

Salford District Scout Council

England & Wales · Charity number 514098

Details

Other names	LOWRY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL, LOWRY SCOUT DISTRICT, SALFORD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1983-08-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE INSTRUCTIONS OF BOYS OF ALL CLASSES IN THE PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLINE, LOYALTY AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Activities: Indoor/Outdoor activity, Training.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Salford City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£211,681	£209,147	-	-
2024-04-06	£92,992	£104,341	-	-
2023-04-06	£42,351	£25,908	-	-
2022-04-06	£39,143	£45,356	-	-
2021-04-06	£19,219	£2,376	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PAUL WILSON	Chair	2019-05-22
James Andrew Samson		2019-05-22
Lucy Grech		2024-09-20
Luke Turner		2022-10-04
Michael Hayes		2025-10-09
Peter Leonard		2025-10-09
Reece McSherry		2025-10-09
Ryan Swailes		2017-01-12
Sharmila Christine Clarke		2019-09-12
Susan Leonard		2025-10-09

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Leaping forward

Lowry District Scout Council
Annual Report 2025



Scouts
Lowry



Chair's Introduction

Paul Wilson - Chair

It is once again my privilege to present the Annual Report for Lowry District Scout Council.

This year has highlighted the strength of our District—not only through the growth of our programme, but also in the way our volunteers continue to work together to create outstanding opportunities for young people. The District Camp was a clear highlight, and I want to personally thank Michelle Rowlands for leading its organisation with such success.

The refurbishment of Armstrong Hall marks a major milestone. I want to personally thank all those who made this possible. While there are many who played a part, I would particularly like to acknowledge Ryan Swailes for his tireless work in securing the Youth Investment Fund Grant, and Sharmila Clarke for her diligence in ensuring suppliers were paid promptly and efficiently. Thanks to their efforts—and the support of many others—what was once a tired building has been transformed into a space fit for the future. It is more than just a headquarters: it is a hub for Scouting and a resource for the wider community. Already, it is bringing people together, strengthening connections, and providing a safe and welcoming place for young people to learn, play, and grow.

At the heart of all we do is our commitment to Safe Scouting. Safety and safeguarding are not simply checkboxes—they are the foundations that allow young people to try new things, take supported risks, and gain the skills and confidence that Scouting is all about. Without that safe environment, Scouting could not happen. Thank you to everyone for the care and diligence you show in this vital work.

I would also like to recognise our Trustee Board, led by Treasurer Sharmila Clarke, for their careful governance and financial stewardship, which ensure we remain on a stable and sustainable footing.

Above all, my heartfelt thanks go to every volunteer across Lowry. Whether you are running weekly meetings, managing finances, or quietly supporting in the background, you are the reason young people across Swinton, Pendlebury, Clifton and Salford are gaining skills for life.

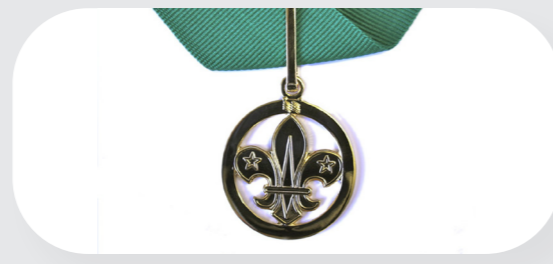
Together, we are making a real difference—and I am proud to serve as your Chair.

Awards



The **Silver Wolf** is the highest award made by the Scout Association, for services of the most exceptional character.

- Mr Stanley Atkins
- Mr Martin Maynard
- Mrs Adela Ramsbottom
- Mrs Ann Salt MBE
- Dr Geoffery Sides



The **Award for Merit** is awarded for outstanding service. It implies keen, conscientious, imaginative and dedicated service, of at least 12 years duration.

- Mr Ian Boyle
- Mr Wesley Buckley
- Mr Ric Eaton
- Mr Colin Gettins
- Mr Dave Heald
- Mrs Rusine Heald
- Mr Jordan James
- Mr Michael James
- Mrs Pauline Mack
- Mrs Tracy McCarty
- Mrs Elizabeth Samson
- Ms Josephine Stephens (Gone Home)
- Mr Ryan Swailes



The **Silver Acorn** is awarded after at least 20 years of specially distinguished service.

- Mr Alfred Armstrong
- Mrs Suzanne Atkinson
- Ms Jackie Blades
- Mr Harry Fairchild
- Mr Mark Gore
- Mr Robert Hambelton
- Mr Dennis Matthews
- Mrs Sarah Moore
- Mr Peter Morris
- Mr Justin McDonnell
- Mr Jamie Samson



The **Bar to the Award for Merit** is awarded after at least five years of further outstanding service after receiving the Award for Merit.

Mr Michael Rollinson



The **Chief Scout's Commendation for Meritorious Conduct** is awarded for meritorious conduct of a high standard.

Mr David Heald



The **Commendation Award** is awarded by certain Lead Volunteers to recognise individuals for their contribution to the Scouts.

- Mrs Victoria Burrows-Boon
- Mrs Sharmila Clarke
- Mrs Susan Heys
- Mr Jon Knipe
- Mr Daley Lyson
- Mrs Emma Nightingale
- Ms Courtney Pope
- Mr Tony Rice
- Mr James Seddon
- Mrs Kim Skaife
- Mr Nathan Talbot
- Mr Luke Turner
- Mr Paul Wilson



The **Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service** is awarded in respect of not less than 5 years of good service, which stands out.

