starkie, Assistant County Commissioner Activities, County Nights Away Adviser
Mr Tom Dutton, Assistant County Commissioner Beaver Scouts
Mr George Sharp, Silver Wolf Holder

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2022

01/22 **Safety Notice** - David Marsden

02/22 **Opening Thought and Welcome to Dunham Park Scout Camp** - Jon Davies

03/22 **Welcome and Introduction**

The County President, Sir Warren Smith, welcomed everyone to our first face-to-face Annual General Meeting in three years. He welcomed The Lord-Lieutenant Mrs Diane Hawkins, and the civic guests, welcoming their support.

04/22 **Welcome by the Mayor of Trafford**

On behalf of the Borough of Trafford, The Mayor Councillor Chris Boyes offered a very warm welcome to everyone, reminiscing about his Scouting as a boy and congratulating Greater Manchester West Scouts on providing Scouting for the young people helping them to overcome challenges and achieve their dreams.

The County President thanked the Mayor for his warm welcome.

05/22 **Apologies for absence read by County Secretary** - Jean Archer, as listed.

06/22 **Approval to accept the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 29th September 2021 which had been previously circulated to members of the County Scout Council.**

The County President proposed acceptance of the minutes.

Seconded by Iris Emery - All in favour.

07/22 **Presentation of the Annual Report** - Andy Farrell, County Commissioner

Andy asked everyone to take time to read the Annual Report, a lot of exciting things having happened in GMW over the last twelve months. He thanked Jacob Bond and Sue Ralph for putting it together.

08/22 **Presentation of the Examined Accounts** - Roger Kettle, County Treasurer

Roger announced that the accounts as included in the Annual Report were self-explanatory. The finances had been quieter during the period of Covid and from April onwards have started to get busier.

Roger strongly advised groups and districts who did not use digital banking to seriously consider this option due to increasing costs.

For anyone looking for accounting software he could recommend 'Club Treasurer', current annual fee £40. The Account Auditor Chris Varley has this year checked the accounts solely by the information on Club Treasurer, and it saves a lot of time and is easy to use. The International account, shown as restricted funds, are only a holding / handling account for those going on expeditions. The account is now active for the forthcoming 2023 Jamboree in South Korea.

Roger asked if anybody has any questions. None were raised.

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- 09/22 **Proposal to approve the Annual Report and adopt the Examined Accounts**
The County President proposed we approve the Annual Report and adopt the Examined Accounts. All in favour
- 10/22 **Seconding the move to approve the Annual Report and adopt the Examined Accounts**
Seconded by Greg Archer
- 11/22 **Nomination of the County Commissioner's appointment of the County Chair**
The County Commissioner announced Sue Leonard as County Chair.

The County President asked for approval from the meeting – All in favour
- 12/22 **Announcement of the County Levy**
Roger explained that Online Scout Manager (OSM) is a software programme which currently offers a better administration system for the Scouts than HQ. Last year the County offered to pay 50% of the cost of the 'Gold package' for the groups and sections. County had to pay the full amount to OSM and then reclaim 50% of the cost by invoicing the groups and sections, but the logistics of this have not been an easy task. It was agreed therefore that this year the County will pay for the OSM 'Gold Package' and if groups or sections require anything extra, they must pay for that themselves.

The County Executive had agreed an increase to the County Levy to support the financing of the Online Scout Manager and towards specialist training for instructors allowing us to provide permits and training within the County.
In conclusion Roger announced the County Levy will increase by £1.50 to £11

The HQ UK membership fee for 2023/24 will increase by £1 to £36 discounted to £35.50.

The total subscriptions for each young person under 18 years of age will therefore be £46.50.

The District Treasurers were thanked for making sure the subscription funds were received each year on time.
- 13/22 **Election of the County Secretary**
The County Commissioner proposed that Jean Archer continue as County Secretary and thanked her for the brilliant work she had done.

Seconded by Jacob Bond - All in favour
- 14/22 **Election of the County Treasurer**
The County Commissioner proposed Roger to continue as County Treasurer and thanked him for all the brilliant work he had done.

Seconded by David Maltby - All in favour

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- 15/22 **Announcement of elected members to the County Executive committee as notified to the County Secretary**
Salford Metro:- To be advised*
- Trafford Metro: (South) Clive Winby, (North) Solomon Cuthbertson
- Wigan Metro:Lewis Foster
- 16/22 **Announcement of the County Commissioner's nominations to the County Executive Committee**
Iris Emery and David Copeland
- 17/22 **Announcement of members to the County Scout Council as notified to the County Secretary elected by each District Scout Council**
- | | |
|------------|-----------------------|
| Altrincham | To be advised * |
| Ellesmere | Deborah Forrest |
| Lilford | Sophie Rothwell Mason |
| Lowry | To be advised * |
| Sale | Mike Harding |
| Stretford | Matt Osborne |
| Urmston | To be advised * |
| Wigan | Margaret Davies |
- 18/22 **Appointment to the Committee of The Association**
The County Commissioner proposed his representative for adult and youth member as James Turner.
- Seconded by Graham Barrick – All in favour
- 19/22 **Appointment of Account Examiners**
The County Treasurer proposed that Chris Varley from Cedar Solutions continue as Examiner/Auditor.
- Seconded by Andy Connellan -All in favour
- 20/22 **Member Recognition and address by County Commissioner**
The County Commissioner then presented the following awards:-
- County Commissioner's Commendation Award - Jack Buckley and William Buckley, two young people from 2nd Irlam, Ellesmere District.
- Wood Badge - Jacob Bond, Deputy County Commissioner for Programme.
- 30 Years Service Award -Matt Osborne, Stretford District.
- Award for Merit – County President Sir Warren Smith

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Jacqui Aspinall was then asked to come forward to present the following:-

Silver Wolf - Joan Hayton

Silver Wolf - Alan Hayton

21/22 Address by Regional Commissioner - Ian Hill

Ian introduced himself as Acting Regional Commissioner for the North West, holding role of Regional Commissioner in the North East.

Referencing Dunham Park Campsite as the AGM venue, he pointed out how important spaces like this were to our young people, getting them outdoors, and congratulated those who make it possible.

Ian spoke of his reasons for Scouting; not only because he really enjoys it, and critically it's fun, but more importantly really appreciated the difference that Scouting makes to the lives of young people.

During the last few difficult years, Scouting never stopped. He congratulated the amazing volunteers who had showed qualities such as passion, determination, and creativity to keep Scouting going, something that was reflected in GMW's membership figures for 2022. A testament of what we do in Scouting.

For the present, Ian thanked everyone in GMW for getting their young people back outdoors, back around the campfires and back doing the things they love. Providing them with fun, challenge, adventure, helping them to make new friends and of course providing them with skills for life.

Looking to the future and feeling positive about changes that are coming in the next couple of years, Ian reflected on how Scouting had always changed and it's only because of those changes that we are as relevant as we are to young people today.

Our Skills for Life Strategy was making great progress but was delayed by the impact of COVID-19 and taking this forward we are focusing on a warmer welcome, making the joining process easier, to simplify how we volunteer; which means changes to roles, titles, structure, giving more support for the things we do every day.

Compass is to be replaced with a new membership system. Doing more things digitally, all designed to help deliver brilliant programmes for our young people.

Changes include a more engaging 'learning' process making sure we support our leaders to do a great job for our young people, allowing us to deliver more Scouting to more Young People which is so important.

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In order to help this process, Ian asked of everyone:-

- Take the opportunity to express your views about the changes that are coming, one way is via the 'testing hub' at <https://www.scouts.org.uk/about-us/testing-hub/>
- Support your Transformation Lead. Jacob Bond in GMW has kindly agreed to take on this role. Help him by going into your Compass record, check everything is up to date including your mandatory training; Safety, Safeguarding, First Aid and GDPR all of which are so important in keeping our young people safe.
<https://compass.scouts.org.uk/login/User/Login>
- Keep sight of our goal – of having more volunteers so that we can offer every young person the experience of benefiting from Scouting.

Concluding Ian thanked each and every one, whatever your role. Everyone is so important and when we work as team we deliver extraordinary things. He also gave thanks on behalf of all the young people and reminded everyone to be incredibly proud of what you do.

For further information please visit the following links:-

Skills for Life – Our plan to deliver better futures: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/about-us/strategy/>

The Next Steps for Growing our Movement: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/about-us/strategy/the-next-steps-for-growing-our-movement/>

People – Improving the volunteering experience at Scouts:
<https://www.scouts.org.uk/about-us/strategy/our-programmes-of-work/people/>

Our Programmes of Work: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/about-us/strategy/our-programmes-of-work/>

Digital Transformation – Our digital strategy supports our members, grows the movement and puts our people at the heart of what we do: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/about-us/strategy/our-programmes-of-work/digital-transformation/>

22/22

Vote of Thanks

Jeff Picton then thanked Dunham Park Scout Camp for hosting the AGM.

23/22

Final Address

The County President, Sir Warren, finished being the Lord Lieutenant of Manchester in July 2022, after 15 years, and had told Her Majesty the Queen that they had probably been his happiest. This was for many reasons, one being the inspiration gained from meeting people throughout the County and no one more so than the Scout Movement.

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The pandemic has had a huge impact on young people's mental health and what Scouting has done to preserve the mental health of young people is beyond price, and the one thing Scouts really do well is enable the young people to have fun.

It is phenomenal how many people are prepared to give hours a week as volunteers and leaders within the Scout Movement and thanked each and every one for their contribution.

Sir Warren challenged everyone to be an 'Ambassador' to promote Scouting. To tell their non-scouting friends, work colleagues, employers, and the people around them all about Scouts. Encouraging more people to join and some may even be willing to help financially.

Scouting also has an important part to play in the next two or three years when life is going to get harder and money is going to get tight; no one should be excluded through shortage of money. The young people must still be inspired and given hope. Sir Warren genuinely believed that the Scout Movement can do this.

Concluding Sir Warren again thanked each and every one for the amazing contribution made to the lives and futures of young people.

With the formal business concluded, Paul Wilkinson, former Warden at Dunham Park Scout Camp and Chair of the Friends of Dunham Park Scout Camp then gave short presentation on the history of the site in celebration of its 100th Anniversary.

Following this there was a performance by the Sale Scout and Guide Band.

**Since the AGM we have been advised of the following:-*

Agenda Item 15/22: Lowry District's elected member to the County Executive Committee is Ryan Swailes

Agenda Item 17/22: Altrincham District's representative on the County Scout Council is Jane Ford. Urmston District's representative is Michele Millington and Lowry District's representative is Josh MacDonald.

County Accounts 2022-23



GREATER MANCHESTER WEST COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT	Sir Warren Smith KCVO, KStJ, JP		
VICE PRESIDENTS	Mr Geoffrey Sides Mrs Vera Crossley Colonel Sir John Timmins, KCVO, OBE, TD		
TRUSTEES:	<i>Ex-Officio</i>	Mr Andrew Farrell Miss Sue Leonard Mrs Jean Archer Mr Roger Kettle Mr James Turner	County Commissioner County Chair (from 21.4.22) County Secretary County Treasurer County Youth Commissioner (from 16.7.22)
	<i>Elected</i>	Mr Ryan Swales - Salford Metro (from 23.9.22) Mr Clive Winby - Trafford Metro (South) Mr Solomon Cuthbertson - Trafford Metro (North) Mr Lewis Foster - Wigan Metro	
	<i>Nominated</i>	Mrs Iris Emery Mr David Copeland	
BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent, ME19 4JQ	EXAMINERS	Chris Varley, F.C.A. Cedar Solutions (Management) Ltd. Prospect House 2 Sinderland Road Altrincham Cheshire, WA14 5ET
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		Charity	508002
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MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

A separate report, detailing major Scouting activities and achievements this year, is associated.

Goodwood SASU accounts, for the Goodwood Weekender weekend, which have recently come under the control of GM, have yet to be completed, and balanced against bank statements. In due course these will be incorporated within the GMW accounts, once they have been validated and checked.

The County has continued to support groups, within GMW, with the OSM (Online Scout Manager) programme. As agreed at the AGM with the increase of the County membership fees, there is no cost to any Group or Section.

The International Fund is kept in a separate CAF bank account which is used to receive individual payments for international expeditions and to make payments related to those expeditions. This fund is shown as restricted as GMW is only an acting agent for this account. Most of the balance in this International Account is currently payments paid towards the cost of the 2023 Jamboree in South Korea.

General comment

The Trustees' policy on reserves is to hold funds against specific purposes only. General funds shown on the closing balance are, therefore, all allocated to designated funds, as shown on page 3. Such funds are to enable the administration of the County and management of the campsites to be carried out in accordance with minimum standards and local initiatives, to provide support for adult training & development and the management of Scouting activities, to develop Scouting within the County and to allocate an agreed level of financial grants towards the furtherance of Scouting within the County.

The Trustees' policy on interest received from invested funds is to retain such income to preserve the value of the investments.

The renewal/replacement and acquisition plan for our assets continued, in line with our authorised budget.

The Trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the County is exposed. They have reviewed these and established systems to mitigate them.

The assessed contingency has been maintained at £17,375 in conjunction with our budget setting procedures.

The objects of the County are as detailed within the Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules.

The County is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scout Counties.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of The Scout Association.

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis in line with the Scout Association's rules as amended by the Committee of Council in January 2005.

Approved by the trustees on 4th September 2023 and signed on their behalf by

County Chair Sue Leonard Sue Leonard

County Treasurer Roger Kettle Roger Kettle

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Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended	31 March 2023				PAGE 3
	2022 - 23			2021 - 22	
	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Total receipts for the year (see page 4)	154,737	104,551	-	259,288	149,026
Total payments for the year (see page 5)	122,012	114,030	-	236,042	122,101
Net receipts (payments) for the year .	32,725	(9,478)	-	23,247	26,925
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	175,292	28,205	-	203,497	176,572
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	208,018	18,726	-	226,744	203,497

NOTE

General Funds, shown on the closing balance, are allocated to the following designated funds:-

Name	Purpose	2022 - 23 Total Funds £	2021 - 22 Total Funds £
ADMINISTRATION			
Contingency (& In hand)	Amount to be held against identified and assessed financial risks within the Administration funds (plus amounts C/F in City Office (cash), in Network, and International accounts.)	17,375	17,375
Development Grants	Annual budget agreed By Executive to support specific activities/groups/training.	10,000	10,000
Restricted International Fund	To hold and control funds on behalf of participants for specific international events.	18,726	28,206
Hollinwood Reserves:	Trading reserves transferred from Middlewood Camp Site plus an initial capital reserve from General Funds to cover development costs, less capital spend to date	-	-
Projects Loan	Available to support any development projects within the County. Disbursed by exception by agreement of County Executive Committee, as required	14,474	14,474
Office & Training	Regular day to day maintenance and development spending	70,301	64,491
		130,876	134,546
CAMP SITES			
Hollinwood Trading	Value as shown on the individual trading balance for use to support the operation at Hollinwood Camp Site	62,030	39,356
Dunham Trading	Value as shown on the individual trading balance for use to support the operation at Dunham Park Camp Site	33,837	29,595
		95,867	68,951
		226,744	203,497

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees

on 4 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by the County Secretary and the County Treasurer.

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Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2023

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	2022 - 23					2021 - 22	
	General Funds				Restricted Funds £	TOTAL ALL FUNDS £	TOTAL ALL FUNDS £
Administration £	Darham Park Camp Site £	Hillwood Camp Site £	Total General Funds £				
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS							
Gross Receipts	182,160	-	-	182,160	-	182,160	171,035
Less Paid to H.Q.	142,830	-	-	142,830	-	142,830	135,324
Net Receipts to County	39,330	-	-	39,330	-	39,330	35,711
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED							
Bank Interest	838	54	81	973	-	973	26
60 Day account interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	838	54	81	973	-	973	26
DONATIONS/GRANTS							
Miscellaneous donations	281	7,171	-	7,452	-	7,452	-
Grants	-	-	28,337	28,337	-	28,337	-
Patrons Scheme Development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry Income	5	1,789	-	1,794	-	1,794	-
Other Donations - Hollinwood	-	-	4,014	4,014	-	4,014	-
	286	8,960	32,351	41,597	-	41,597	50,777
ACTIVITIES							
Intentional	-	-	-	-	104,551	104,551	43,061
Other County Events/Activity	30,735	-	-	-	-	-	-
Camping/Activity Fees	-	37,822	1,021	38,843	-	38,843	15,668
	30,735	37,822	1,021	69,577	104,551	174,129	62,297
TRAINING COURSE FEES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FUND RAISING	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER INCOME	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUNDRY RECEIPTS							
Providence Sales	-	3,114	85	3,199	-	3,199	193
Misc other receipts	-	-	61	61	-	61	23
	-	3,114	146	3,260	-	3,260	216
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	71,169	49,950	33,598	154,737	104,551	259,288	149,026

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Payments for the year ended 31 March 2023

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	2022 - 23					2021 - 22	
	General Funds				Restricted Funds	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
	Administration	Duckham Park Camp Site	Hollinwood Camp Site	Total General Funds			
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
RUNNING COSTS							
Rent / Rates	3,494	1,170	1,020	5,684	-	5,684	5,769
Water Charges	-	627	-	627	-	627	-
Electricity	-	2,842	2,290	5,132	-	5,132	1,517
Other fuel costs	-	2,048	-	2,048	-	2,048	1,618
Insurances	729	3,082	-	3,811	-	3,811	4,015
Telephone	236	376	-	612	-	612	586
Stampa/Stationary/MinorPurchases	62	-	-	62	-	62	29
Photocopier	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
I.T. Services	798	838	220	1,856	-	1,856	1,158
Security costs	-	1,496	-	1,496	-	1,496	1,053
Cleaning	-	2,671	-	2,671	-	2,671	3,562
Waste Disposal	-	3,083	3,289	6,372	-	6,372	2,577
T.V. Licence	-	159	-	159	-	159	172
Vehicle costs	-	-	1,007	1,007	-	1,007	855
Legal	-	-	338	338	-	338	496
Environmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,084
Other miscellaneous	80	743	-	823	-	823	647
	5,401	19,135	8,164	32,700	-	32,700	25,049
STAFF & VOLUNTEER COSTS							
Staff costs	8,238	-	-	8,238	-	8,238	7,627
Volunteer development	3,447	-	-	3,447	-	3,447	42
Expenses	485	1,951	-	2,446	-	2,446	-
Refreshments & Hospitality	-	-	-	-	-	-	208
	12,181	1,951	-	14,132	-	14,132	8,077
FEES & OTHER REGULAR COSTS							
AGM/Meetings	746	-	-	746	-	746	-
	746	-	-	746	-	746	-
ASSET MANAGEMENT							
Renewals, Replacements & Repair	-	4,705	2,760	7,465	-	7,465	12,026
New	-	18,689	-	18,689	-	18,689	25,582
	-	23,394	2,760	26,154	-	26,154	37,608
DONATIONS&GRANTS/DEVELOPMENT							
Development initiatives	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,000
Development	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
Hollinwood Development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	0	-	-	-	21,000
STOCK PURCHASES							
Providence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ACTIVITIES							
International	5,000	-	-	5,000	114,030	119,030	17,669
Other Events/Activity	32,482	1,228	-	33,710	-	33,710	3,515
Covid 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	37,482	1,228	-	38,710	114,030	152,740	21,184
TRAINING COSTS							
	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,850
SUNDRY PAYMENTS							
Misc	3,328	-	-	3,328	-	3,328	1,245
Branding	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
OSM	4,730	-	-	4,730	-	4,730	3,670
Digital & Website	1,512	-	-	1,512	-	1,512	120
	9,569	-	-	9,569	-	9,569	5,334
FUND RAISING EXPENSES							
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	65,379	45,708	10,924	122,012	114,030	236,042	122,161

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 March 2023

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	2022 - 23			2021 - 22	
	Administration £	Durham Park Camp Site £	Hollinwood Camp Site £	Total Value £	Total Value £
ASSETS					
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, bank and similar funds					
Operating Account(s) (current & instant withdrawal savings a/c)	1,001	31,674	61,942	94,617	67,902
Bank Premium/Deposit Account(s) (CAF Gold)	111,137	-	-	111,137	105,243
International Account	18,726	-	-	18,726	28,205
Cash in hand	12	2,163	88	2,263	2,147
	130,877	33,837	62,030	226,744	203,497
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS					
Accounts receivable	-	1,229	400	1,629	1,302
Debts Due to County	-	-	0	-	0
	-	1,229	400	1,629	(8,698)
INVESTMENT ASSETS					
Other investments	-	-	-	-	-
NON-MONETARY ASSETS (for own use)					
Stocks	-	-	-	-	-
Computer equipment	-	-	-	-	107
	-	-	-	-	107
TOTAL ASSETS	130,877	35,066	62,431	228,373	194,906
LIABILITIES					
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR					
Accounts not yet paid	600	1,836	10,686	13,122	2,747
Deposits received in advance	-	4,939	-	4,939	4,533
	600	6,775	10,686	18,061	7,280
PAYABLE AFTER ONE YEAR					
Other long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	600	6,775	10,686	18,061	7,280
<u>BALANCE OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES</u>	<u>130,277</u>	<u>28,291</u>	<u>51,744</u>	<u>210,312</u>	<u>187,626</u>
CONTINGENCIES & FUTURE OBLIGATIONS					
Capital spend committed re Hollinwood	-	-	-	-	-
Admin contingency (assessed annually) & cash in hand	17,375	-	-	17,375	17,375
	17,375	-	-	17,375	17,375

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of GREATER MANCHESTER WEST COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

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I report on the accounts of the County for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

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

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent examiner's report

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

Independent Examiner's statement

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

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

Name: Chris Varley
Qualification: F.C.A.
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Date: 4th September 2023



Good Service Awards



Silver Wolf

Greater Manchester West

Graham Barrick



Bar to the Award for Merit

Wigan District

Valerie Hussey



Award for Merit

Greater Manchester West

Sir Warren Smith

Queen's Scout Award / King's Scout Award



Emily Topping – Altrincham District (KSA)

Louise Austin - Urmston District (QSA)

Lauren Brennan – Urmston District (QSA)

Tom Dutton – Lilford District (QSA)

Simon Lowe – Lilford District (QSA)

Sarah Mullaney – Lilford District (QSA)

Nathan Murray – Lilford District (QSA)

Rebekah Trott – Lilford District (QSA)

County Commissioner's Report

2022-2023 has been another good year for Greater Manchester West and with the introduction of Squirrel Dreys our membership stands just shy of 6000 members – testament to the hard work of our volunteers given the challenges we faced over the past couple of years.

Our programme continues to provide exciting and educational opportunities for young people and our adult learning is thriving with more and more adults completing both mandatory and manager training.

Looking back over previous reports, I've spoken a lot about change, and this year has been the most significant with the introduction of Transformation across all groups, structures, and trustee boards. This has been a huge undertaking and I would like to thank Jacob Bond and team for all their efforts in bringing us on this journey. I know it's not been an easy ride and whilst we're not over the finish line just yet, we are on track to ensure we are compliant with the new ways of working.

Adult recruitment continues to be a pain point for groups across the County and indeed nationwide. However, I am confident with the new warmer welcome and less red tape (whilst continuing to have checks and measures in place) we can start to attract more adult volunteers and therefore grow our membership.

I would like to thank the Trustees and Senior Leadership for their ongoing support. At times, I know I have a somewhat unorthodox approach to leading GMW and I am grateful to have an amazing group of people around me to ensure that we get things done, in a logical and considered approach.

Finally, thank you to all young people and their parents for always supporting and championing Scouting, whether locally or on an international scale – wearing a GMW badge on my uniform makes me immensely proud and seeing what you have all achieved over the past 12 months, echoes that pride in equal measure.

We have some exciting opportunities coming our way in 2023-2024, and I look forward to sharing them with you as they unfold.



Transformation, Programme and Comms

Transformation

In May 2022 I attended The Scouts Basecamp event at the University of Manchester with other members of the County Team. This event set out the next chapter of Skills for Life for The Scouts, and introduced the improvements being made to enhance volunteer experience.

To give more young people skills for life, we need more volunteers. Scouts have spoken to more than 10,000 people inside and outside the organisation and have been told we need to make volunteering with Scouts easier and more fun, so we can attract and retain more volunteers. Scouts want to make volunteering more flexible, by allowing volunteers to commit the time they have and to be part of a team.

The key changes to help transform volunteering at Scouts to make it easier, more enjoyable and rewarding are:

- Give a warmer welcome for everyone
- Deliver better learning
- Simplify how we volunteer together

All these changes are underpinned by a new membership system. Scouts have also been working to ensure good governance practice in all groups, districts, and counties; some of the changes have already been implemented locally from April 2023.

These changes are being rolled out in phases, and in Greater Manchester West we are keeping the relevant volunteers informed throughout. In March 2023 we held a conference for district teams and group scout leaders showcasing how Scouts are transforming volunteer experience, and the roadmap for our County. We continue to regularly update our volunteers through meetings and our member updates.

Programme

We were certainly back to a full year of programme events and opportunities following a slower start in 2021 after the pandemic. I was amazed to see attendance rocket at events across all sections and a huge increase in the number of Top Awards being presented to young people across the County.

In the spring months we had the Lord Derby and Cardboard Canoe Race which were both well attended and it was nice to see some sections who don't usually enter these events take part for the first time. I would like to especially mention 6th Worsley who stunned many of the teams at the Lord Derby with their nature table decoration base. Beavers Go Bananas was back which involved hundreds of Beavers exploring Blackpool Zoo!

At the annual Day of Celebration which takes place at Windsor Castle each year, the adult volunteers who had received their Silver Wolf Awards were in attendance. We were also delighted to have so many recipients of the Queen's Scout Award attend as part of the Parade. To achieve this award, young people must be dedicated and work hard to complete each component, often including completion of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. Hopefully, we will continue to see an increase in these Top Awards for Explorers and Network across the County.

Transformation, Programme and Comms

In June we held the first Celebration of Excellence Day for Beavers and Cubs since 2019 and I was delighted to welcome over 230 young people and their families to Bispham Hall Scout Estate for an action-packed day of activities including archery, shooting, tomahawk throwing, climbing, cave bus and many more. Each young person who attended has achieved their Chief Scout Bronze or Silver Award; we are so proud of every young person who receives their Top Award in their section. We were joined by the then Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, Sir Warren Smith and other special guests who continue to provide support to Scouting in Greater Manchester West.

July brought another series of events, but the main event was our County Beaver and Cub Camp at Bispham Hall Scout Estate. There were over 1600 campers on site and there were young people attending from every district in the County. On the Saturday, young people took part in a series of activities working towards their Outdoors and Adventure Challenge Awards which included a whole range of themes including adventurous activities, team challenges, craft, and scouting skills. We all came together in the evening for a BBQ which 3rd Ashton-On-Mersey Scout Group had organised, and we could not thank them enough for running this again, the food was great! As the sun started to set, a giant inflatable screen appeared on the farm field where Beavers and Cubs tucked into popcorn whilst watching The Lion King. The activities didn't stop there; on Sunday morning it was Commonwealth Games themed activities starting with a flag parade with each district representing a different country. We then had a variety of sports day activities which supported young people in achieving activity badges in both sections.

Over the summer and autumn, we continued with more programme events including our Camping and Backwoods for Scouts and BST Adventure Hiking event at Rivington Pike. For the Cub Mudder we were joined by the South Lancashire Amateur Radio club who helped our young people also take part in the Jamboree on the Air (JOTA), communicating by radio signal with other Scouts across the UK and overseas.

In November we held our annual Patrol Leader Training Day, which was followed in March by our first Patrol Leader Training Camp. These events provide young people with essential skills for life to lead other young people to make the right choices, share skills and overcome challenges. We are delighted these events are oversubscribed each year, but it is important we provide opportunities for young people to take the lead as they are the volunteers of tomorrow.

There were plenty more events including a return of the Cub Ready Steady Cook, Beavers Cooking Competition and Scout Football Event which was hosted at a new venue at Altrincham Grammar. Altrincham Rifle and Pistol Club hosted our annual Shooting Competition for Scouts, Explorers and Volunteers which has record attendees and a team who headed to the National Competition to represent the County. All these amazing programme events would not have been possible without our amazing programme team, campsite staff and supporters who make these events possible. THANK YOU!

In the world of international, 'The Weatherbees' continued their preparations for travelling to South Korea for the 25th World Scout Jamboree in Summer 2023. The Unit held a number of residential weekends and social activities where they were provided with information to support their trip, time to bond as a Unit and learn more about Korean culture. In addition, there were

Transformation, Programme and Comms

dozens of combined and individual fundraising activities including marshalling marathons, race nights, car boot sales and even running a BBQ stall and activities at our Celebration of Excellence Day. I think the highlight of their year was taking part in Chamboree at the Cheshire Showground which was a week-long camp jam packed with activities on and off site. I was lucky enough to join them for festival day with other members of the County Team, I had one of the best days! It has also been great to see some of our International Service Team (IST) representatives get involved in their activities and support the unit.

We have opened 5 new Squirrel Dreys throughout the year with more opening since the reporting period closed. Squirrels provide young people from the age 4 to 6 with their own Scouting adventure aiming high for their Chief Scout Acorn Award. There are lots of fantastic stories coming from our Squirrel Dreys, including the number of additional adult volunteer the section has brought to some groups. If you are interested in finding out more about Squirrels or are interested in opening a section at your Group – please get in touch!

We continue to provide some extraordinary experiences to our young people! It would not be possible without all the adult volunteers at sections, groups, districts and in the County Team – THANK YOU for everything you do! I'm super proud to lead programme in Greater Manchester West.

Communications

We have continued to adapt and change the way we communicate with our volunteers. We continue to update our website, making it a hub of information for our volunteers. We have continued to develop our monthly member updates to not only include information about calendar events, but also key information such as transformation, mandatory training, inclusion resources and important updates about adventurous activities.

Over the next year we are hoping to grow our team and focus on external communications, improving our online presence helping us to grow the movement across the County. We will be working closely with each of the new County teams to promote their areas of work, share great news stories and showcase the amazing opportunities we provide for young people and volunteers alike.



People

What a busy, transformative year we have had. There have been lots of 'Training' plans, lots of 'Activities' plans and lots of discussions as to what we can do and how we can do it.

The year started with the continuation of face-to-face training. I must say it has been great to see so many members involved in the training weekends. We really hope that you get as much out of them as we do; the team always stress that it is about collaboration between us all.

The team are always conscious that we deliver the best training possible and that is what we always strive to do. We are also aware that there is a new style of 'Volunteering Journey' coming in via the transformation process which no doubt you will have been reading about, but for this reporting year it was business as usual.

It is great to see so many on the training courses, from new leaders starting their journey to leaders who have come along to refresh their knowledge, and it is also great to see so many sharing their experiences and passing on their knowledge.

We do believe the weekends are the best way to deliver training, but we are conscious that this does not work for everyone, and we ask you to get in touch if this is the case. We are approachable and will always try to help. If we don't know we can't help!

All this could not be done without the fantastic Training Team we have in place. Huge thanks to Gemma Higson (County Training Manager) who works so hard in planning the courses, making sure the right people are there to facilitate the delivery of the modules and to make sure we are fed, it all takes time and planning. Any questions on any aspect of training drop Gemma an email at training@gmwscouts.org.uk she will be happy to help.

Training is your responsibility. We can deliver training but making sure your mandatory training is up to date and your Woodbadge modules are completed is down to you. Please check your Compass records and make sure that it is where you feel it should be.

Alongside the Training set up we have Chris Starkie who looks after the Activities for us. Chris has worked so hard to form a team that is able to assist in getting you the right permits needed. Chris and his team have a wealth of experience in various sectors, from Hill Walking to Kayaking we can get you assessed and get your permit. If anyone needs more information on getting a permit, please go to the GMW Scouts webpage and there is a section that will assist you. Any questions email Chris at activities@gmwscouts.org.uk Thanks again to Chris for all his efforts and due diligence in making sure we are covered as a County.

Heartfelt thanks from myself to all the members of my team. As much as I thank Gemma and Chris, I am fully aware of the many people who work alongside them in offering services from weekends to section nights. We could not do this without you so "Thank You" for your time, opinions and guidance which is what makes us work so well.

People

What does next year bring?

As we have always said, we never stop looking at ways of improving and whilst we are not yet completely sure on HQ's vision for 'Volunteer Learning' we know parts will change. However, we will look to put on some more specialist courses and continue to offer the courses we currently run and will communicate any changes with you as we have them.

As always, the other side of my role is supporting the County Commissioner, the rest of the Leadership team and County Executive Committee (Trustee Board). They are doing some fantastic work in the County, and it has been a pleasure to help them where I could. I would like to thank Andy, Jacob, Sue, and the rest of their teams for their support over this year also.

The last part is always the call for help! I speak to so many people who say they would love to get involved but think we are too "cliquey" - We are not. Unfortunately, when we offer what we offer we need people to support that and often call on those we know will help! However, we are like you just trying to make a difference. If you feel you could help, please get in touch, we would love to have that chat. We have so many fantastic members with great skill sets we would love to share.

Finally thank you again to the Teams. I say it every year you make my role enjoyable and working with you is absolutely my pleasure, I would be lost without each and every one of you.

Have a great year of Scouting and look after each other.



It is great to report that we have several new groups taking part in the Award. There are now 10 in total:- Altrincham, Ellesmere, Lilford (Pegasus), Lilford, Sale (MacAlpine) Stretford (Shackleton), Stretford (Longfords), Urmston (2nd Davyhulme), Urmston and Wigan.

This reporting year there were 18 Bronze, 19 Silver and 9 Gold awarded across the County as follows: -

Sale (MacAlpine) 13 Bronze, 6 Silver, 2 Gold

Altrincham 1 Gold

Lilford 1 Silver, 3 Gold

Lilford (Pegasus) 1 Bronze, 1 Silver

Wigan 2 Bronze

Urmston (2nd Davyhulme) 2 Bronze, 11 Silver, 3 Gold

Congratulations to all the young people who have worked so hard to achieve their Awards.

King's Scout Award



This reporting period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 has been unique in that both Queen's Scout and King's Scout Awards have been issued.

As can be seen on the Awards page this has been a very successful year for the County with 7 Queen's Scout Awards and 1 King's Scout Award having been earned. Congratulations to all Award holders I know that a lot of hard work and planning went into the journey, and I am sure that each and every one of you are justifiably proud, I know that we as a County are proud of you.

The King's Scout Award is the culmination of years of hard work and endeavour; and I would ask that you as leaders encourage your young people to sign up for the Top Awards as soon as possible, i.e., when they start Explorers. The Scouting Awards coupled with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award make for a great and exciting programme. Link these with the Young Leader Award, the Explorer Belt and the Scouts of the World Award and we really have it all covered from ages 14 to 25.

Here's looking to more exciting times ahead, with young people from GMW showing that they are up there with the best.

Bispham Hall Scout Estate



Another year is over and what a busy year it was.....

We were delighted once again to host a number of district and group camps this year including, St Helens, Lowry, Sale Central as well as GMW's Annual Celebration of Excellence and the County Beaver and Cub Camp. The Team at Bispham received great feedback again, from the different camp and event organisers, for helping to make the events run smoothly and great memories for young people. The total number of visitors for the year were 4242 totalling 7115 camper nights. Bispham Hall was used through the year by various schools across the Northwest allowing young people to earn the respective Duke of Edinburgh Awards, which is an area of growth.

Prior to lockdown we had plans drawn up to upgrade the bathroom facilities in the staff accommodation which we were now able to press on with. Members of our team worked hard throughout the year installing new toilets and showers with modern fixtures and fittings. At the same time, we took the opportunity to install fire doors and frames complimenting the new fire alarm system for the staff areas, office, workshop, and providore. This brought the building up to modern standards, as it had not been modernized since the 1970's!

GMW Training Team chose to use Bispham House again to provide leader training for several weekends throughout the year. Thank you to all involved.

We took the decision to consolidate the activities we offered, investing in a smaller number of activities that we can deliver to a high standard and are very proud, in particular, of our shooting, archery and axe throwing facilities.

Bispham Hall held its annual Chariot Race which has been running for over 45 years! As always this was a great weekend which was enjoyed by all. The Chariot Race course was again used the following weekend for Cub Mudder, hosted by GMW, which is becoming an annual event and a training ground for Cubs preparing for the Chariot Race.

As it is for many, the cost of utilities at Bispham Hall have increased significantly which has become very challenging in terms of financial management. One of the ways we have been able to ensure the sustainability of the campsite is to allow Meta Games who are a 'live action role play' provider to use our site for 3 weekends this year, giving us much needed income. We are keen to build on this relationship allowing them to use our campsite again next year in the periods that have been traditionally used less frequently by Scout groups.

The increased costs of utilities and general materials required for the upkeep of the site will continue to be challenging. This is something the Management Committee are very aware of, and this may result in price increases for the use of Bispham Hall's facilities.

We discovered in lockdown that Bispham Hall's Land had never been registered in The Scout Associations name and, working with our appointed solicitor, we pulled together the relative documents to enable them to submit a Land Registry application in June 2022 on our behalf. Due to significant delays with this Government Department, we are yet to receive confirmation.

Bispham Hall Scout Estate



Again, we cannot stress enough the hard work, determination, and drive that our volunteers have which makes Bispham Hall Scout Estate what it is! It is impossible to put into words how much we appreciate the help and support from our amazing team!

Looking forward, we are as motivated and passionate as ever to deliver a site fit for young people to experience something different and make memories.....

Chris Hayes and Martin Shaw
Campsite Managers



Dunham Park Scout Camp



2022 the Centenary Year of Dunham Park Scout Camp saw many opportunities to celebrate the success of the Campsite. In 1922 Dunham was the second campsite in the country set up as a training camp, after Gilwell Park.

The history of Dunham Scout Camp was captured on an informative and inspirational picture board which is now on display at the campsite. It is situated in what has become known as 'Centenary Square' on the site of a slate compass kindly donated by 'Quest' Scout Group in Stretford District.

During 2022 we also joined in the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of our late Queen Elizabeth II with a get together and the lighting of a beacon. We hosted the County AGM at the site in September which was very well attended.

Our volunteers, comprising of our Tuesday Club, our duty wardens and our management team have worked hard during the year completing the tomahawk range, repairing the archery, and shooting ranges which had succumbed to the floods, and repairing and replacing much needed fencing.

A 'reflection area' was also created in a previously overgrown part of the site and it was a most suitable place to site "Pat's Chair" a large story chair purchased in memory of the late Pat Haynes. It is used both for Beavers to listen to stories and for Scouts' Own. We held a Wardens' Day in March and a Christmas meal in January.

We have added to the activities at the site by purchasing a professionally installed zip wire, and bouldering and traversing walls. This was possible with financial help from the Friends of Dunham Park Scout Camp, Altrincham District, and the County. The Beaver trail is now complete and has been used by Beaver Colonies both on evening and weekend bookings. We hosted the Lord Derby Competition in April. The Jamboree contingent met on a number of occasions at the campsite.

After a difficult two years with the COVID pandemic, we are pleased to report a steady increase in bookings, both weekend and weekdays and the return of summer camps. Some of our customers are from scout districts in other counties, they are very welcome. We continue to work closely with our landlords, The National Trust, who held their annual training day at the site in November with over 100 people attending.

As Campsite Manager I am indebted to our volunteers at the site, currently over forty people. They have provided assistance with the management, maintenance, and development, and we are most grateful to the Friends of Dunham Park Scout Camp who fundraise for us. Our Duty Wardens cover the busy weekends, for which we are very thankful, and we are always interested in hearing from anyone who would like to join the team.

David Hughes
Campsite Manager



Hollinwood Scout Camp



Building a campsite is an amazing opportunity and not something many people get to do. It's as challenging as it is rewarding. We've had a very productive year, with many achievements, and it is only possible with our small but hardworking team.

We DO need your help though; you can come and volunteer or – and we can't emphasise this enough – come and use our incredible space! We promise you'll like it!

It may seem like progress is slow, but we are now a functioning campsite and some of the events that we're able to put on show this. This is a big step forward from where we were just 12 months ago.

As ever, we are striving to make Hollinwood a safe, beautiful, and welcoming place for young people to learn #SkillsForLife.

Some highlights in no particular order are:

Electricity

A big one! We had electricity installed in Spring 2022. You all know how useful electricity is but having this installed is no mean feat and is down to our incredible volunteers.

Grants

Little ones. They keep us going while we're able to be more sustainable. It's expensive to run a campsite and these grants keep us in fuel, good working tools, help pay the rent and all sorts of things. They are also hard work to find. Please come and use Hollinwood so that we're less reliant on them.