- Mr Asa Neill
- Ms Emma Hambelton
- Mrs Lynn Harman
- Mr David Heath
- Mr Nicholas Jolly
- Mr Gerard Mack
- Mr Josh Macdonald
- Mrs Yasma Osman
- Mrs Michelle Rowlands
- Mr Stephen Woodcock

Thanking our volunteers for their contribution is incredibly important to us, especially when we see them demonstrating outstanding service which deserves recognition.

One way that we do this is through these good service awards, which recognise the **outstanding and dedicated service** consistently performed by our adult members, above and beyond what is asked of them.

We hope you **join us in congratulating them** in their achievement, and thanking them for their incredible service, often over many years!

District Team

The District Team is made up of the Board of Trustees, the Group Lead Volunteers, and the Leadership Team, who work together to ensure safe, high-quality Scouting takes place across our District.

District President	Dr Geoffrey Sides
Vice Presidents	Mrs Ann Salt Mr Alf Armstrong Mr Stanley Atkins
County Lead Volunteer	Mr Jacob Bond
District Lead Volunteer	Mr Ryan Swailes
District Chair	Mr Paul Wilson
District Treasurer	Mrs Sharmila Clarke
District Trustees	Mr Justin McDonnell Mr James Samson Mrs Lucy Grech Mrs Ann Salt
Youth Lead(s)	Mr Luke Turner Miss Bella Heath
Volunteer Development Team Leader	Mr Justin McDonnell
Volunteer Development Team Member	Mrs Ann Salt
Support Team Member - Administration	Miss Laura Greenhalgh
Support Team Member - Communications	Mr Benjamin Beaver
Support Team Member - Communications	Miss Lauren Aldred
Programme Team Member - Squirrels	Mrs Kim Skaife
Programme Team Member - Cubs	Mr Tony Rice
Programme Team Member - Scouts	Mr Robert Hambelton
Programme Team Member	Mr David Heath

14-24 Team Leader	Mr James Seddon
14-24 Team Member - Young Leaders	Mrs Catherine Cronshaw

Stegosaurus ESU Team Members	Mr William Heath Mrs Fiona Taylor Mr David Jeffries Miss Lauren Aldred Mr Joshua Macdonald
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Diplodocus ESU Team Members	Ms Jacqueline Blades
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Group Lead Volunteers	Mrs Susan Heys (1st Springwood) Mr Stuart Kernighan (1st Clifton) Mr Stephen Woodcock (3rd Pendlebury) Mrs Pauline Mack (Leader in Charge, 3rd Swinton) Mrs Adela Ramsbottom (24th Swinton) Mr Richard Eaton (43rd Salford) Mr Tony Rice (82nd Salford) Mrs Suzanne Atkinson (88th Salford) Mr Nathan Talbot (100th Salford)
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District Nights Away Advisors	Mr James Samson Mr Wesley Buckley
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Minutes

of the 9th Annual General Meeting of Lowry District Scout Council, held on the 20th September 2024 at Armstrong Hall.

Present:

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Paul Wilson, District Chair welcomed all in attendance to the Annual General Meeting.

As part of the welcome the Chair noted the changes that have been made to Armstrong Hall.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Daryl Harman, Lynn Harman, Sue Leonard, Katie Harris, Yasma Osman, Mark Gore, and Sue Atkinson.

3. Governance Topics

P Wilson noted to the District Scout Council that this part of the meeting is relevant to ensure the charity's foundations are in good order.

3.a Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20th September 2024.

The District Trustee Board have reviewed the minutes of the previous AGM held on 20th September 2024 and so are proposed as a true and accurate record of the 2024 AGM.

Proposed: P Wilson
Seconded: R Hambelton

Motion carried

3.b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation, and Rules (POR)

In line with the recommendation from Scout Headquarters, the District Trustee Board proposes to adopt the model constitution from Chapter 5 of Policy, Organisation and Rules. A copy of this was available for review and inspection prior to this meeting and copies were also made available at the meeting.

Proposed: P Wilson
Seconded: N Talbot

Motion Carried

3.c. Note the Districts Financial Year

P Wilson noted the charity's financial year is 6th April to 5th April

3.d. Approve the appointed and community members of the District Scout Council

The Chair notes that members of the District Scout Council may elect members to the Council. The Chair advises that Elizabeth Samson, Former District Commissioner is nominated as a member of the District Scout Council.

These are to be admitted as members of the District Scout Council in addition to the ex-officio list in POR 5.5.4.

Motion Carried

3.e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board

Following good practice recommendations from the Charity Governance Code, POR states Trustee Boards should have a minimum of 5, and no more than 12, Trustees in total. This includes ex-officio and co-opted Trustees.

The District Scout Council must agree the number of people to be appointed to the Trustee Board. The outgoing Trustee Board recommends that 9 people are appointed. The Chair proposed the District Scout Council approves the recommendation.

Proposed: P Wilson
Seconded: J Macdonald

Motion Carried

3.f. Agree the quorum for the future meetings of the District Scout Council (excluding this AGM)

The District Scout Council must agree its quorum – the minimum member of District Scout Council members that must be present at District Scout Council meetings. The outgoing Trustee Board recommends the quorum should be set at 20 people. The Chair asked the District Scout Council to approve the recommendation.

Proposed: P Wilson
Seconded: M Maynard

Motion Carried

4. Review of the Previous Year

Paul Wilson, Chair, reflects on the previous year and the changes that we have seen in 2024

4.a. District Commissioner's Review of Scouting in Lowry District

Paul Wilson asks Ryan Swailes, District