Temporary Toilet Block

We know that we need a toilet block which is why we snapped up the chance to buy a small container and fit it out ourselves. Again, a huge amount of effort goes into doing this. If you have any skills that you can lend us, please get in touch! Once this is operational (this autumn hopefully) then we can get rid of our pesky and expensive port-a-loo!

Chalet

This is a great little building (found for us by our County Commissioner no less). Its construction highlighted the positive aspect of the Hollinwood team pulling together and in Jan 2023 we spent a few soggy weekends prepping the ground and foundations. We're cracking on with making this a useable space for our hardworking team.

Youth Investment Fund

Without doubt the biggest potential for Hollinwood Scout Camp since our inception. The team have been diligently working away in the background to prepare a design pack to an extremely high standard. We're now 8 months into the process and should find out in August 2023 whether we've been successful in gaining a large award for 2 buildings, a 'proper' toilet and shower block and a wet weather building. If we are successful, this will propel Hollinwood forward.

Hollinwood Scout Camp



These are just some of the highlights and tangible things that we can point to. What we can't list are all the small things that many of our team do for Hollinwood every single day.

Just a small flavour of what it takes to run a campsite are; running events, removing invasive brambles, missing your tea to go and let groups onto site, setting up corporate team away days, welding in 5 degree temperatures, doing scrap runs, fixing faulty lights, planting hedges, running Explorer evenings, fitting new locks, painting, cutting grass, keeping the bills paid, arranging for machines to be serviced... the list is seemingly endless!

We are hugely indebted to anyone who volunteers their time. But we do need more of us.

Please come and pitch in. You never know, you might like it!

Ste Butterworth and Mike Dunn
Campsite Managers



Census Information

Census of County Membership in Gt. Manchester West For the year ending 31st January 2023

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
YOUTH MEMBERSHIP					
Squirrel Scouts	34	25	0	0	59
Beaver Scouts	1,056	235	2	21	1,314
Cub Scouts	1,186	317	2	9	1,514
Scouts	893	292	2	8	1,195
Explorer Scouts (including Young Leaders)	271	137	3	0	411
Network members	60	32	1	0	93
TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	3,500	1,038	10	38	4,586
PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES					
Section Leaders	130	118	1	1	250
Assistant Section Leaders	207	203	2	2	414
Section Assistants	65	71	0	2	138
TOTAL ADULT PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES	402	392	3	5	802
Young Leaders [†]	106	70	0	2	178
TOTAL PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES	508	462	3	7	980
LINE MANAGER ROLES					
Group Scout Leaders	41	19	0	0	60
District Commissioners	8	0	0	0	8
District ES/SN Commissioners	7	1	0	0	8
County [*] Commissioners	1	0	0	0	1
County [*] ES/SN Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0

Census Information

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
TOTAL LINE MANAGER ROLES	57	20	0	0	77
GOVERNANCE ROLES					
Group Chair	32	14	0	1	47
Group Secretary	7	33	0	1	41
Group Treasurer	27	31	0	1	59
Group Executive members	31	36	0	0	67
TOTAL GROUP GOVERNANCE ROLES	97	114	0	3	214
District Chair	7	0	0	0	7
District Secretary	2	5	0	0	7
District Treasurer	5	2	0	0	7
District Executive members	4	7	0	0	11
TOTAL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE ROLES	18	14	0	0	32
County Chair	0	1	0	0	1
County Secretary	0	1	0	0	1
County Treasurer	1	0	0	0	1
County Executive members	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL COUNTY GOVERNANCE ROLES	1	2	0	0	3
TOTAL GOVERNANCE ROLES	116	130	0	3	249
SUPPORT ROLES					
Deputy Group Scout Leaders	6	5	0	0	11
Group Administrators/Supporters	4	7	0	1	12
Group Skills Instructors	5	2	0	2	9

Census Information

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
Other Group Adults	38	20	0	0	58
TOTAL GROUP SUPPORT ROLES	53	34	0	3	90
Deputy District Commissioners	4	1	0	0	5
District Youth Commissioners	2	3	0	0	5
Deputy District Youth Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
Assistant District Commissioners	6	6	0	0	12
District Leaders	3	3	0	0	6
District Administrators/Supporters	10	6	0	0	16
District Skills Instructors	3	1	0	1	5
Other District Support roles	12	3	0	0	15
TOTAL DISTRICT SUPPORT ROLES	40	23	0	1	64
Deputy County Commissioners	1	0	0	0	1
County Youth Commissioners	1	0	0	0	1
Deputy County Youth Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
Assistant County Commissioners	3	1	0	0	4
County Leaders	0	0	0	0	0
County Administrators/Supporters	0	1	0	0	1
County Skills Instructors	0	0	0	0	0
Other County Support roles	7	2	0	0	9
TOTAL COUNTY SUPPORT ROLES	12	4	0	0	16
Active Support	63	50	1	0	114
TOTAL SUPPORT ROLES	168	111	1	4	284

TOTALS

Census Information

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	3,500	1,038	10	38	4,586
TOTAL ADULT MEMBERSHIP	743	653	4	12	1,412
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	4,243	1,691	14	50	5,998

Total Membership due to pay the Headquarters Membership Subscription
ie Total of Youth Membership excluding Scout Network

4,493

UNITS

Squirrel Scout Dreys	5
Beaver Scout Colonies	81
Cub Scout Packs	85
Scout Troops	71
Explorer Scout Units (Including YL Units)	38
Local Scout Networks	8
Active Support Units	21
Young Leader Units	6

Groups

Districts	81
	8

* Also includes roles in Regions/Countries; * YL totals are not included in the overall totals as Young Leaders are already included in Explorer Scout totals.



1933
Chief Scout & THE WOODS BOYS
 The Wood Boys were a group of boys who lived in the woods near Dunham Park. They were known for their survival skills and their ability to find food in the woods. In 1933, Chief Scout Lord Robert Baden Powell visited Dunham Park and saw the Wood Boys. He was impressed by their skills and decided to start a Scout camp for them. This was the first Scout camp in the world. The camp was established in 1933 and was the first Scout camp in the world. The camp was established in 1933 and was the first Scout camp in the world.

1936
The Emperor of Ethiopia
 His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie visited Dunham Park Scout Camp. The Emperor of Ethiopia and his family stayed in the UK after his coronation in Ethiopia. He became a friend of Lord Baden Powell and they stayed together for a year and a half. In 1936, he visited the Scout camp in Dunham Park.

1922
First Scout Hut
 The opening of Dunham Park Scout Camp is marked with a piece of oak from Great Britain, standing on the building's foundation. The hut is a treasure of the Scout history. Throughout its history, the hut has been in the same location on the Dunham Park Estate.

1932
Chief Scout Lord Robert Baden Powell visits Dunham
 The first Scout camp was located in the woods near Dunham Park. Lord Baden Powell visited the camp in 1932 and was impressed by the boys' skills. He decided to start a Scout camp for them. This was the first Scout camp in the world.



Scouts Dunham Park

1939
War declared
 World War II was declared on 3rd September 1939. It was the largest conflict in the world's history, involving all of the great powers, bringing tens of millions of people into the conflict and the death toll.

1944
Competition during the War
 In 1944 the competition was taken over by the Scout Association and used for the benefit of the war effort. The Scout Association has been based at the Dunham Park Scout Camp since 1944. The Scout Association was founded by Baden Powell in 1907. The Scout Association was founded by Baden Powell in 1907.

1944
Princess Royal visit
 In June 1944 Princess Mary, 19th Princess Royal, visited Dunham Park Scout Camp. The Princess Royal was the only daughter of King George V and Queen Mary and lived at the court of King George VI. She was the Commandant-in-Chief of the British Red Cross Society.

1950
Anniversary
 Celebrations being held to mark the 50th anniversary of the Scout Association. The Scout Association was founded by Baden Powell in 1907. The Scout Association was founded by Baden Powell in 1907.



1976
50th Anniversary
 In 1976 Dunham Park held the 50th anniversary of the Scout Association. The Scout Association was founded by Baden Powell in 1907. The Scout Association was founded by Baden Powell in 1907.

1981
Dunham Park Camp Reopening
 Following the death of Baden Powell, the Scout Association decided to reopen the Dunham Park Scout Camp. The camp was reopened in 1981 and has since been a popular destination for Scouts and their families.

2022
The Platinum Jubilee
 There was a special event to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Scout Association. The event was held at Dunham Park Scout Camp and was a great opportunity for Scouts and their families to celebrate the Scout Association's 75th anniversary.



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COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

2022

WELCOME BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

ANDY FARRELL

It is my pleasure to present to you the Annual Review and Report for Greater Manchester West County Scout Council from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022.

As you will read throughout, we have taken a slightly different stance on how we present this year's report, which has resulted in a somewhat shorter report. This is mainly due to the toll the pandemic took on programme, activities, and training.

That said, I wish to commend all our volunteers for keeping Scouting very much alive in Greater Manchester West throughout what was an unprecedented last twelve months.

COUNTY SILVER WOLF HOLDERS

The highest award made by The Scout Association "for services of the most exceptional character."



Mrs Jacqui Aspinall MBE

Mr Stanley Atkins

Mr John Bilborough

Mr David Copeland

Mrs Pamela Copeland

Mrs Sylvia Cornish

Mrs Vera Crossley

Mr Hugh Davies

Mrs Iris Emery

Mr Derek Freeman

Mrs Christine Gleaves

Mr Peter Hart

Mr Bob Haynes

Mr Alan Hayton

Mrs Joan Hayton

Mr Kenneth Ince

Mrs Sheila Ince

Mrs Eileen Johnson

Mr Keith Lang

Mr David Maltby

Mr Martin Maynard

Mr Brian Mouat

Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP

Mrs Ann Salt

Mr George Sharp

Mr Geoff Sides

Mrs Judith Summersgill

Mr Alex Waddington

Mr Haydn Worrall

OUR COUNTY TEAM

County President	Sir Warren Smith KCVO, KStJ, JP Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester
Vice Presidents	Mr Geoff Sides Mrs Vera Crossley Colonel Sir John Timmins KCVO, OBE, KStJ, TD, DL, DSc, LLD
Regional Commissioner	Mr Ian Hill
County Commissioner	Mr Andy Farrell
Deputy County Commissioners	Mr Greg Archer (People) Mr Jacob Bond (Programme and Communications)
County Youth Commissioner	To be advised
County Chairman	To be advised
County Secretary	Mrs Jean Archer
County Treasurer	Mr Roger Kettle
County Appointments Secretary	Mrs Lyndsay Pollard
Asst County Appts Secretary	Mrs Jacqui Aspinall MBE
County Appts Advisory Committee	Mr Graham Barrick (Chair), Mr Peter Marsh, Mr Greg Archer, Mr Lewis Foster, Mr Andy Atherall, Mrs Penny Rothwell Mason,
Assistant County Commissioners	
Beaver Scouts	Mr Tom Dutton
Cub Scouts	Mr Dave Finch
Scouts	Mr Bob Wilson
Explorer Scouts	Miss Jen Carline
Scout Network	Mr Oliver Horne
International	Mr Jeff Picton
Activities	Mr Chris Starkie
Inclusion	Mr Anthony Staunton-Unsworth
Campsite Manager BHSE	Mr Chris Hayes and Mr Martin Shaw
Campsite Manager Dunham	Mr David Hughes
Campsite Manager Hollinwood	Mr Ste Butterworth and Mr Mike Dunn

Managers / Advisers/Coordinators

County Training Manager	Mrs Gemma Higson
Communications Manager	Mrs Hayley Mullen
Media Dev Coordinator	Miss Amy Tomkins
Newsletter Coordinator	Mrs Michele Millington
Digital Project Coordinator	Mr Andy Brown
Digital Systems Coordinator	Mr Lewis Foster
Duke of Edinburgh Award Adviser	Mrs Debbie Pullen
Gang Show Adviser	Miss Sarah Goodstadt
Queen's Scout Award Coordinator	Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP
Safeguarding Adviser	Mr Greg Archer
Safety Adviser	Mr Mike Barrett

Scout Active Support Managers
(not listed elsewhere)

Mr Nick Anderson (Goodwood), Miss Susan Leonard
and Mr Phil Rigby (Hollinwood)

County Assessors

Climbing	Mr Andrew Bradley
Climbing and Abseiling	Mr Neil Gregory
Hill Walking	Mr David Smith, Mr Jim Akrill

County Administrator

Mrs Sue Ralph

County Training Team

Mr Greg Archer, Mr Jacob Bond, Mr Chris Hayes,
Mrs Gemma Higson, Mrs Lindsay Johnston, Mr Keith
Morris, Mr Neil Marks-Parker, Mrs Jane Riley, Mrs
Penny Rothwell Mason, Mr Chris Starkie,
Mr JP Yates.

County Training Administrator

Mr Chris Hayes, Mrs Jackie Worswick, Miss Sam
Holloway

District Commissioners

Altrincham	Mr Kenneth Williams
Ellesmere	Mr Craig McKee
Lilford	Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP
Lowry	Mr Ryan Swailes
Sale	Mr Andy Atherall
Stretford	Mr Matt Osborne (Acting)
Urmston	Mr Chris Knowles
Wigan	Mr Jeff Picton



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Greater Manchester West County Scout Council
Held Wednesday 29th September 2021 at 7.30 pm online via Zoom**

Present –

Sir Warren Smith KCVO, KStJ, JP, LLD, DLitt, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester and County President
Dr Geoff Sides, County Vice President, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Andrew Farrell, County Commissioner
Mr Lewis Foster, County Youth Commissioner
Mrs Jean Archer, County Secretary
Mr Roger Kettle, County Treasurer
Mr Jacob Bond, Deputy County Commissioner Programme
Mr Greg Archer, Deputy County Commissioner Adult Support
Mrs Gemma Higson, County Training Manager
Mr Graham Barrick, County Appointments Chair, District Chair Urmston
Mr Tom Dutton, Assistant County Commissioner Beaver Scouts
Mr Ken Williams, District Commissioner Altrincham
Mr Ryan Swailes, District Commissioner Lowry
Mr Andrew Atherall, District Commissioner Sale
Mr Haydn Worrall, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Jeff Picton, Assistant County Commissioner International, District Commissioner Wigan
Mrs Jacqui Aspinall MBE, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr David Copeland, District Chair Lilford, Silver Wolf Holder
Miss Sue Leonard, County Scout Active Support Manager
Mr Ged Davies, District Chair Wigan
Mrs Iris Emery, County Executive, District Secretary Altrincham
Mrs Pamela Copeland, District Secretary Lilford, Silver Wolf Holder
Miss Amy Atherall, District Secretary Sale
Mr Craig McKee, District Commissioner Ellesmere
Mrs Margaret Davies, County Scout Council member
Mr David Hughes, Campsite Manager Dunham Park Scout Camp
Mr Mike Dunn, Campsite Manager Hollinwood Camp Site
Mr Anthony Roberts, Local Training Manager Altrincham
Dr Anwar Halab, Local Training Manager Stretford

Miss Yasmin Lee, District Youth Commissioner Sale
Mr Josh Macdonald, District Youth Commissioner Lowry
Mr Solomon Cuthbertson, District Youth Commissioner Stretford
Mr Chris Varley, F.C.A. Cedar Solutions (Management) Ltd - Account Examiners
Mr John Paul Yates, County Training Advisor
Mr Ste Butterworth, Campsite Manager Hollinwood Scout Camp
Mr Andy Connellan, County Nights Away Advisor, County Training Advisor
Mr Simon Gould, District Chair Altrincham
Miss Georgina Morris, County Training Administrator
Mr Keith Lang, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Sylvia Cornish, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr John Bilborough, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Hayley Mullen, Comms Team
Miss Phoebe Aspinall, Scouter Lilford
Mrs Sue Ralph, County Administrator (Minutes)

Apologies -

Col Sir John Timmins KCVO, OBE, KStJ, TD, DL, DSc, LL.D, County Vice President
Mrs Vera Crossley, County Vice President, Silver Wolf Holder
Councillor Paul Wilson, District Chair Lowry
Mrs Joan Smith, District Treasurer Wigan
Mr Justin McDonnell, Local Training Manager Lowry
Mrs Deborah Forrest, District Secretary, County Scout Council member Ellesmere
Mrs Freda Clarke, County Scout Council member Altrincham
Mr Bob Haynes, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Marjorie Marsden, Award Holder Lilford
Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP, Queen's Scout Co-ordinator, Lilford District Commissioner
Mr Hugh Davies, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Ann Salt, Silver Wolf Holder
Miss Diana Gibbons, Queen's Scout
Mr George Sharp, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Ken Ince, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Sheila Ince, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Chris Starkie, ACC Activities, County Nights Away Advisor
Mr Chris Knowles, District Commissioner Urmston
Mr Clive Winby, Sale District
Mr Matt Osborne, Stretford Acting District Commissioner
Mrs Sophie Rothwell Mason, County Scout Council member Lilford
Mr Ian McGeough, Sale District Chair
Mrs Lucy Nattrass, County Executive
Mrs Tina Winterbottom, County Executive and CSC member

Point to note: Seconders* had confirmed in advance of the online meeting that they were happy to second the respective agenda items. Votes were gathered at the end of the meeting for agenda items 3, 7, 10, 11, 15 and 16 via an electronic poll function within Zoom.

01/21: Welcome by County Commissioner Andrew Farrell

The County Commissioner opened the meeting stating that the County President, Sir Warren, was unable to join the start of the meeting. A minute's silence was then held to remember those who had passed away.

He then welcomed everyone and hoped that this would be our last remote County AGM. Having recently been invited to some face-to-face meetings, including district AGM's, he was glad to have been able to meet people in person again and it had been a privilege and an honour to give out Awards.

02/21: Apologies for absence read by County Secretary, Jean Archer, as listed above.

03/21: Approval to accept the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 8th October 2020 which had been previously circulated to members of the County Scout Council.

The County Commissioner proposed acceptance of the minutes

Seconded by Ryan Swailes* All in favour

04/21: Presentation of the Annual Report by the County Commissioner

The County Commissioner pointed out that although the year has been quite different there has still been a lot of hard work and activity taking place. Lots happening at group level with County support, in particular the online programmes and badges at home etc. He asked everyone to take the time to read the report in detail.

05/21: Presentation of the Examined Accounts by County Treasurer, Roger Kettle

The County Treasurer announced that the accounts had been circulated and were self-explanatory. The main expenses this year being the purchase of sanitisers for all scout headquarters and the running of County Office.

The International account, shown as restricted funds, are only a holding/handling account for those going on expeditions. The account is dormant at the present time but will soon be active for the forthcoming 2023 Jamboree in South Korea.

The Poland trip was initially deferred and then cancelled. Roger gave thanks to the Unit leader, Mike Barrett, for claiming through insurance and supplying specific details so refunds to the young people and leaders could be made.

Roger asked if anybody has any questions. None were raised.

06/21: The County Commissioner proposed we accept the Annual Report and adopt the Examined Accounts.

07/21: Seconding the move to Approve the Annual Report and adopt the Examined Accounts was Gemma Higson*

All in favour.

08/21: Nomination of the County Commissioner's appointment of the County Chair

The County Commissioner announced that there was still a vacancy for the role of County Chair and was in the process of speaking with several people. He hoped to fill the vacancy shortly.

He took the opportunity to thank the two previous Chair's, Haydn Worrall and Daniele Wiseman, who for different reasons had had to relinquish the role. He appreciated the support they had given both to himself and to the County Executive Committee.

09/21: Announcement of the County Levy

The County Treasurer read the statement from Headquarters, 'Protecting our finances to build a better future' "Following the challenges of the pandemic the UK HQ financial position for the year finished in a better position than we previously expected. This is largely due to funding received from Government and management of finances over the year and our decision to sell key assets. We now look ahead to a brighter future for the Movement..." This article confirms the HQ UK membership fee for 2022/23 which will be reduced from £36.00 to £34.50.

Roger was also pleased to announce that the County Executive committee had agreed not to add the usual 25 pence increase but to keep the County Levy at £9.50, making the total subscriptions £44.00 for each young person under 18 years of age.

10/21: Election of the County Secretary

The County Commissioner proposed that Jean Archer continue as County Secretary and appreciated all the great work she had done. Jean confirmed that she was happy to continue.

Seconded by Iris Emery* All in favour

11/21: Election of the County Treasurer

The County Commissioner proposed Roger to continue as County Treasurer, as he had done an amazing job in this role over the years. Roger confirmed that he was happy to continue.

Seconded by Andy Atherall* Majority in favour

12/21: Announcement of elected members to the County Executive committee as notified to the County Secretary :-

Salford Metro:- To be advised

Trafford Metro: (South) Mr Clive Winby, (North) Mr Solomon Cuthbertson

Wigan Metro: Mr Lewis Foster

13/21: Announcement of the County Commissioner's nominations to the County Executive Committee, as follows:-

Mr David Copeland and Mrs Iris Emery

14/21: Announcement of members to the County Scout Council as notified to the County Secretary elected by each District Scout Council :-

Altrincham Mrs Freda Clarke

Ellesmere Mrs Deborah Forrest

Lilford Mrs Sophie Rothwell Mason

Lowry	To be advised
Sale	Mr Mike Harding
Stretford	Mr Matt Osborne
Urmston	To be advised
Wigan	Mrs Margaret Davies

15/20: Appointment to the Committee of The Association

The County Commissioner proposed his representative for adult and youth member:- Lewis Foster

Seconded by Greg Archer* Majority in favour

16/20: Appointment of Account Examiners

The County Treasurer proposed that Chris Varley from Cedar Solutions continue as Examiner/Auditor.

Seconded by Jeff Picton* All in favour

17/20: Member Recognition

The County Commissioner gave Lewis Foster, Youth Commissioner, the opportunity to say a few words.

Lewis said that as his Youth Commissioner role was coming to an end so would his membership of the County Executive. However, as he had just been nominated as Wigan Metro's representative this meant he would be remaining on the Executive Committee.

He asked everyone to encourage members aged 18 to 25 years, to apply for the forthcoming Youth Commissioner vacancy. A fantastic role, where you get a lot of visibility of the amazing things going on in the County. A great opportunity to make the role their own.

The YouShape Award was being launched shortly and he asked everyone to encourage their young people to take part pointing out there are plenty of resources online. Details can be found on

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-your-section/youth-shaped/youshape-award>.

Lewis gave genuine thanks to everyone who embraced and supported him in his role, including the County Commissioner, the County Executive and the Senior Leadership Team, saying it had been an absolute pleasure.

The County Commissioner then passed on his personal thanks congratulating Lewis on being our first Youth Commissioner and one of the first to be appointed nationally as well as being the longest serving. Lewis had been an exceptional ambassador for GMW and wished him well in whatever he did next.

Final Comments by the County Commissioner

Andy pointed out that it had been a hectic 12 months and felt that we were getting back on track. The focus for the coming months would be mandatory training, including first aid.

The Jamboree selection process for the Unit leaders had been taking place and thanks were given to Jeff Picton and his team for pulling it all together. The Jamboree process continues and next will be the selection of the young people. It was great news that we will be taking a full Unit. Raising awareness and fundraising would now follow and he encouraged everyone to get involved.

Our three campsites are now back in operation and would welcome bookings from groups and districts. Anyone with any spare time please get in touch with the campsites as they are looking for volunteers.

Although a loss in membership had been anticipated over the last year it was felt that we had the tools and the right people to get it back to where it should be. Andy gave a huge thank you, on behalf of himself, the Senior Leadership Team and the County Executive Committee, to all the adult volunteers, young people and their parents.

18/20: Final Address by County President

Sir Warren apologised for missing the start of the meeting due to a technical problem. He congratulated everyone for remaining in Scouting through the pandemic period through varying challenges. Keeping people together and their interest alive has been an important activity; perhaps one of the most critical moments for the Scout Association as well as other Youth organisations.

Mental health problems in young people have risen over the last year, many have lost touch, no longer socialise, have no fun or focus in their lives. The County President could not think of a better organisation than the Scouts for encouraging young people to have fun and enjoyment.

Sir Warren thanked those members of the Scouts who had been supporting the Queen's Green Canopy, a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people and organisations from across the UK to plant a tree for the Jubilee. If anyone needs any help they can contact the LL's office where there is a delegated deputy looking at the supply of trees. Encouragement was given to everyone to show Her Majesty The Queen how much we think about her by supporting this legacy. Further information can be found at <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

Congratulations were given to all those working on the Hollinwood Project, an exciting project but also an expensive one and a lot of money will need to be raised.

Sir Warren felt that the Scout Movement nationally is not as respected or appreciated by the wider community as it should be. More contacts need to be made within the business community, the press and opinion makers to show the Scout Movement is important for young people and resources are needed that cannot always be gained from within the Movement itself. An important message to get across that the Scout Movement is contributing not only to young people's lives now but to how those young people will develop in the future.

Concluding Sir Warren gave sincere thanks for the work done.

The County Commissioner thanked Sir Warren and reiterated thanks from himself and on behalf of the Executive Committee and the Senior Leadership Team. The meeting was then closed.

THE AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD HOLDERS



SILVER WOLF

Joan Hayton – Greater Manchester West (1.5.22)

Alan Hayton – Greater Manchester West (1.5.22)



SILVER ACORN

Ellen McCaig – Greater Manchester West

Jeff Picton – Greater Manchester West (1.5.22)



BAR TO THE AWARD FOR MERIT

Frank Fisher – Wigan District (1.5.22)



AWARD FOR MERIT

Jamie Hodgkinson – Lilford District

Laura Pridding – Lilford District

Lee Aspin – Lilford District

Paul Grimshaw – Lilford District

Keith Fordham – Stretford District

Raymond Robinson – Urmston & District

Julie Binks – Urmston & District

Michael Ellis – Urmston & District

Kevin Smith – Wigan District

Simon Ellis – Wigan District

Sandra High – Greater Manchester West

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - Andy Farrell

I think it's safe to say we all learnt something from the last twelve months – social distancing, support bubbles, various tiers and traffic light systems amongst the dozens of other restrictions which have prevented us from doing what we do best – Scouting. Whilst we are all aware that the Covid-19 global pandemic is still with us, it is certainly a relief that we can meet face-to-face once again; it feels as though normal service is resumed.

The fact that in January 2022, the County saw an increase in membership in Beavers and Explorers is testament to its adult volunteers and the programme they provide. We aim to continue to grow all other sections in the same manner.

This year we saw the introduction of Squirrels, with several dreys opening across Greater Manchester West. They are a welcome addition to our family, and we are hopeful that this new section will attract more adult volunteers who will accompany the young people on their journey through Scouting.

Now that we are back to 'green' readiness level it has been so rewarding to see young people enjoying County events and also to welcome leaders back to training weekends. We rely so heavily on skills, experience and hospitality of our campsites in order to host such events. We are fortunate to have three campsites in the County, each with something different to offer – I would encourage you all to camp locally, to use and support our campsites.

Looking ahead, we are about to embark on an enhanced period of change. You will start to see a shift in structure, learning, culture, vision and brand. There will be opportunity to help shape this change to help the County get where it needs to be for generations to come and your input will be welcome.

Knowing that sadly some charities didn't make it through lockdown(s) and seeing how we have survived, makes me very proud to be a volunteer in Greater Manchester West. To the District Commissioners, the Senior Leadership Team, the Executive Trustees, to all adult volunteers and of course our young people – THANK YOU!

DEPUTY COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROGRAMME – Jacob Bond

PROGRAMME AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Programme

The year started with local restrictions which included meeting outdoors and no residential activities. This resulted in a number of our big events being cancelled, including the Scout Lord Derby, Goodwood Weekender, Celebration of Excellence Day and Cardboard Canoe Race. The planned Beaver and Cub Joint Camp had to be postponed.

Our first event of the year was an adapted version of the Scout Camping and Backwoods Competition, a day event with social distancing and lots of hand sanitiser! The event was attended by 14 teams with representation from all Districts which was a great number for the first programme event held since early 2020.

We then returned to some normality in September when restrictions were lifted and we were placed in the 'green' readiness level. During the autumn we held several events, including the Scout and Explorer Football and the Cub Cooking Competition. The standout event of the term was the Scout Patrol Leader Training Day which had over 60 young people in youth leadership roles within the Scout section attending. Throughout the day they learned skills of leadership and how to effectively work together as a team. It was great to end 2021 with lots of well attended events!

In October 2021 the Youth Shaped Award was launched encouraging young people to take the lead in shaping their own Scouting. So far we've seen hundreds of young people in all sections work towards their award. I would like to thank District Youth Teams for their hard work in encouraging the Youth Shaped Award and to section leaders for embedding the awards into section programmes.

During the autumn and winter months we started the process to select our Unit Leaders and participants for the 25th World Scout Jamboree taking place in South Korea in Summer 2023. Our Unit Leader selection was held across two weekends with a whole range of tasks including presentations, discussions, team building challenges and some site service at Dunham Park Scout Camp Site. The calibre of candidates applying for the four roles was excellent and we were delighted to appoint Emma Hambelton as our Unit Leader, supported by Issy Brett, Richard Gould and Adam Richardson. Following their appointment the Unit Leaders worked tirelessly delivering information roadshows, both face-to-face and virtually, to advertise this 'once in a lifetime' opportunity to young people across our County. These roadshows were followed by a selection event for young people with a whole range of activities to help find our Jamboree Unit with 80 applicants to fill 36 spaces. Since the event our Jamboree Unit have been holding events to help fundraise their £4,000 fees and to get to know each other. Already we are starting to see the impact on the personal development of our young people since joining the Unit. I have also been lucky enough to be selected as a member of the International Support Team (IST) for the Jamboree. I would like to thank the County Executive Committee, districts and groups for supporting our Jamboree Unit, Leaders and IST whether that be with financial contributions or arranging fundraising opportunities.

In 2022, we kick started the year with a Programme Support Day attended by over 50 volunteers. There was a whole range of sessions which were decided by consulting with volunteers across the County, these workshops included practical skills, section forums, ideas for games, recruiting volunteers and social media. It was great to hold an event with input from the Programme, People and Communications Teams collectively. We hope to offer more support days in the future.

In March, we were invited by RHS Bridgewater to provide activities and showcase Scouting at their event celebrating Middlewood Scout Camp. The former campsite stood on the grounds of the gardens for over 70 years prior to the RHS gardens creation.

The yearly 'Day of Celebration and Achievement' at Windsor Castle which includes the Queen's Scout Parade, did not take place in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic. For Michael Reid from Stretford District it had been a very long wait for him to attend, having received his Queen's Scout Award in November 2017. We are pleased that he finally got to attend together with many other Queen's Scouts and Award holders. Although there are no new Queen's Scouts in this reporting year, many young people in Greater Manchester West are working hard towards the highest youth award achievable in Scouting.

The Duke of Edinburgh Scheme continues to offer excitement and challenges for our young people and from April 2021 to March 2022 there were 28 Bronze, 4 Silver and 5 Gold Awards issued across the County. Thank you to all the leaders and districts who provide DofE locally.

Communications

Throughout the past year we have continued to grow our Communications Team with a number of key appointments. Hayley Mullen became our Communications Manager, Andy Brown joined the team to lead on our website and digital systems and since stepping down as Youth Commissioner, Lewis Foster has joined to focus on digital projects and support with communications at County events.

Our website has undergone a number of improvements including a new look calendar, easy navigate menus and a facility to book onto our events online. We are continuing to develop our website and other digital systems to make them more accessible and easier to access for our volunteers and community. We have continued to develop our communication with members by introducing more regular member updates with them being sent at least monthly, and more interaction with volunteers online too.

Over the past year, engagement with both members and the public on our social media platforms has massively increased. This is due to the hard work of our social media team in creating engaging and posting more regular content, sharing relevant posts from other parts of The Scouts and sharing all the wonderful events and opportunities on offer. If you haven't yet, please follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

We are always looking for more volunteers to join the team – please get in touch if you are interested by emailing comms@gmwscouts.org.uk.

Thank you to the whole communications team for their hard work through some challenging times!

DEPUTY COUNTY COMMISSIONER 'PEOPLE' – Greg Archer

It's a good job we are Prepared!

We have lived with Covid now for a year and it has shaped lives in a way no one ever thought it would. We have overcome, adapted and hopefully with the vaccine started to get back to a 'new normal'. Behind the scenes the Training Team were busy in readiness for our return to Scouting.

Mandatory training was still at the forefront of Scouting and I want to thank County Training Manager Gemma Higson and all the Local Training Managers for their efforts in pushing this forwards, ensuring that more leaders got to complete their training. This of course will continue as we are constantly pushing to get all our leaders fully trained.

Alongside the mandatory training the Team continued to plan courses and react to the current COVID situation. Courses planned for March and June 2021 unfortunately could not go ahead. However, later in the year we could all enjoy getting back to face-to-face Scouting, catching up on those lost months and starting to enjoy the summer.

October 2021 brought our first face-to-face training course. How good it was to meet up and see everyone again, any apprehensions soon gone with the excitement of seeing our leaders back training and networking.

In March 2022, following on from last year's decision to bring 'Management' training back 'in house', we held our first course and it was great to see so many booked on. We look forward to continuing to offer these courses in the future.

During this year Chris Starkie, in his role as ACC Activities, continued to work with his team and offer assessments where required. His team can offer assessments on hill walking, climbing and water activities and he can be contacted for advice and assessments through the County Website.

Alongside the great work that has been going on, on a personal level it has been great assisting the County Team in planning for the future and working alongside the Senior Leadership Team and the County Executive Committee. There are exciting times ahead with new strategies and visions, looking forwards, which will shape Scouting for future years.

It has been strange finding a way back to Scouting for the team as much as it has been for everyone else. Questions asked as to whether 'Zoom' training is the way forward and what we can do differently to make sure that you our leaders feel like your time given to volunteering is worthwhile. We do know we can make it better; we do know your 'volunteer journey' is important, and as a team we will continue to make being a leader in Greater Manchester West the best we can offer. We are always on the lookout for people to join our Team and this year is no exception, so if you would like to join us please let me know.

As always, my role isn't possible without certain people who make my role look easy; Andy Farrell for all his support - when we plan our vision for the year he is always there to offer assistance when needed, and the members of the County Executive for continuing to offer their support in keeping all your training and courses free of charge.

My personal thanks to all the Team (you know who you are!). They continue to give up their time alongside their other roles to assist in making sure assessments and training are offered. Special thanks to Gemma Higson as County Training Manger working tirelessly alongside LTM's to bring mandatory training up to date, working alongside the planning and the running of the residential courses on offer.

Chris Starkie for his work in bringing the Assessors together and working with them and continuing to make assessments more accessible for you all.

What does the next year hold? One thing I can guarantee is whatever is asked of us we will endeavour to do it to the best of our ability and provide the very best that we can offer.

BISPHAM HALL SCOUT ESTATE

Martin Shaw & Chris Hayes - Campsite Managers

2021 started very differently with the Country still locked down and COVID impacting on the lives of so many across the Country, sadly, over lockdown our team lost several retired members, one being the past Warden Ian Woods and past Assistant Warden Ken Shaw.

Ian was Warden from the mid 1980's until around 2000, unfortunately due to the restrictions we were not able to attend his funeral, however, when the time was right, we held a small memorial celebration in our chapel with Ian's close family and friends.

Ken was Assistant Warden from the late 80's until the mid 90's and then latterly as a Scout Active support member attending most days to assist with ongoing maintenance of the Scout Estate. A guard of honour was held at the site by his friends in his memory.

Once lock down had eased we started to allow staff onto site to undertake some well needed maintenance work. Our 'Monday Club' worked exceptionally hard tidying up, cutting hedges and thinning out trees around the camping areas. Following this work some improvements have also been made to the fields, reseeding areas and improving drainage.

When we were able to meet face-to-face again, we ran some refresher training for staff including 1st Response for all of our duty managers and held a staff social to welcome people back to the site, this was greatly received and really enthused the team.

During the down time of 2020 we had some time to apply for funding bids, one of the grants has allowed us to replace the old shooting container and replace this with a bigger unit which will be able to be used for activities including shooting. The new range has lighting, an indoor waiting area and heating which is a great improvement compared to the old one.

In July some of our team decided to do a sponsored walk to help with fundraising, the team took on the incredible challenge of walking from Bispham in Blackpool to Bispham Hall in Wigan. The walk was 40 miles in distance, the team met in Blackpool at 12am and started on their journey which turned out to be the hottest day of the year.

After around 14 hours of walking, the wanderers returned and soon after realised they had raised £5000 in sponsorship which was an incredible achievement. Shortly after announcing the amount the team had raised, we were delighted to be told that the GMW county Exec decided to match the sponsorship which brought the total to an incredible £10,000. We cannot put into words how proud we were of the people involved in the walk, those that sponsored them and the county exec for their kind contribution.

In August 2021 we reopened the site for camping and for indoor accommodation. The first few weeks were quiet but we certainly returned to normality quickly with people camping or staying in the house every week since. We have also entered into an agreement with a Live Action Role Play (LARP) group who are holding an event at Bispham three times a year, these weekends are hard work for the team but commercially are very lucrative and aid in the development of the campsite.

We also managed to run our annual Chariot Race all be it as a day event rather than the usual weekend. Considering the restrictions it was well attended by local groups who were glad to be back at Bispham Hall.

In addition to the LARP weekends we have hosted a number of district camps from around the North West which we love to do; again these weekends are hard work for the team but being able to support hundreds of young people access these events is amazing, seeing them so happy engaging in positive activity is the thing that keeps us all going when we are cleaning toilets and unblocking drains!

As reported previously we are currently going through a legal process to register the land for Bispham Hall Scout Estate which has been quite an onerous task. It is however essential to safeguard the site for the future. The work in this area is complex and is taking a while to complete but we are hopeful this work will be completed by Summer 2022.

We have plans to continue to make improvements to activities, Bispham House and the wider site. Our team are incredibly hard working and are determined to continually improve the site and work proactively to support leaders to deliver Scouting and to keep our young people safe and happy with some adventure thrown in for fun.

As always, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing team, without them we could not do what we do and operate for almost 365 days a year. A massive thanks to them and to all of those that have supported us over the last few difficult years.

DUNHAM PARK SCOUT CAMP

David Hughes - Campsite Manager

With 2021-2022 and the lockdown continuing the site needed to review its way of working. The Tuesday Club, our regular maintenance team, became the Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday Club as couples and site buddies continued to keep the site in good condition whilst observing COVID restrictions. We were able to complete a number of jobs around the site either with materials we already had, those donated to the site, or at minimal cost.

Our landlords, the National Trust, are a great supporter of the site. The Trust have been reviewing their tree management of the deer park, and this has allowed us to obtain wood and other materials to put to good use around the site, renewing fencing, hedges and pathways.

With no sign of lockdown ending we kept spending to a minimum, but when reopening was in sight we restarted some site services such as refuse collection, rest room services, and the booking system. We also spent funds making the site Covid compliant, splitting the site into two to allow two groups to 'day visit' at the same time, providing hand sanitizer points, and maximizing signage. With hindsight it would have been better to stay closed. Our Treasurer, Andrew McDonnell has been fantastic with the management of the funds during this difficult time, and with obtaining grants. We are very grateful for his attention to detail.

The maintenance team have been amazing as ever and never cease to surprise me when I have a day off from the site. The major expense during closure was the much needed replacement of the central heating boilers in the Harrop Lodge and the Warden accommodation.

On a number of occasions we have met with the National Trust, at the site, to discuss a tree plan for 2022/2023. They would like to remove a lot of the willow and cherry trees and replace them with more suitable trees. We ourselves lost a few cherry trees during the high winds in early 2022. We have also come to an agreement with the Trust on the renewal of the site lease for a further 10 years. The Trust have sent us a glowing letter of support for the campsite.

In this the 100th year of a campsite at Dunham Park, I am deeply indebted to the teams who support me at the site, from the management team to volunteer duty wardens, and the maintenance team who take on tasks with gusto, allowing the site to develop year by year, undeterred by a pandemic which affected us all. I look forward to welcoming campers and visitors to the camp site for the foreseeable future.

HOLLINWOOD SCOUT CAMP

Ste Butterworth & Mike Dunn - Campsite Managers

Thank You for taking the time to read our 4th Annual Report.

Hollinwood is starting to feel like a campsite.

- We are seeing regular visitors during the warmer months
- Infrastructure projects have come on leaps and bounds
- Our crew numbers remain steady
- Our fundraising efforts are starting to have some success.

Visitors

The 'camp local' message is beginning to filter through to groups and this has meant that we've seen a marked increase in visitor numbers since the last time we reported. Evening visits during the latter part of 2021 have not yet translated into large weekend camps (as of March 31st 2022) however we remain hopeful that this will come in time.

If you haven't yet visited Hollinwood (what are you waiting for?!) then we'd love to show you round our fantastic site so that you can begin to plan your evening programmes or local camps. Our 'Service Crew' weekends (every last Saturday of the month) have seen some success with groups from Eccles and Irlam getting involved in completing essential maintenance at the site. There is plenty to do and jobs can be tailored to suit groups' needs.

We also ran a successful Open Day for the local community in Boothstown in October 2021. This was to allow local people, who we are asking to support Hollinwood, to actually visit us.

Infrastructure

Perhaps the biggest strides forward since our last report have been the installation of the water and electricity supply. The water supply is important as this means we can offer camping to leaders/groups with Nights Away Permits. Previously, camping was only available for leaders/groups with Greenfield Camping Permits. The electricity supply is installed but is currently awaiting final connection from Electricity North West and this is due in June/July 2022.

Our biggest challenge remains the construction of a toilet/shower block. This is covered in the fundraising section below.

A success of the last year has been the construction of our new Field Kitchen. This simple building is situated next to our largest field and is available for use for outside cooking. There are no services connected to the kitchen so groups do need to bring their own gas cooking facilities but it is perfect for simple meals and barbecues.

Crew

Our crew members remain our most important asset at Hollinwood. That said, our numbers – while steady – remain low. This affects how we are able to prioritise the work and more crew members would mean being able to build the campsite faster. During the summer months a lot of time is devoted to maintaining what we have rather than being able to concentrate on new building projects.

Our plan for the coming 12 months is to encourage greater numbers of Explorer Scouts to use Hollinwood and to promote our Service Crew weekends. We hope that this will lead to more young people wanting to join our team.

As ever, we are extremely grateful for everyone's' ongoing commitment.

Fundraising

This remains our biggest challenge and although we have had successes we have also had some setbacks. We have been fortunate that our 'Buy-a-Brick' and 'Hollinwood Heroes' campaigns have been well received.

We have now sold 9 'Bricks' (totalling £9,000) to contribute towards our toilet/shower block. Morsons PLC also donated £5,000 to the project and The Booths Charity have pledged £25,000. Along with other local pledges and some reserves we are slowly creeping towards our £250,000 target. We had hoped that a grant application to the Veolia Trust would mean further monies but this wasn't to be. As it stands, we are approximately £90,000 short of our target but certainly in a better place than 12 months ago.

While more modest in size the big success has been our 'Hollinwood Heroes' Campaign. We have around 12 regular supporters who donate a small amount each month direct to the campsite. This has meant that over the last year we've been able to buy new tyres for our tractor, fenceposts, diesel and padlocks to secure our gates. We would love for you to also become a 'Hollinwood Hero'.

Objectives

You may recall that last year we set ourselves some ambitious objectives. However our small crew size and the fact that we needed to build our Field Kitchen has meant that we have had to cut our cloth accordingly. As such we have met only around 50% of our objectives. A short round-up of each is below.

1. Welcome as many young people to site as we possibly can

Under the circumstances we have been open to a number of groups since being able to reopen and we hope to see even more in the 22/23 season. VERDICT – Mostly met.

2. Keep them safe from COVID

Being a large open site the numbers we had were able to freely use the campsite without coming into contact with other groups. VERDICT – Met.

3. Hold service weekends on the last Saturday of the month (May to Sept)

Covid restrictions put a hold on these for the first part of the year. However, we have been able to have a small number of Explorer Units supporting us this year with service days. VERDICT – Mostly met.

4. Double our regular crew numbers to around 20

Increasing our team has been difficult due to restrictions, this will continue into the current year. VERDICT – Not met.

5. Ensure that our field drainage is complete

Costings for this proved to be excessive for this current financial year with quotes coming in at around £20k just for a small part of the site. VERDICT – Not met.

6. Finish creating our camping glades

Work has commenced on some of these but we still need to complete the site clearances, further service crew weekends will be a prime mover for this. VERDICT – Partly met.

7. Purchase a new tractor/mower

Complete! We now have 'Bob', our grass mower. VERDICT – Met.

8. Raise £200,000 for the toilet/shower block

Fundraising has been steady, but we will need further fundraising in the coming year. VERDICT – Not met.

As you can see, Hollinwood Scout Camp is in a much better place than we were just 12 months ago. We would welcome you to come and see the campsite if you haven't yet visited and begin planning how you can use our fantastic space which is right on your doorstep.

If you'd like to take part in Service Crew weekends (the last weekend of the month), support us financially, or with any other support that you can think of, please get in touch. We're especially keen to hear from you if you are interested in becoming a crew member.

Finally, this year saw us say good-bye to two long-standing members of our Executive Team: Sue Leonard and Paul Lowe. Sue and Paul have been connected with Hollinwood and previously Middlewood for as long as most of us can remember. We are very grateful for all the hard work, advice and encouragement that they have given us. There remains a position on our Executive Committee for a member from Lilford District.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

CENSUS 2022.

Census of County Membership in Gt. Manchester West For the year ending 31st January 2022

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
YOUTH MEMBERSHIP					
Squirrel Scouts	0	0	0	0	0
Beaver Scouts	937	197	1	8	1,143
Cub Scouts	1,157	288	1	9	1,455
Scouts	899	271	2	3	1,175
Explorer Scouts (including Young Leaders)	241	123	0	3	367
Network members	55	20	0	1	76
TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	3,289	899	4	24	4,216
PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES					
Section Leaders	145	119	1	0	265
Assistant Section Leaders	222	177	3	1	403
Section Assistants	60	61	0	0	121
TOTAL ADULT PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES	427	357	4	1	789
Young Leaders ⁺	63	50	0	0	113
TOTAL PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES	490	407	4	1	902
LINE MANAGER ROLES					

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
Group Scout Leaders	39	21	0	0	60
District Commissioners	7	0	0	0	7
District ES/SN Commissioners	3	0	0	0	3
County* Commissioners	1	0	0	0	1
County* ES/SN Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL LINE MANAGER ROLES	50	21	0	0	71
GOVERNANCE ROLES					
Group Chair	35	14	0	0	49
Group Secretary	10	32	0	0	42
Group Treasurer	29	31	0	0	60
Group Executive members	44	46	0	0	90
TOTAL GROUP GOVERNANCE ROLES	118	123	0	0	241
District Chair	7	0	0	0	7
District Secretary	0	7	0	0	7
District Treasurer	5	2	0	0	7
District Executive members	4	4	0	0	8
TOTAL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE ROLES	16	13	0	0	29
County* Chair	0	0	0	0	0
County* Secretary	0	1	0	0	1
County* Treasurer	1	0	0	0	1
County* Executive members	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL COUNTY* GOVERNANCE ROLES	1	1	0	0	2
TOTAL GOVERNANCE ROLES	135	137	0	0	272

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
SUPPORT ROLES					
Deputy Group Scout Leaders	4	4	0	0	8
Group Administrators/Supporters	0	6	0	0	6
Group Skills Instructors	7	4	0	0	11
Other Group Adults	28	10	0	0	38
TOTAL GROUP SUPPORT ROLES	39	24	0	0	63
Deputy District Commissioners	4	1	0	0	5
District Youth Commissioners	0	2	0	0	2
Deputy District Youth Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
Assistant District Commissioners	7	9	0	0	16
District Leaders	1	1	0	0	2
District Administrators/Supporters	8	8	0	0	16
District Skills Instructors	1	2	0	0	3
Other District Support roles	6	2	0	0	8
TOTAL DISTRICT SUPPORT ROLES	27	25	0	0	52
Deputy County* Commissioners	2	0	0	0	2
County* Youth Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
Deputy County* Youth Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
Assistant County* Commissioners	2	0	0	0	2
County* Leaders	0	0	0	0	0
County* Administrators/Supporters	1	2	0	0	3
County* Skills Instructors	0	0	0	0	0
Other County* Support roles	4	4	0	0	8
TOTAL COUNTY* SUPPORT ROLES	9	6	0	0	15

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
Active Support	70	52	0	0	122
TOTAL SUPPORT ROLES	145	107	0	0	252

TOTALS

TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	3,289	899	4	24	4,216
TOTAL ADULT MEMBERSHIP	757	622	4	1	1,384

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	4,046	1,521	8	25	5,600
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Total Membership due to pay the Headquarters Membership Subscription
i.e. Total of Youth Membership excluding Scout Network

4,140

UNITS

Squirrel Scout Dreys	1
Beaver Scout Colonies	82
Cub Scout Packs	89
Scout Troops	73
Explorer Scout Units (Including YL Units)	37
Local Scout Networks	8
Active Support Units	25
Young Leader Units	6
Groups	83
Districts	8

* Also includes roles in Regions/Countries; + YL totals are not included in the overall totals as Young Leaders are already included in Explorer Scout totals.



GREATER MANCHESTER WEST COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

**Report & Accounts for the year ended
31 March 2022**

PRESIDENT Sir Warren Smith KCVO, KStJ, JP Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester

VICE PRESIDENTS Mr Geoffrey Sides
Mrs Vera Crossley
Colonel Sir John Timmins, KCVO, OBE, KStJ, TD, DL, DSc, LLD

TRUSTEES: *Ex-Officio* Mr Andrew Farrell County Commissioner
County Chair (Vacant)
Mrs Jean Archer County Secretary
Mr Roger Kettle County Treasurer
Mr Lewis Foster County Youth Commissioner (to 29.9.21)

Elected To be advised - Salford Metro
Mr Clive Winby - Trafford Metro (South) (from 29.9.21)
Mr Solomon Cuthbertson - Trafford Metro (North) (from 29.9.21)
Mr Lewis Foster - Wigan Metro (from 29.9.21)

Nominated Mrs Iris Emery
Mr David Copeland

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MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

A separate report, detailing major Scouting activities and achievements this year, is associated.

Hollinwood Scout Camp is continuing to improve its facilities regularly, with its own fundraising and donations. The funds GMW received on the closure of Middlewood Scout Camp have now been transferred to Hollinwood, less expenses incurred, which GMW paid on their behalf while Hollinwood accounts were set up.

The County has continued to support groups, within GMW with the OSM (Online Scout Manager) programme. The purchase has been reduced to 50% for groups with GMW contributing the other 50%. *GMW must pay the full amount and retrieve the balance from the Group.*

The International Fund is kept in a separate CAF bank account which is used to receive individual payments for international expeditions and to make payments related to those expeditions. This fund is shown as restricted as GMW is only an acting agent for this account. Most of the balance in this International Account is currently payments paid towards the cost of the 2023 Jamboree in South Korea.

I have now moved the recording of the accounts from a spreadsheet to a programme called Club Treasurer. This gives us more flexibility for inputting information and creating reports for the County Team by event. Chris Varley, our independent examiner, has produced the Year End Accounts using the data directly from this programme.

General comment

The Trustees' policy on reserves is to hold funds against specific purposes only. General funds shown on the closing balance are, therefore, all allocated to designated funds, as shown on page 3. Such funds are to enable the administration of the County and management of the campsites to be carried out in accordance with minimum standards and local initiatives, to provide support for adult training & development and the management of Scouting activities, to develop Scouting within the County and to allocate an agreed level of financial grants towards the furtherance of Scouting within the County.

The Trustees' policy on interest received from invested funds is to retain such income to preserve the value of the investments.

The renewal/replacement and acquisition plan for our assets continued, in line with our authorised budget.

The Trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the County is exposed. They have reviewed these and established systems to mitigate them.

The assessed contingency has been revised to £17,375 in conjunction with our budget setting procedures.

The objects of the County are as detailed within the Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules.

The County is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scout Counties.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of The Scout Association.

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis in line with the Scout Association's rules as amended by the Committee of Council in January 2005.

Approved by the trustees on 31-Aug-22 and signed on their behalf by

County Secretary _____ Jean Archer

County Treasurer _____ Roger Kettle

Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended

31 March 2022

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	2021 - 22			2020 - 21	
	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Total receipts for the year (see page 4)	105,966	43,061	-	149,026	102,414
Total payments for the year (see page 5)	104,432	17,669	-	122,101	96,188
Net receipts (payments) for the year .	1,534	25,392	-	26,925	6,227
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	173,758	2,814	-	176,572	170,345
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	175,291	28,206	-	203,497	176,572

NOTE

General Funds, shown on the closing balance, are allocated to the following designated funds:-

Name	Purpose	2021 - 22 Total Funds £	2020 - 21 Total Funds £
ADMINISTRATION			
Contingency (& In hand)	Amount to be held against identified and assessed financial risks within the Administration funds (plus amounts C/F in Cty Office (cash), in Network, and International accounts.)	17,375	17,375
Development Grants	Annual budget agreed By Executive to support specific activities/groups/training.	10,000	10,000
Restricted International Fund	To hold and control funds on behalf of participants for specific International events.	28,206	2,814
Hollinwood Reserves:	Trading reserves transferred from Middlewood Camp Site plus an initial capital reserve from General Funds to cover development costs, less capital spend to date	-	27,218
Projects Loan	Available to support any development projects within the County. Disbursed by exception by agreement of County Executive Cimittee, as required	14,474	14,474
Office & Training	Regular day to day maintenance and development spending	64,491	74,725
		134,546	146,606
CAMP SITES			
Hollinwood Trading	Value as shown on the individual trading balance for use to support the operation at Hollinwood Camp Site	39,356	12,894
Dunham Trading	Value as shown on the individual trading balance for use to support the operation at Dunham Park Camp Site	29,595	17,072
		68,951	29,966
		203,497	176,572

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees

on 31-Aug-22 and signed on their behalf by the County Secretary and the County Treasurer.

	2021 - 22					2020 - 21	
	General Funds						
	Administration £	Dunham Park Camp Site £	Hollinwood Camp Site £	Total General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL ALL FUNDS £	TOTAL ALL FUNDS £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS							
Gross Receipts	171,035	-	-	171,035	-	171,035	192,888
Less Paid to H.Q.	135,324	-	-	135,324	-	135,324	144,666
Net Receipts to County	35,711	-	-	35,711	-	35,711	48,222
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED							
Bank interest	21	2	3	26	-	26	82
60 Day account interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	21	2	3	26	-	26	82
DONATIONS/GRANTS							
Miscellaneous donations	50	22,745	-	-	-	-	707
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,000
Patrons Scheme Development	1,211	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry Income	0	35	4,216	-	-	-	266
Other Donations - Hollinwood	13	-	22,508	-	-	-	11,161
	1,273	22,780	26,724	50,777	-	50,777	23,134
ACTIVITIES							
International	-	-	-	-	43,061	43,061	28,379
Other County Events/Activity	3,548	-	-	-	-	-	1,168
Camping/Activity Fees	-	15,011	677	15,688	-	15,688	-
	3,548	15,011	677	19,236	43,061	62,297	29,547
TRAINING COURSE FEES							
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FUND RAISING							
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER INCOME							
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUNDRY RECEIPTS							
Providore Sales	-	193	-	193	-	193	98
Misc other receipts	-	-	23	23	-	23	126
	-	193	23	216	-	216	224
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	40,553	37,986	27,427	105,966	43,061	149,026	101,209

	2021 - 22				2020 - 21		
	General Funds			Total General Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
	Administration	Dunham Park Camp Site	Hollinwood Camp Site				
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
RUNNING COSTS							
Rent / Rates	3,579	1,170	1,020	5,769	-	5,769	6,102
Water Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electricity	-	1,517	-	1,517	-	1,517	776
Other fuel costs	-	1,618	-	1,618	-	1,618	800
Insurances	917	3,098	-	4,015	-	4,015	3,402
Telephone	236	350	-	586	-	586	533
Stamps/Stationery/MinorPurchases	29	-	-	29	-	29	19
Photocopier	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
I.T. Services	634	524	-	1,158	-	1,158	1,302
Security costs	-	1,053	-	1,053	-	1,053	1,966
Cleaning	-	1,882	1,680	3,562	-	3,562	78
Waste Disposal	-	2,577	-	2,577	-	2,577	666
T.V. Licence	-	172	-	172	-	172	-
Vehicle costs	-	-	855	855	-	855	-
Legal	-	-	406	406	-	406	-
Environmental	-	-	1,084	1,084	-	1,084	-
Other miscellaneous	156	341	149	647	-	647	1,714
	5,552	14,302	5,195	25,049	-	25,049	17,359
STAFF & VOLUNTEER COSTS							
Staff costs	7,827	-	-	7,827	-	7,827	7,677
Expenses	42	-	-	42	-	42	47
Refreshments & Hospitality	-	162	46	208	-	208	43
	7,869	162	46	8,077	-	8,077	7,766
FEES & OTHER REGULAR COSTS							
AGM/Meetings	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
ASSET MANAGEMENT							
Renewals, Replacements & Repair	-	3,285	8,741	12,026	-	12,026	2,609
New	186	10,405	14,992	25,582	-	25,582	4,396
	186	13,690	23,732	37,608	-	37,608	7,005
DONATIONS&GRANTS/DEVELOPMENT							
Development initiatives	11,000	-	-	11,000	-	11,000	-
Development	10,000	-	-	10,000	-	10,000	-
Hollinwood Development	18,008	-	(18,008)	-	-	-	5,000
	39,008	-	(18,008)	21,000	-	21,000	5,000
STOCK PURCHASES							
Providore	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,800
	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,800
ACTIVITIES							
International	-	-	-	-	17,669	17,669	40,186
Other Events/Activity	2,473	1,042	-	3,515	-	3,515	1,400
Covid 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,303
	2,473	1,042	-	3,515	17,669	21,184	43,889
TRAINING COSTS							
	3,850	-	-	3,850	-	3,850	393
SUNDRY PAYMENTS							
Misc	1,245	-	-	1,245	-	1,245	724
Branding	99	-	-	99	-	99	452
OSM	3,870	-	-	3,870	-	3,870	11,610
Digital & Website	120	-	-	120	-	120	90
	5,334	-	-	5,334	-	5,334	12,876
FUND RAISING EXPENSES							
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	64,271	29,196	10,965	104,432	17,669	122,101	96,188

	2021 - 22			Total Value £	2020 - 21 Total Value £
	Administration £	Dunham Park Camp Site £	Hollinwood Camp Site £		
ASSETS					
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, bank and similar funds					
Operating Account(s) (current & instant withdrawal savings a/cs)	1,048	27,834	39,020	67,902	43,586
Bank Premium/Deposit Account(s) (CAF Gold)	105,243	-	-	105,243	129,039
International Account	28,205	-	-	28,205	2,813
Cash in hand	50	1,761	336	2,147	1,134
	134,546	29,595	39,356	203,497	176,572
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS					
Accounts receivable	-	1,302	-	1,302	-
Debts Due to County	-	-	(10,000)	-	10,000
	-	1,302	(10,000)	- 8,698	10,000
INVESTMENT ASSETS					
Other investments	-	-	-	-	-
NON-MONETARY ASSETS (for own use)					
Stocks	-	-	-	-	-
Computer equipment	107	-	-	107	-
	107	-	-	107	-
TOTAL ASSETS	134,653	30,897	29,356	194,906	186,572
LIABILITIES					
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR					
Accounts not yet paid	600	537	1,610	2,747	2,179
Deposits received in advance	-	4,533	-	4,533	12,154
	600	5,070	1,610	7,280	14,333
PAYABLE AFTER ONE YEAR					
Other long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	600	5,070	1,610	7,280	14,333
<u>BALANCE OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES</u>	<u>134,053</u>	<u>25,827</u>	<u>27,746</u>	<u>187,626</u>	<u>172,239</u>
CONTINGENCIES & FUTURE OBLIGATIONS					
Capital spend committed re Hollinwood	-	-	-	-	-
Admin contingency (assessed annually) & cash in hand	17,375	-	-	17,375	17,375
	17,375	-	-	17,375	17,375

I report on the accounts of the County for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

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

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent Examiner's statement

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

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



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GREATER MANCHESTER WEST COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

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Welcome

I took over from Haydn as County Chair at the County AGM in October 2020 so this has given me just over six months in the role up to the date of this report. Due to a change of circumstances I am unable to continue and it is with a heavy heart that I have decided to step down.

I am, however, extremely pleased to present to you the Annual Review and Report for Greater Manchester West Scout County from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.

As can be seen throughout the pages of the Report although the pandemic curtailed Scouting initially, with the ingenuity, foresight and hard work of many, Scouting has continued whether virtually, or face-to-face compliant with the many restrictions imposed, and much work has been going on in the background.

Thanks to all those who have kept the momentum of Scouting moving forward and to those busy behind the scenes. You have all done a remarkably good job in very difficult circumstances and your efforts are to be commended.



Silver Wolf Award Holders



Mrs Jacqui Aspinall MBE

Mr Kenneth Ince

Mr Stanley Atkins

Mrs Sheila Ince

Mr John Bilborough

Mrs Eileen Johnson

Mr David Copeland

Mr Keith Lang

Mrs Pamela Copeland

Mr David Maltby

Mrs Sylvia Cornish

Mr Martin Maynard

Mrs Vera Crossley JP

Mr Brian Mouat

Mr Hugh Davies

Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP

Mrs Iris Emery

Mrs Ann Salt

Mr Derek Freeman

Mr George Sharp

Mrs Christine Gleaves

Dr Geoff Sides PhD FICE

Mr Peter Hart

Mrs Judith Summersgill

Mrs Pat Haynes

Mr Alex Waddington

Mr Bob Haynes

Mr Haydn Worrall

Our County Team

County President

Sir Warren Smith KCVO KStJ JP LLD DLitt
Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester

Vice Presidents

Dr Geoff Sides PhD FICE
Mrs Vera Crossley JP
Colonel Sir John Timmins KCVO OBE KStJ TD DL DSc LLD

Regional Commissioner

Mrs Nisbah Hussain

County Commissioner

Mr Andy Farrell

Deputy County Commissioners

Mr Greg Archer (Adult Support)
Mr Jacob Bond (Programme)

County Youth Commissioner

Mr Lewis Foster

Deputy Youth Commissioners

Mr Matt Dawson
Miss Amelie Wiseman

Assistant Youth Commissioners

Mr James Turner
Mr Troy Wood

County Chair

Mrs Daniele Wiseman

County Secretary

Mrs Jean Archer

County Treasurer

Mr Roger Kettle

County Appointments Secretary

Mrs Lyndsay Pollard

Asst. County Appts Secretary

Mrs Jacqui Aspinall MBE

County Appts Advisory Committee

Mr Graham Barrick (Chair), Mr Peter Marsh,
Mr Greg Archer, Mr Lewis Foster, Mr Andy Atherall,
Mrs Penny Rothwell Mason

County Training Manager

Mrs Gemma Higson

Assistant County Commissioners

Mr Tom Dutton (Beaver Scouts)
Mr Dave Finch (Cub Scouts)
Mr Bob Wilson (Scouts)
Mr David Kerrs (Explorer Scouts)
Mr Oliver Horne (Scout Network)
Mr Chris Starkie (Activities)

County Campsite Managers

Mr Chris Hayes and Mr Martin Shaw (Bispham Hall)
Mr David Hughes (Dunham Park)
Mr Ste Butterworth and Mr Mike Dunn (Hollinwood)

Our County Team

Advisers / Coordinators / Managers

Communications Manager	To be advised
Media Development Coordinator	Miss Amy Tomkins
Newsletter Coordinator	Mrs Michele Millington
Social Media Coordinator	Mrs Hayley Mullen
	Miss Hannah Wintle
Duke of Edinburgh Award Adviser	To be advised
Bands Adviser	To be advised
Gang Show Adviser	Miss Sarah Goodstadt
Queen's Scout Award Coordinator	Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP
Safeguarding Awareness Coord.	Mr Greg Archer
Safety Coordinator	Mr Mike Barrett
Supporter of the NA Permit Scheme	Mr Keith Morris
Scout Active Support Managers (not included elsewhere)	Mr Nick Anderson (Goodwood) Miss Susan Leonard (Hollinwood) Mr Phil Rigby (Hollinwood)

Assessors

Climbing	Mr Andrew Bradley
Hill Walking	Mr Jim Akrill
	Mr David Smith
Climbing	Mr Neil Gregory

County Administrator

Mrs Sue Ralph

District Commissioners

Mr Kenneth Williams (Altrincham)
Mr Craig McKee (Ellesmere)
Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP (Lilford)
Mr Ryan Swailes (Lowry)
Mr Andy Atherall (Sale)
Mr Matt Osborne (Stretford)
Mr Chris Knowles (Urmston)
Mr Jeff Picton (Wigan)

Local Training Managers

Mr Anthony Roberts (Altrincham)
Mrs Heather Richardson (Ellesmere)
Mrs Jane Riley (Lilford)
Mr Justin McDonnell (Lowry)
Mrs Christine Gleaves (Sale)
Mr Anwar Halab (Stretford)
To be advised (Urmston)
To be advised (Wigan)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2020

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Greater Manchester West County Scout Council held on Thursday 8th October 2020 at 7pm, online via Zoom

Present -

Sir Warren Smith KCVO, KStJ, JP, LLD, Dlitt,

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, and County President

Mr Andrew Farrell, County Commissioner

Mr Haydn Worrall, County Chair, Silver Wolf Holder

Mr Roger Kettle, County Treasurer

Mr Jacob Bond, Deputy County Commissioner Programme

Mrs Daniele Wiseman, Deputy County Commissioner Development

Mr Greg Archer, Deputy County Commissioner Adult Support

Mr Graham Barrick, County Appointments Chair, District Chair Urmston

Mr Tom Dutton, Assistant County Commissioner Beaver Scouts

Mr David Kerrs, Assistant County Commissioner Explorer Scouts

Mr Ken Williams, District Commissioner Altrincham

Miss Sue Leonard, District Commissioner Ellesmere

Mr Steve Ralph, MBE JP, Queen's Scout Co-ordinator, District Commissioner Lilford

Mr Ryan Swailes, District Commissioner Lowry

Mr Andrew Atherall, District Commissioner Sale

Mr Matt Osborne, Acting District Commissioner Stretford

Mr Chris Knowles, District Commissioner Urmston

Mr Jeff Picton, District Commissioner Wigan

Mr Phil Rigby, District Chair Ellesmere, County Scout Active Support Manager Hollinwood

Mr David Copeland, District Chair Lilford, Silver Wolf Holder

Councillor Paul Wilson, District Chair Lowry

Mr Ged Davies, District Chair Wigan

Mrs Iris Emery, County Executive, District Secretary Altrincham

Mrs Deborah Forrest, District Secretary Ellesmere, County Executive

Mrs Tina Winterbottom, County Executive, County Scout Council member

Mrs Pamela Copeland, District Secretary Lilford, Silver Wolf Holder

Miss Amy Atherall, District Secretary Sale

Mr Mike Harding, District Treasurer Sale, County Scout Council member

Mrs Joan Smith, District Treasurer Wigan

Mrs Margaret Davies, County Scout Council member

Mr Anthony Roberts, Local Training Manager Altrincham

Dr Anwar Halab, Local Training Manager Stretford

Miss Yasmin Lee, District Youth Commissioner Sale

Mr Solomon Cuthbertson, District Youth Commissioner Stretford

Mr Ian McGeough, District Chair Sale

Mr Chris Varley, F.C.A. Cedar Solutions (Management) Ltd - Account Examiners

Mrs Lucy Natrass, County Executive

Mr John Paul Yates, County Training Advisor

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2020

Mr Martin Shaw, Campsite Manager Bispham Hall Scout Estate
Mr Ste Butterworth, Campsite Manager Hollinwood Scout Camp
Mr Andy Connellan, County Nights Away Advisor, County Training Advisor
Mr Richard Gould, District Youth Commissioner Altrincham
Mrs Sue Ralph, County Administrator (Minutes) + person logged in as Ipad 73

Apologies-

Col Sir John Timmins KCVO, OBE, KStJ, TD, DL, DSc, LLD, County Vice President
Mrs Vera Crossley JP, County Vice President, Silver Wolf Holder
Dr Geoff Sides PhD, FICE, County Vice President, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr David Maltby, District Chair Stretford, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Freda Clarke, County Scout Council member, Altrincham
Mr Derek Batchen, Hollinwood Scout Active Support
Mr David Hughes, Campsite Manager Dunham Park Scout Camp
Mr Justin McDonnell, Local Training Manager, Lowry
Mr Chris Starkie, ACC Activities, Manager of the Permit Scheme
Mr Lewis Foster, County Youth Commissioner
Mrs Chris Gleaves, Local Training Manager Sale, Silver Wolf Holder
Miss Rachel Picton, District Secretary Wigan
Mr Oliver Horne, Assistant County Commissioner Network
Mrs Eileen Johnson, Scout Active Support Manager Ellesmere, Silver Wolf Holder

Point to note: Seconders* had confirmed in advance of the online meeting that they were happy to second the respective items on the Agenda. Where the meeting was asked if in favour, results would be gathered via an electronic poll function within Zoom.

01/20: Welcome by County President, Sir Warren Smith

The County President welcomed everyone, remarking on how strange it was to be holding an online AGM and not meeting old friends in person.

02/20: Apologies for absence read by County Treasurer, Roger Kettle (as listed above)

03/20: Approval to accept the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 24th September 2019 which had been previously circulated.

The County President proposed acceptance of the minutes Seconded by Greg Archer* All in favour

04/20: Presentation of the Annual Report by County Chair

Haydn was pleased to present this year's Annual Report. He thanked Jacob and all those involved in compiling the report and everyone who had contributed. An important document, a review of our achievements over twelve months, ending

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April 2020; highlighting the great things done with our young people, something to be very proud of. He commended the report and asked everyone to read it and pass it on to friends and family.

Haydn concluded on a personal note announcing that he is to step down as County Chair as he is moving to France. Although embarking on an exciting new adventure he was sad to leave GMW Scouts and all his friends. His most memorable time being when he worked alongside the young people. He thanked everyone for their friendship and wished everyone the very best in the future.

05/20: Presentation of the Examined Accounts by County Treasurer

Roger pointed out that the accounts had been circulated within the Annual Report. The figures shown for Dunham Park and Hollinwood Scout Camp had been agreed at their respective AGM's and Hollinwood accounts were split between the day to day running of the site and projects.

The International account, shown as restricted funds, are only a handling/holding account for those going on expeditions; the only monies presently held are for the European Jamboree which was postponed earlier in the year. It was Roger's understanding that GMW would not now be attending and an insurance claim was in hand. He reminded everyone that the International account is available for any future County expeditions.

The County President thanked Roger and said if anyone had any questions these could be raised by contacting Roger after the meeting. None were raised.

06/20: The County President proposed we accept the Annual Report and adopt the Examined Accounts

07/20: Seconding the move to Approve the Annual Report and adopt the Examined Accounts was David Copeland*

All in favour

08/20: Nomination of the County Commissioner's appointment of the County Chair

The County Commissioner thanked Haydn for his time as County Chair and wished him well in his new venture in France.

The County Commissioner then announced his nomination for County Chair as Daniele Wiseman, thanking her for all she had done as Deputy County Commissioner, in particular her work with the Patrons Scheme and development of the County as a whole. He felt confident Daniele would excel in this new role.

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All those who responded - in favour

Daniele then said a few words outlining her vision for GMW.

09/20: Announcement of the County Levy

The County Treasurer announced that HQ had not yet released the membership fees for 2021. He was, however, pleased to announce that the County Executive had agreed not to add the usual 25 pence increase but to freeze the County Levy at £9.50 for each young person under the age of 18 years of age.

The District Treasurers were thanked for ensuring the funds are received each year on time.

The County Commissioner then thanked the Executive Committee for taking into consideration the difficult times we find ourselves in. He also took the opportunity to thank the District Commissioners and their Executive Committees for their continued support.

10/20: Election of the County Secretary

The County Commissioner announced that we currently have a vacancy for County Secretary which will be advertised shortly. He gave massive thanks to Ann Lam for her time given in this role.

11/20: Election of the County Treasurer

The County Commissioner pointed out that Roger had put an enormous amount of time and effort into his work as County Treasurer and was sincere in saying that he could not put the County's funds in better hands.

The County President confirmed with Roger that he was happy to continue and then personally thanked him for all his work.

Seconded by Graham Barrick* All in favour

12/20: Announcement of elected members to the County Executive Committee as notified to the County Secretary:- The County Commissioner announced there were no changes.

[Therefore they remain as follows:-

Salford Metro:- Mrs Deborah Forrest

Trafford Metro: Mrs Lucy Nattrass (South) Mrs Tina Winterbottom (North)

Wigan Metro: Mrs Laura Pridding]

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13/20: Announcement of the County Commissioner's nominations to the County Executive Committee, as follows:-

Mr David Copeland and Mrs Iris Emery

14/20: Announcement of members of the County Scout Council as notified to the County Secretary elected by each District Scout Council:- The County Commissioner announced there were no changes.

[Therefore they remain as follows:-

Altrincham: Mrs Freda Clarke

Ellesmere: To be advised

Lilford: Mrs Laura Pridding

Lowry: To be advised

Sale: Mr Mike Harding

Stretford: To be advised

Urmston: Mrs Tina Winterbottom

Wigan: Mrs Margaret Davies]

15/20: Appointment to the Committee of The Association

The County Commissioner proposed his representative for adult and youth member –

Lewis Foster

Seconded by Steve Ralph*

16/20: Appointment of Account Examiners

The County Treasurer proposed that Chris Varley from Cedar Solutions continue as Examiner/Auditor.

Seconded by Ken Williams* All those who responded - in favour

17/20: Address by County Commissioner

The County Commissioner said that the Annual Report spoke for itself and showed the amount of fantastic work undertaken. He felt it relevant to mention the unprecedented times that we are living in due to Covid and found it remarkable how many groups switched to holding online meetings, coming up with innovative ideas, online programmes, badgework, games and social media posts etc. On behalf of himself, the Senior Leadership Team and the Executive Committee, gave sincere thanks for all that was being done.

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Reflecting on his recent absence he thanked everyone for the kind messages, cards and flowers he had received. The support given to him at a very difficult time was really appreciated and he thanked his team for all they did in his absence.

18/20: Final Address by County President

Sir Warren remembered the passing of Michael Oglesby, our County Vice President. He spoke about his life, his involvement in the Scouts and contribution to the wider community. A remarkable man who will be sadly missed.

On a personal basis he gave sincere thanks to Haydn, hoping his new adventure would be a happy one. On behalf of everyone, said the hours given, his efforts, imagination and passion for Scouting were genuinely appreciated.

Challenging times raise opportunities, and in some respects use of the internet, social media and technology had made life easier to communicate, without the need to travel. The biggest worry is not knowing what long term affect these challenging times will have on the young people and stressed the need to prepare for when lockdown is over, reminding us of the saying "Fail to Prepare, Prepare to Fail". He hoped there would be an opportunity to recruit more people into the Scouting Movement as young people who are not Scouts are hearing of the amazing work being done online and will want to join.

In conclusion Sir Warren thanked everyone for attending and for their commitment to Scouting. An enormous amount to be proud of, the remarkable work done and setting standards that will stand the young people in good stead for the rest of their lives.

As Her Majesty's representative in Greater Manchester, and on her behalf, he thanked each and every one for the phenomenal contribution made.

Formal business concluded.

Re Item 12/20: Lilford District Scout Council held their AGM on 2.11.2020. Their elected member for Wigan Metro on the County Executive Committee is now Sophie Rothwell Mason.

Re Item 14/20 : Lilford's elected member on the County Scout Council is now Sophie Rothwell Mason.

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GREATER MANCHESTER WEST COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Report & Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

PRESIDENT Sir Warren Smith KCVO, KStJ, JP, LLD, Dlit, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester

VICE PRESIDENTS Dr Geoffrey Sides, PhD, FICE
Mrs Vera Crossley, JP
Colonel Sir John Timmins, KCVO, OBE, KStJ, TD, DL, DSc, LLD

TRUSTEES: *Ex-Officio* Mr Andrew Farrell County Commissioner
Mr Haydn Worrall County Chair (to 8.10.2020)
Mrs Daniele Wiseman County Chair (from 8.10.2020)
Mrs Ann Lam County Secretary (to 8.10.2020)
Mrs Jean Archer County Secretary (from 22.11.2020)
Mr Roger Kettle County Treasurer
Mr Lewis Foster County Youth Commissioner

Elected Mrs Deborah Forrest - Salford Metro
Mrs Lucy Nattrass - Trafford Metro (South)
Mrs Tina Winterbottom - Trafford Metro (North)
Mrs Laura Pridding - Wigan Metro (to 2.11.2020)
Mrs Sophie Rothwell Mason - Wigan Metro (from 2.11.2020)

Nominated Mrs Iris Emery
Mr David Copeland

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2021

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MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

A separate report, detailing major Scouting activities and achievements this year, is associated.

The Hollinwood Reserves have been called upon to facilitate the development of the site. Although Hollinwood is starting to be used, it is still very early days in the development of the site.

To help and support the training sections within the County annual membership fees for access to Online Scout Manager (OSM) has been purchased for all.

The International fund is kept in a separate CAF Bank, which is being used to receive individual's payments for International Expeditions, and to make payments related to those expeditions. This fund is shown as restricted as GMW is only acting as an agent.

This account is or has been used by Jamboree 2019 and Philmont 2019, and it is currently holding the money for the Poland European Jamboree, which unfortunately has been cancelled. All participants have been refunded and insurance claims completed by 31st March 2021. My thanks to Mike Barrett (unit leader) for achieving this.

General comment

The Trustees' policy on reserves is to hold funds against specific purposes only. General funds shown on the closing balance are, therefore, all allocated to designated funds, as shown on page 3. Such funds are to enable the administration of the County and management of the campsites to be carried out in accordance with minimum standards and local initiatives, to provide support for adult training & development and the management of Scouting activities, to develop Scouting within the County and to allocate an agreed level of financial grants towards the furtherance of Scouting within the County.

The Trustees' policy on interest received from invested funds is to retain such income to preserve the value of the investments.

The renewal/replacement and acquisition plan for our assets continued, in line with our authorised budget.

The Trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the County is exposed. They have reviewed these and established systems to mitigate them.

The assessed contingency has been revised to £17,375 in conjunction with our budget setting procedures.

The objects of the County are as detailed within the Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules.

The County is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scout Counties.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of The Scout Association.

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis in line with the Scout Association's rules as amended by the Committee of Council in January 2005.

Next year

The Coronavirus has had a serious effect on all accounts and activities during this financial year, and these accounts reflect this.

Approved by the trustees on 24 June 2021 and signed on their behalf by

County Secretary Jean Archer Jean Archer

County Treasurer Roger Kettle Roger Kettle

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Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended

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	2020 - 21			Total Funds £	2019 - 20
	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £		Total Funds £
Total receipts for the year (see page 4)	72,831	28,379	-	101,209	268,451
Total payments for the year (see page 5)	56,002	40,186	-	96,188	342,226
Net receipts (payments) for the year .	16,829	(11,807)	-	5,022	(73,775)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	155,724	14,621	-	170,345	244,120
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	172,552	2,814	-	175,367	170,345

NOTE

General Funds, shown on the closing balance, are allocated to the following designated funds:-

Name	Purpose	2020 - 21 Total Funds £	2019 - 20 Total Funds £
ADMINISTRATION			
Contingency (& In hand)	Amount to be held against identified and assessed financial risks within the Administration funds (plus amounts Cr/F in City Office (cash), in Network, and International accounts.)	17,375	17,375
Development Grants	Annual budget agreed By Executive to support specific activities/groups/training.	10,000	10,000
Restricted International Fund	To hold and control funds on behalf of participants for specific International events.	2,814	14,621
Hollinwood Reserves:	Trading reserves transferred from Middlewood Camp Site plus an initial capital reserve from General Funds to cover development costs, less capital spend to date	27,218	45,461
Projects Loan	Available to support any development projects within the County. Disbursed by exception by agreement of County Executive Committee, as required	14,474	14,474
Office & Training	Regular day to day maintenance and development spending	73,520	41,290
		145,401	143,221
CAMP SITES			
Hollinwood Trading	Value as shown on the individual trading balance for use to support the operation at Hollinwood Camp Site	12,894	7,624
Dunham Trading	Value as shown on the individual trading balance for use to support the operation at Dunham Park Camp Site	17,072	19,500
		29,966	27,124
		175,367	170,345

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees

on 24 June 2021 and signed on their behalf by the County Secretary and the County Treasurer.

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Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2021

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	2020 - 21						2019 - 20
	General Funds						TOTAL ALL FUNDS
	Administration £	Dunham Park Camp Site £	Hollinwood Camp Site £	Total General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL ALL FUNDS £	TOTAL ALL FUNDS £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS							
Gross Receipts	192,888	-	-	192,888	-	192,888	205,065
Less Paid to H.Q.	144,666	-	-	144,666	-	144,666	157,835
Net Receipts to County	48,222	-	-	48,222	-	48,222	47,230
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED							
Bank interest	75	7	0	82	-	82	199
60 Day account interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	389
	75	7	0	82	-	82	588
DONATIONS/GRANTS							
Miscellaneous donations	-	707	-	707	-	707	7,000
Grants	-	10,000	1,000	11,000	-	11,000	-
Patrons Scheme Development	-	-	-	-	-	-	380
Sundry Income	16	-	250	266	-	266	-
Other Donations - Hollinwood	0	-	11,161	11,161	-	11,161	19,200
	16	10,707	12,411	23,134	-	23,134	26,580
ACTIVITIES							
International	-	-	-	-	28,379	28,379	122,425
Other County Events/Activity	1,168	-	-	1,168	-	1,168	14,770
Camping/Activity Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	42,109
	1,168	-	-	1,168	28,379	29,547	179,304
TRAINING COURSE FEES							
	-	-	-	-	-	-	985
FUND RAISING							
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER INCOME							
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUNDRY RECEIPTS							
Providence Sales	-	98	-	98	-	98	11,829
Misc other receipts	-	126	-	126	-	126	1,935
	-	224	-	224	-	224	13,764
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	49,481	10,938	12,411	72,831	28,379	101,209	268,451

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Payments for the year ended 31 March 2021

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	2020 - 21					2019 - 20	
	General Funds				Restricted Funds	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
	Administration	Durham Park Camp Site	Hollinwood Camp Site	Total General Funds			
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
RUNNING COSTS							
Rent / Rates	3,494	1,170	1,438	6,102	-	6,102	4,664
Water Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,067
Electricity	-	776	-	776	-	776	2,318
Other fuel costs	-	800	-	800	-	800	3,267
Insurances	1,008	2,394	-	3,402	-	3,402	3,887
Telephone	174	359	-	533	-	533	607
Stamps/Stationery/MinorPurchases	19	-	-	19	-	19	101
Photocopier	-	-	-	-	-	-	257
I.T. Services	571	616	115	1,302	-	1,302	1,436
Security costs	-	1,966	-	1,966	-	1,966	1,425
Cleaning	-	78	-	78	-	78	3,492
Waste Disposal	-	666	-	666	-	666	3,007
T.V. Licence	-	-	-	-	-	-	156
Other miscellaneous	99	201	1,414	1,714	-	1,714	3,209
	5,366	9,026	2,967	17,359	-	17,359	31,893
STAFF & VOLUNTEER COSTS							
Staff costs	7,677	-	-	7,677	-	7,677	7,764
Expenses	47	-	-	47	-	47	878
Refreshments & Hospitality	-	43	-	43	-	43	775
	7,723	43	-	7,766	-	7,766	9,417
FEES & OTHER REGULAR COSTS							
AGM/Meetings	101	-	-	101	-	101	529
	101	-	-	101	-	101	529
ASSET MANAGEMENT							
Renewals, Replacements & Repair	-	2,497	112	2,609	-	2,609	34,170
New	369	-	4,027	4,396	-	4,396	-
	369	2,497	4,139	7,005	-	7,005	34,170
DONATIONS&GRANTS/DEVELOPMENT							
Development initiatives	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,536
Hollinwood Development	5,000	-	-	5,000	-	5,000	54,176
	5,000	-	-	5,000	-	5,000	64,712
STOCK PURCHASES							
Providore	-	1,800	-	1,800	-	1,800	7,667
	-	1,800	-	1,800	-	1,800	7,667
ACTIVITIES							
International	-	-	-	-	40,186	40,186	161,884
Other Events/Activity	1,400	-	-	1,400	-	1,400	19,651
Covid 19	2,268	-	35	2,303	-	2,303	-
	3,668	-	35	3,703	40,186	43,889	181,535
TRAINING COSTS	393	-	-	393	-	393	2,455
SUNDRY PAYMENTS							
Misc	724	-	-	724	-	724	934
Branding	452	-	-	452	-	452	1,034
OSM	11,610	-	-	11,610	-	11,610	7,740
Digital & Website	90	-	-	90	-	90	140
	12,876	-	-	12,876	-	12,876	9,848
FUND RAISING EXPENSES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	35,495	13,366	7,141	56,002	40,186	96,188	342,226

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 March 2021

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	2020 - 21			2019 - 20	
	Administration £	Dunham Park Camp Site £	Hollinwood Camp Site £	Total Value £	Total Value £
ASSETS					
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, bank and similar funds					
Operating Account(s) (current & instant withdrawal savings a/cs)	1,000	19,692	22,894	43,586	38,851
Bank Premium/Deposit Account(s) (CAF Gold)	129,039	-	-	129,039	114,877
International Account	2,813	-	-	2,813	14,620
Cash in hand	21	1,113	-	1,134	1,996
	132,872	20,805	22,894	176,572	170,345
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS					
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-	131
Debts Due to County	10,000	-	-	10,000	10,000
	10,000	-	-	10,000	10,131
INVESTMENT ASSETS					
Other investments	-	-	-	-	-
NON-MONETARY ASSETS (for own use)					
Stocks	-	-	-	-	1,800
	-	-	-	-	1,800
TOTAL ASSETS	142,872	20,805	22,894	186,572	182,276
LIABILITIES					
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR					
Accounts not yet paid	600	1,579	-	2,179	1,548
Deposits received in advance	-	2,154	10,000	2,154	3,505
	600	3,733	10,000	14,333	15,053
PAYABLE AFTER ONE YEAR					
Other long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	600	3,733	10,000	14,333	15,053
<u>BALANCE OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES</u>	<u>142,272</u>	<u>17,072</u>	<u>12,894</u>	<u>172,239</u>	<u>167,223</u>
CONTINGENCIES & FUTURE OBLIGATIONS					
Capital spend committed re Hollinwood	-	-	-	-	17,058
Admin contingency (assessed annually) & cash in hand	17,375	-	-	17,375	17,375
	17,375	-	-	17,375	34,433

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of GREATER MANCHESTER WEST COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

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I report on the accounts of the County for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

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

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent Examiner's statement

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

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



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Awards



Queen's Scout Award

Diana Gibbons (Altrincham)
Eve Smith (Altrincham)
Troy Wood (Altrincham)



Silver Wolf

Iris Emery
Steve Ralph
Martin Maynard
Stanley Atkins

Kenneth Ince
Sheia Ince



Silver Acorn

Marjorie Marsden



Bar to the Award for Merit

County
Bill Outhwaite

Wigan
Sheila Finch



Award for Merit

County
Wendy Crookall

Urmston
Paul Richardson
Michele Millington
Susan Owen
Alison Wilson
Ian Yarwood

County Commissioner's Report

The phrase "Be Prepared" is surely only to be used ironically reflecting on the last 12 months given that nobody could have predicted or planned for a Global pandemic. We have experienced possibly the worst series of events in our lifetime – social distancing, lockdown, not being able to see our friends and family, and losing loved ones.

Being together, travelling to new places and sharing experiences is part of who we are as Scouts, yet all of that was taken away. Despite that, and in a time where it would be easy to walk away, Scouts stayed strong, adapted and adopted new methods to ensure that young people were still able to continue their Scouting journey.

I have the upmost respect for all our volunteers, whether key workers or those working and educating from home, who found the time to create such engaging and interactive programmes online; for whom some was a completely new and challenging experience.

I commend and salute the District Commissioners who have managed mountains of risk assessments and associated red tape whilst managing their own lives and families. I am grateful to our Executive Committee and trustees, who in a very short space of time authorised an overhaul of our annual budget so that we could help groups with PPE, Online Scout Manager, a freeze on capitation and creating a remote County Office.

As we come out the other side of the pandemic, I am hopeful that as a County we will recover from the drop in membership and that we will be able to support groups with adult and young people recruitment, as well as bring our training statistics back up to where they need to be. Our programme requires and encourages us to be outdoors (it's what we do) and we will see those events which were cancelled making a bigger and better return.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the Senior Leadership Team in Greg, Jacob, Daniele and Lewis and Sue our Administrator. Adult Support, Programme and Comms have never been so important than this past year. Every update, every question and every query have been expertly dealt with by these wonderful people. They have been a genuine support both to the County and to me personally – thank you.



Youth Commissioner

Despite the pandemic, Scouting has seen a good revival in the past few months and I am confident the youth shaped aspect of the County has been ever present as meetings and programmes have been incorporated with what returning and new young people are interested in.

There has not been much opportunity for the Youth Commissioner Team in the last year but nevertheless we look forward to seeing the new YouShape award finally making its mark amongst the permanent programme in the upcoming months. Young people will hopefully be able to strive for and achieve this within the amazing programmes offered by yourselves.

On a personal note, as the outgoing County Youth Commissioner, I want to thank all the support and help along the journey myself and my team have had in the past few years; being the first role holders of these roles in the County. We certainly wish the new team and CYC all the best when they are recruited and are happy that if they even receive half the support and help we have had they are in good hands.

The passing of the baton has been a bit delayed, but I certainly feel the revival of Scouting after the pandemic feels like a fresh start and hopefully we will still be able to see familiar faces in Scouting at events going forwards in whatever capacity that may be.

Finally, It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be the County Youth Commissioner and Trustee for the County.



Programme and Communications

Programme

This year has been challenging as leaders and young people came to grips with programme delivery virtually using Zoom and by providing activities for young people to complete at home, some groups were lucky enough to return face-to-face briefly in the Autumn.

Back in summer 2020, it looked like the pandemic was here more long term than initially expected. The Programme team worked together to create the virtual 'At Home' challenge badges. This set of badges for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts gave young people the opportunity to complete the requirements of their challenge badges that were achievable at home, in the garden and in their local community (without breaking lockdown rules). The main aim of the badges was to encourage young people to move away from their computer screens and work towards their Chief Scout Awards in preparation for the eventual return of face-to-face programme delivery with their peers and leaders.

In March 2021, the Programme team led on the delivery of our first Virtual Camp. Our aim was to re-engage young people ahead of the expected return of face-to-face activities in April 2021 once the first stage of lockdown restrictions was scheduled to ease after the return of young people to schools and colleges. Each section put together a fun and enjoyable programme of activities working towards a range of activity badges. Throughout the weekend we had a number of live activities delivered by our Programme Team including den building, wellbeing activities and baking. There were a number of informative Q&A sessions on Adult Training, International, and returning to face-to-face Scouting together with our Youth Commissioner. We had a number of activities from Scoutadelic, a campfire delivered by Syston Scouts and a disco on the Saturday evening with the team from Scout Radio.

Since the end of this reporting year, we have seen groups return to face-to-face activities outdoors initially, moving indoors in May and since mid-July a small number of groups have returned to residential activities, including lateral flow tests and bubbles.

We had great things planned for 2020 and 2021, including a joint camp for Beavers and Cubs, changes to the format of the BST Adventure and Cub Mudder, the relaunch of our Top Awards for Scouts and Explorers, a Network reboot across the County and supporting districts with delivering the Young Leaders Scheme. These will remain our top priorities for Programme in 2021-22, alongside the recovery from the pandemic and support groups return to face-to-face and residential activities.

Communications

In late 2019, the responsibility for internal and external communication transferred into my role from our DCC Development. During the early stages of the pandemic we recruited a communications team to support me with the delivery of our member communications and public relations.

Programme and Communications

We have dedicated volunteers leading on social media, broadcast media, digital content and our newsletter, with further appointments later in 2021 for a Communications Manager to support me with the County-wide communications strategy and oversee the operational delivery of our communications plan.

We are also looking for a volunteer to work as part of the team leading on our website and other online digital platforms. Outside of these roles, we are always looking for more volunteers whether you're a story maker or a photo taker, video editor or graphic creator – please get in touch if you are interested in joining our team.

Throughout the past year we have seen a huge increase in engagement with member communications and on our social media platforms. We have seen an increase in stories about Scouting in Greater Manchester West in printed and online news, and we've even had a number of opportunities to talk about Scouting on local radio stations. There is still a long way to go with Communications in Greater Manchester West, and our team have already worked exceptionally hard to improve our communication with members and the wider public.

If you have a story you would like to share with our Communications Team for our County newsletter, website, social media or to share with external new agencies – please send all of the information, photos and videos to our team by emailing, comms@gmwscouts.org.uk. Please make sure you have permission from everyone in the photos and videos before sending!



Adult Support

I usually start my reports with what another busy year but as I write there is an air of uncertainty in the world, lockdown is fully in place and Covid seems to be gathering pace and how we react to this will shape the year.

The team had so much planned, with new look training weekends and new fresh ideas to offer to all members, but with no end of Covid in sight and following HQ guidance we cancelled all training events due to take place for the foreseeable future. However, never to rest on our laurels the team worked on how we can adapt to the situation we found ourselves in. Zoom became a word that would become the norm! Several meetings took place between Gemma Higson (County Training Manager) and the Local Training Managers on how we can make the best of this situation. The focus switched to mandatory training. Gemma and the LTM's worked so hard in processing the reports and making sure those who needed the training were offered every availability to complete this. Over the course of the summer the team and your efforts were incredible in reducing the amount of training needed.

HQ worked on changing how First Aid training was run and split the module. The old Safeguarding course was renewed and became fit for purpose, everything mandatory was going online and again you adapted taking it in your stride, thank you for this.

Wood Badge training did take a back seat whilst we focused on the mandatory training. It was a challenging time that none of us had ever experienced before and as a County the decision not to push any Wood Badge training was taken, as members adjusted to no weekly Scouting and working out how to use Zoom!

Towards the back of 2020 and into 2021 Management Training was discussed with the team and ways in which to bring it in house. Several lengthy meetings on validation criteria and how to make the courses engaging online were discussed and the team are currently working on a model that will bring both face- to-face (when it can) and online together to create new Greater Manchester West led Management Course.

In 2020 Chris Starkie took up the role of ACC Activities. Chris has since been working with the rest of the assessors to relaunch the team and when we can finally get back out there they are ready to assist you. Chris is working tirelessly setting up in the background all relevant information for members to make his team as accessible as he can. Big thank you to Chris for taking this on and wish him all the success in his role.

So as much as there hasn't been any face-to-face training courses and it may seem the team have been quiet it has been far from it. As always in Greater Manchester West we strive to provide the best for our members and throughout the past year we felt the last thing our members needed was to be pushed to do more online training when you were already adapting amazingly well, so I apologise if that didn't work for some.

As the year comes to close, uncertainty on when we start back is something the team are closely monitoring. We may need change of stance and look towards online but I hope the end is in sight and we can all be back to some level or normality soon.

Adult Support

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gemma for all the hard work on producing the reports required and working with the LTM's to ensure our compliance is met. Ask anyone who produces the reports they will tell you the lengths needed to produce them is very time consuming. Also for the endless meetings and 'voice of reason' when I am asking those questions!

Thanks to Chris for the reinvention of the Activities team and making sure all paperwork is in place – again another thankless task.

Finally thanks to Andy, another year of support; a different year than planned but everything me or my team has requested has been met with support and approval. Thank you for making this role as easy as it could be.

What 2021-22 holds no one knows - one thing I do know is Greater Manchester West is ready to adapt and overcome whatever it comes across.



Training

What a year! We have been stopped at every turn from our usual training antics. All weekends of residential modular training cancelled, all face-to-face cancelled, nights away training cancelled. You name it and well, we couldn't do it in the way we would usually. Although this put us in a huge quandary regards how to move forward it left us in a position to keep people safe and in a fantastic position to have good spring clean. Training has not stopped during the last 12 months by any means. It has been as busy as ever albeit in a very different way.

Firstly, it must be noted that Local Training Managers worked tirelessly for months last summer to accurately report and rectify anomalies with mandatory training. We held meeting after meeting, produced spreadsheet after spreadsheet. Requests for updates were on almost a weekly basis. This was a mammoth task and one that had been requested directly from HQ. Every member of the team involved stepped up and made sure that all of our members in Greater Manchester West were up to date with their mandatory training where possible and aware of what to do about it if they weren't. If we exclude first aid as this has been in a completely different position, then we now meet with compliance requirements. As an organisation we are 97% compliant, this is outstanding. Of course, we still need to chase our contribution to the 3% non-compliance within our County, which we will.

First aid has been a huge area of concern for many. Is it in date? Has it been extended? When can we complete our training? There has been a blended 3-part model, there is a module 10a with a catch up 10b, more recently we are able to offer face-to-face courses. Thank you for your patience whilst we have sifted through the almost weekly changes. It has not been easy to keep abreast of the newest information, but we are hopefully on the way to approaching some level of training normality.

We have had the chance to re-review our provision of courses. This will remain largely the same but online meeting platforms has opened doors to access that we simply hadn't embraced before. We hope to take some of the changes with us. We hope to enable more people to access our training courses via online as well as coming on face-to-face courses. Although our approach to training has evolved dramatically over the last 5 years the pandemic has forced us to change beyond all recognition. The positive aspects of these changes will remain and hopefully enable us to reach more leaders with the correct access to training for them.

Management training has in some ways been brought back to Counties, which we hoped would be the case. Two of our outstanding Regional Training leaders are going to be forging the way for Greater Manchester West. We already have a first course in mind and will have a date for you very soon. It was clear when we asked DC's about training requirements that Management training is an area in which we need to provide the most support. This support is on its way to you and again thank you for your patience.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Greg Archer, with his support we are moving forward, shaping a continually changing programme and enjoying the journey. He has yet again been a fantastic source of support and guidance. I would also like to thank Andy Farrell.

Training

He is always there to give a nod to a plan, or a shake of the head and is fiercely supportive of us.

As for everyone globally, this year has been different. It has been challenging, isolating and at times heart breaking. I'm thankful every day that we have remained out of the statistics as much as we have, thankful that we are healthy and able to continue in our roles. However, in terms of training, I want to reflect on this year with positivity. The changes have been inspiring, the hard work has really paid off, we have come together as a team in every way. Here's to next year and whatever it may bring!



What a year to come into the role of ACC Beavers! It's been very weird not being able to go and visit groups, have fun at camps and celebrate our great Beavers within the County. What has been great is seeing the amazing work some of our Beavers have done virtually.

Due to the pandemic, local district events and competitions such as the County Cooking competition have had to be cancelled which has meant that there hasn't been the usual interaction between the different districts. However, towards the end of March we hosted our very first County Virtual Camp which was a great success.

Beavers had the option to complete a variety of activities over the weekend such as scavenger hunt, obstacle course, campfire cupcakes, mindful jars, backwards cooking, emergency aid, campfire & much more! The images, videos & stories were great to see and I'm so glad that those involved have been able to gain badges from this.

It has been really great hearing stories from district leaders of the groups who have been virtual all year, some amazing meetings have happened, everyone has had fun and earned badges along the way. The County virtual 'At Home' challenge badges have also been a great way that Beavers and leaders throughout our County have got involved which is great to see. I have also seen lots of Bronze Chief Scout Awards being celebrated, especially in the middle of a pandemic with no face- to-face scouting! Congratulations to those who have achieved this.

I can't wait to get stuck in over the next year, hopefully having some great events in the celebration of 35 years of Beavers! I also can't wait to visit the amazing groups, Beavers and of course leaders who have worked tirelessly during the last year to be able to provide amazing opportunities for our Beavers so THANK YOU!



Firstly I would like to thank Siobhan Mullen for all her efforts and time she put in whilst she was ACC Cubs. Taking over the role during a global pandemic was never going to be an easy ride but not being able to run any events made it near impossible. I set out with the intention of planning a number of events and then holding them, but it quickly became clear that they were just not going to happen.

One event we did manage to put on was the County Virtual Camp. This was a great success for all the sections and a lot of the credit goes to the Media Team and everyone involved putting the website together and getting the videos and live sessions posted during the weekend. Planning for a County Camp for Beavers and Cubs was well under way but this was another event that was soon to fall foul of the pandemic and was rescheduled for 2022.

With a lot of groups running zoom sessions, we tried to make leaders aware of some of the best online activity providers that were available, to help with planning of diverse and exciting activities for the Cubs to get involved with whilst at home. I would like to congratulate the leaders on their efforts to keep so many Cub Scouts interested in their Scouting during the pandemic, ready for when we are allowed face-to-face meetings again. Some groups were more successful than others and there were various reasons for this. Technological know-how was a big issue for online sessions and getting the right mix of activities to keep as many cubs engaged as possible. This became more difficult as time progressed and children spending more and more time online with schoolwork etc.

A good number of groups got back to face-to-face meetings when they could though this was always on the understanding that the leadership teams felt comfortable doing this. It has been a hard year for a lot of leaders in that respect and I fully support the decisions they have made regarding returning to face-to-face meetings.

Looking forwards now a lot of groups are meeting again and some events have been put on the calendar. November will bring the County Cooking competition with districts holding their own events and the winner going through to the final. Venue yet to be confirmed. Next year will still be a slow year for County events as I expect a lot of groups will be wanting to do their own thing as soon as they can. I may be wrong and Cubs will just want to get involved as much as possible.

Looking further ahead we have also been discussing CUBJAM a week long jamboree style event for cubs. This was supposed to be in 2022 and it was decided that we would not get involved given the timescales. However the camp has now been pushed back to 2023 so this event is now back on the County calendar and I will be talking to Beavers in the coming months to see how many of them we can get to CUBJAM when they are Cubs in 2023.

Once again a big thank you to all the leaders who give their time to give our Cubs such great experiences in Scouting and beyond.

As we all know the past year has been very different for us all and has felt surreal. However, despite the lockdown and the pausing of face-to-face scouting, I have seen some inspirational work from our amazing leaders. They have learnt new IT skills and been imaginative in how they deliver a balanced programme remotely. The Scouts themselves have shown great fortitude as they have adapted to this new way of doing business.

The first event casualty of the year was the County Lord Derby competition that was due to take place on 25th April 2020. This is always a great test of Scouting skills and extremely popular with qualification events held within districts. The year progressed in the same vein with all the face-to-face competitions and events cancelled.

Despite all the difficulties, Scouting didn't cease and we all did what we could to continue to help the young people in our charge develop and grow as individuals. I was invited to do virtual presentations of Chief Scout's Gold Awards, be present virtually at troop meetings and virtually "drop-in" just to see how meetings were going. My amazing team of ADC (Scouts) attended our regular virtual meetings where we worked through what help and support was needed around the County. This included working on the content of the virtual 'At Home' challenge awards which were rolled out in April 2020 and proved popular. We also put together a list of resources and links to assist with virtual Scouting.

As we became more comfortable with this new way of working we held some virtual replacements of our normal events. One being a Cardboard Canoe Model competition in June 2020 where participants had to build a model of a cardboard canoe, carve a 'potato occupant' and float it in the bath or sink. This proved to be great fun and everyone who took part was a winner. October 2020 saw a glimpse of hope with a return to outdoors scouting and I was able to attend in person to present some Chief Scout's Gold Awards. This sadly proved short lived and by November 2020 we were back in lockdown; working hard again in our virtual world.

We didn't forget others during our lockdown experience with Scouts all over the County joining in with the Thursday evening round of applause, collecting food for food banks, looking after vulnerable neighbours and standing on our doorsteps, in uniform, on Remembrance Sunday 2020.

We participated in the County Virtual Camp over the weekend of 20th to 21st March 2021 which involved a great deal of effort in planning. I must express my gratitude to everyone that assisted in putting the Scout Section programme together. This camp coincided with the green light for a measured return to face-to-face once more and we have taken gentle steps since then. As I look forward to 2021 we have plans for a Virtual Lord Derby competition in April 2021 and am keeping a watchful eye on what restrictions will allow us to proceed with.

This last year has demonstrated with acute clarity just what it means to be a member of Scouting. The support we have given to each other has been invaluable and I can only end by saying the word with the biggest meaning – Thankyou!!!



The last 12 months have been very difficult for Explorer Scout units across Greater Manchester West due to the Covid 19 pandemic when all face-to-face Scouting was suspended, meaning events such as the Day of Excellence had to be cancelled.

Many sections switched to online programmes very quickly and adjusted well to zoom meetings such as ready steady cook, kahoot quizzes and a spaghetti challenge to name a few.

Some of the Young Leader units also managed to make the transition to online learning with several youth members completing their Young Leader Award during lockdown.

I thoroughly enjoyed seeing Explorers taking part in the great GMW County Virtual Camp. I was also privileged to be invited to some individual group camps and unit camps that ran virtually throughout lockdown.

The leaders, volunteers, youth members, district and county members all worked so hard to transition to online to keep Scouting running. B.R.A.V.O to all involved.

We produced a guide to assist leaders in advising Explorers on achieving Top Awards during the lock-down period and will continue to stay in contact with District Explorer Scout Commissioners via video conferencing.

I will be touching base with DESC's soon to discuss how the return to face-to-face is progressing and would like to see more DESC's attending our County DESC meetings; these have now been opened to all District Explorer Scout leaders to share ideas, improve communication and the cascade of information.

We must not forget the Young Leaders as they are our future. They help in the younger sections in every district across the County. Lots of sections could not manage without them so a big 'Thank You' to them all.

Some districts have Young Leader units and we are looking at how the County can support districts without Young Leader units to ensure all Explorers have the opportunity to complete their Young Leader Award.



Being appointed during a lockdown is probably not your typical introduction to becoming Network Commissioner. As we have been unable to meet face-to-face, there have been a number of challenges in getting to know the Districts and how their Networks operate. That said, I have been in contact with a number of the District Network Scout Commissioners and have started to build relationships with them.

I have also taken part in a 'Scouts of the World Award' training course and hope to work closely with the Programme Team to enable more young people across GMW to achieve this award.

Going forward, I am working with Andy Farrell and Steve Ralph as part of a Top Awards steering group to understand how to get more young people through their Duke of Edinburgh and Queen's Scout Award. We plan to run a series of roadshows and open events for Explorers and Network members to demonstrate how to get on board and achieve these awards – watch this space for 2022!

If you are between the age of 18 and 25 and want to join your local Scout Network please contact your District Scout Network Commissioner or District Commissioner.



Queen's Scout Award



I am very pleased to report that there have been three young people awarded the Queen's Scout Award this year. Congratulations go to Troy Wood, Eve Smith and Diana Gibbons - BRAVO.

As you would expect the last 12 months have been very quiet with regards to Queen's Scout Award activities, although as leaders we have not been idle and much has been going on behind the scenes.

There is now a County Queen's Scout Award forum on Facebook for all members working towards their Queen's Scout Award. There are resources and ideas to help make the journey as interesting and exciting as possible with advice and assistance available in real time. It is also hoped that it will bring members from across the County together by providing support, ideas and help where required. The key to the success of this endeavour will be communication and I would ask for all of you, especially the Explorer and Network section leaders, to encourage your members that are eligible to register for the top awards.

We already have a few more Queen's Scout Awards nearing completion and we are looking forward to the resumption of normal Scouting activities when logbooks can be signed off, presentations made and plans formulated for the trip to Windsor.



There are four main sections in the DofE programme which are Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition. Whilst completing the Award the young people involve themselves in helping the community/environment, becoming fitter, developing new skills, planning, training for and completing an expedition and, if working towards Gold, participants will also complete working with a team on a residential activity.

Between April 2020 and March 2021 applications received and Awards completed were down on previous years and this in part has been due to the disruption of normal activities during the pandemic.

Congratulations to the 23 young people who achieved their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Those Awards are:-

8 Bronze

10 Silver

5 Golds

Sincere thanks to all those leaders who continually give up their time to help, support and guide the young people throughout the process of these very challenging Awards.

Activities

What a strange year to begin in this role! I officially came to the role of ACC Activities on the 17th June 2020.

My first task was to review our pool of assessors to make sure that they were still happy and able to continue in their roles. A series of appointment reviews were carried out and we now have a good solid building block of assessors in the county who are aware of their role requirements, aware of what they need to maintain their roles and also the direction that the county activities section is driving towards. In the coming year we will bolster our assessor provision further.

Our activity assessors are all qualified and experienced in their field. They volunteer just like the rest of us. They are the ones who make the judgement calls as to whether an applicant is at the required skill level in order for them to hold an activity permit. The role of activity assessor is a very responsible one. Over the coming months and years our assessor team will work closely together to shadow each other on assessments to ensure good practice is shared. They will work with other members of the county team to create activity permit training sessions. These sessions will be designed with the sole aim of providing the applicant with all of the knowledge that they will require in order for them to consolidate their practical experience and go for that permit assessment.

The next task was to overhaul the activities section of the GMW website. This needed to be done to bring us up to date, to provide our adult volunteers with a 1 stop shop for all things activities. The activity page now contains links to all of the relevant information regarding Scouting activities, it shows you the process involved in gaining an activity permit and also provides simple contact details for you to get in touch with the activities team. Keep your eyes on this section of the website as this is where we provide more details on our brand new activity permit training sessions.

With Covid-19 restrictions starting to ease we should see a return to activities being run by our adult volunteers. This has been a long time coming and I am looking forward to what exciting adventures we can provide our young people in the coming months.





Well another year is over; but what a very different year for so many....

At the start of lockdown we took the decision to minimize our overheads as much as possible as it became very apparent that our income would be seriously affected and in fact zero throughout lockdown. This meant isolating utilities, draining down tanks, cancelling or suspending contracts for waste disposal and sanitation etc.

We restricted access to site to a select number of individuals and for essential maintenance and security check purposes only. However, an unknown person 'missed that memo' and decided to break into Bispham House and live there for a number of days eating food from the freezers and drinking left over beverages, but was respectful enough to brush up the glass from the broken window and not cause any further damage. Following discovery of the break-in we took the decision to fit an intruder alarm system to the building linked to the police and install additional CCTV cameras around the perimeter which can be accessed remotely.

Although the site was essentially locked down, as well as the rest of the nation, we continued to ensure compliance with our statutory obligations in terms of fixed electrical testing and certification, portable appliance testing, legionella compliance and training for staff. We also took the decision to replace the last of the old central heating boilers in Bispham House so that we are as energy efficient as possible, reducing costs further. Using grant monies, received prior to lockdown, and when restrictions allowed a small number of our volunteers continued the construction of our new archery range which is located on the Smethurst Left field and will allow for all weather archery sessions.

Looking at our financial position in detail we were very fortunate to receive several grants to help with running costs that the team spent a lot of time researching and putting information together for, which has meant that to date we haven't needed to use any of our reserves. Funding was also secured in the form of further grants which has enabled us to purchase a new shooting range, portable lighting and other site equipment.

Again, we cannot stress enough the hard work, determination and drive that our volunteers have which makes Bispham Hall Scout Estate what it is! It is impossible to put into words how much we appreciate the help and support from our amazing team!

Looking forward to post lockdown we are as motivated and passionate as ever to deliver a site fit for young people to experience something different and make memories...

Dunham Park Scout Camp



From the spring of 2020 we have been on a large learning curve, from the knee-high grass of the main field to holding a monthly zoom management meeting.

From March 2020 I carried out weekly visits to the site carrying out building inspection and tests, clearing the shop of drinks and sweets and donating them to local food banks and hospitals. Once we were allowed to carry out basic maintenance, we slowly started to cut the grass and hedgerow.

A year without customers running around allowed nature to reclaim large parts of the site and cover the bald spots on the camping grounds.

We have received donations of wood chippings and old fencing from the National Trust and kitchen equipment.

The Tuesday crew had moved to a 'Tuesday -Thursday crews' and as ever made huge improvements, creating a reflection area and sitting areas around the site, and the safety area under the new playground was formed.

Site drainage and pathways have been improved although the ongoing problem of flooding from the River Bollin has continued, which will mean that we will have to make a multipurpose range on higher ground in the coming years.

Our landlords the National Trust have been incredibly supportive with no rent increase and have given support with security issues in the form of unauthorised visitors to the site, luckily causing minimum damage.

We have agreed to work with the Trust on a few projects, with National Trust young volunteering and the felling of many willow and cherry trees around the southeast of the site. With this we have offered to plant replacement trees and hedges. The first stage of this was a generous donation from the "Friends of Dunham Park" who donated £600 for beech and hawthorn hedging around the campfire area.

We have continued to have several meetings with the architects for the refurbishment of the young people's facilities which we hope to complete by 2023.

Finances have been a constant worry, but Andrew McDonnell has been great with the accounts and updating the monthly meeting accordingly, and we received two grants from Trafford MBC totalling £18K which has been a lifeline to the site. We have had to complete so much work on the buildings this year, the five-year electrical test certificate and replace the central heating boiler in the Wardens' building. We have also installed hand dryers in all the toilets.

I am deeply grateful for everyone who has helped during the last year to keep the site running and looking great. We await to see what the rest of 2021 brings.

Hollinwood Scout Camp



This is our 3rd Annual report as a campsite and, while undoubtedly, the biggest factor over the past 12 months has been the inability for us to operate as a campsite an enormous amount of behind-the-scenes work is happening.

Between April 2020 and March 2021 we had just 8 visitors, but we are working hard to make the most of the summer and autumn to share our amazing space.

The lack of visitors has also inevitably led to us receiving almost no visitor income for the financial year. We therefore launched our 'Hollinwood Heroes' campaign which to date has raised £1,241.10. This saw us reach out to our local community to encourage small monthly donations to keep us running and has been a huge success. We would encourage you to become a Hollinwood Hero if you can. A small donation each month means we can buy diesel, maintain tools, purchase items that we need. Everyone connected with Hollinwood is hugely grateful for the contributions.

We've also had to ensure that we keep our ears close to the ground for Covid-relief funding from Salford City Council and we've been able to secure over £6,000 for this purpose.

Covid has also meant that until recently we've been pretty restricted by the numbers of volunteers we've been able to have at Hollinwood though it's been great to see that their enthusiasm is still there! The team are really working hard to make Hollinwood safe, beautiful and welcoming and new team members are still wanting to join us which is really encouraging. The number of volunteers that aren't necessarily around on a Saturday but who are equally important is growing too. Our executive team have gone above and beyond to support Ste and Mike, and our small team of fundraisers are doing their bit to raise the much-needed money to "Build Hollinwood" (our project slogan). Finally, we'd be pretty stuck right now without our good friend Tom Green who has provided expert knowledge in navigating our way through the planning process.

The Hollinwood Crew are fantastic and are always available to turn their hand at whatever needs doing. Whether it's clearing the way for our containers to be relocated, fixing trailers, cutting grass or providing support with skills that they have in their professional lives. It is hugely appreciated by everyone connected with Hollinwood.

Our fundraising team have helped raise monies from:

- Greater Manchester Police, securing £3,500 to be able to fence off our canal boundary.
- Our 'Buy a Brick' campaign which is for businesses who want to support Hollinwood and is now starting to bear fruit with £5,000 pledged.
- Councillor Bob Clarke and Val Butterworth helped us raise over £5,000 from the community for our Tractor Fund, and donations were received from Auto Trader and Worsley Rotary.

Ste and Mike are speaking regularly to Salford City Council to identify funding opportunities and have been working closely with local councillors, Boothstown Residents, Worsley Rotary and others as part of our commitment to work more with our local community.

Hollinwood Scout Camp



Since April 2021 further donations have kindly been received and these will form part of next years Annual Report.

On the planning and building side of things progress is at Peel's pace. Water started to be installed but has once again halted. Electricity is progressing with Electricity North West appointed to bring power in at the top end of site. The 'original' deadline of March 31st has since passed. It was off the back of this ongoing delay that Councillor Clarke's influence has been helpful again and along with Cllr. Turner and Cllr. Ward have now moved our ongoing lack of facilities higher up the political agenda and we hope soon to meet with the Salford Chief Exec.

Our first build will be our field kitchen and we have secured £5,000 to be able to do this. Our materials are being approved by Salford City Council and will form the basis of the whole look and feel of our buildings.

Our website has launched www.hollinwoodcamp.org.uk and this will be the location that groups can book their visits to Hollinwood. There is a linked payment app with the booking system to make things easier for visitors, our staff and treasurer. We are also using the website to promote a newsletter as well as future community days or service crew weekends. The website is a work in progress, but a lot of time went into developing it and we think it looks pretty good!

There have been some really important developments in how we work with the local community. We've supported the RHS during the issues that they've had over the last few months as we understand how hard it can be to keep people believing in what you're doing. They are our neighbours and are using the land for the benefit of people and nature. As Scouts these things should be important for us as we are role models within our community. We've built the relationship and we were proud to donate our Middlewood Mosaic to the RHS as part of their exhibition about the history of the site and the 70+ years that the Scout Association had with Middlewood. The team are now working on an oral history of Middlewood. This is not just to be nostalgic – we need to ensure that Scouting's profile in Salford remains high.

Building community links such as these are going to be vital in ensuring there is a campsite in Salford for generations to come.

Our 8 objectives over the next 12 months are as follows:

1. Welcome as many young people to site as we possibly can
2. Keep them safe from Covid
3. Hold service weekends on the last Saturday of the month
4. Double our regular crew members
5. Ensure the field drainage is complete
6. Finish creating our camping glades
7. Purchase a new mower
8. Raise the funds for the toilet block

Hollinwood Scout Camp



This final objective is crucial to the future of Hollinwood. In 2021 we launched our Buy-a-Brick campaign to help us achieve this. Right now we're looking for local businesses, benefactors or individuals who would like to be involved. £1,000 buys a brick and contributors will go on our 'Wall of Recognition' at Hollinwood.

Finally, we again want to thank everyone for their continued effort. It really is a combined effort with everyone pulling in the same direction. We will Build Hollinwood together.

Census Information

Census of County Membership in Gt. Manchester West For the year ending 31st January 2021

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
YOUTH MEMBERSHIP					
Beaver Scouts	772	155	0	9	936
Cub Scouts	1,128	226	0	6	1,360
Scouts	865	294	0	4	1,163
Explorer Scouts (including Young Leaders)	189	110	1	0	300
Network members	50	22	0	0	72
TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	3,004	807	1	19	3,831
PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES					
Section Leaders	162	112	1	0	275
Assistant Section Leaders	244	192	1	0	437
Section Assistants	43	41	0	0	84
TOTAL ADULT PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES	449	345	2	0	796
Young Leaders ⁺	48	46	0	0	94
TOTAL PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES	497	391	2	0	890
LINE MANAGER ROLES					
Group Scout Leaders	48	20	0	0	68
District Commissioners	7	1	0	0	8
District ES/SN Commissioners	5	1	0	0	6
County ⁺ Commissioners	1	0	0	0	1
	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
County ⁺ ES/SN Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL LINE MANAGER ROLES	61	22	0	0	83
GOVERNANCE ROLES					
Group Chair	37	20	0	0	57
Group Secretary	8	34	0	0	42
Group Treasurer	27	37	1	0	65
Group Executive members	52	46	0	0	98
TOTAL GROUP GOVERNANCE ROLES	124	137	1	0	262
District Chair	8	0	0	0	8
District Secretary	0	6	0	0	6
District Treasurer	6	1	0	0	7
District Executive members	18	14	0	0	32
TOTAL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE ROLES	32	21	0	0	53
County ⁺ Chair	0	1	0	0	1
County ⁺ Secretary	0	1	0	0	1
County ⁺ Treasurer	1	0	0	0	1
County ⁺ Executive members	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL COUNTY⁺ GOVERNANCE ROLES	1	2	0	0	3
TOTAL GOVERNANCE ROLES	157	160	1	0	318
SUPPORT ROLES					
Deputy Group Scout Leaders	6	2	0	0	8

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	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
Group Administrators/Supporters	5	5	0	0	10
Group Skills Instructors	7	4	0	0	11
Other Group Adults	11	6	0	0	17
TOTAL GROUP SUPPORT ROLES	29	17	0	0	46
Deputy District Commissioners	4	0	0	0	4
District Youth Commissioners	1	1	0	0	2
Deputy District Youth Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
Assistant District Commissioners	7	6	0	0	13
District Leaders	4	2	0	0	6
District Administrators/Supporters	8	5	0	0	13
District Skills Instructors	11	2	0	0	13
Other District Support roles	7	4	0	0	11
TOTAL DISTRICT SUPPORT ROLES	42	20	0	0	62
Deputy County* Commissioners	2	0	0	0	2
County* Youth Commissioners	1	0	0	0	1
Deputy County* Youth Commissioners	3	1	0	0	4
Assistant County* Commissioners	2	0	0	0	2
County* Leaders	0	0	0	0	0
County* Administrators/Supporters	1	1	0	0	2
County* Skills Instructors	0	0	0	0	0
Other County* Support roles	6	6	0	0	12
TOTAL COUNTY* SUPPORT ROLES	15	8	0	0	23
Active Support	80	59	0	0	139

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
TOTAL SUPPORT ROLES	166	104	0	0	270

TOTALS					
TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	3,004	807	1	19	3,831
TOTAL ADULT MEMBERSHIP	833	631	3	0	1,467
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	3,837	1,438	4	19	5,298

Total Membership due to pay the Headquarters Membership Subscription
 * Total of Youth Membership excluding Scout Network

3,759

UNITS	
Beaver Scout Colonies	86
Cub Scout Packs	91
Scout Troops	80
Explorer Scout Units	38
Local Scout Networks	8
Active Support Units	27
Young Leader Units	
Groups	83
Districts	8

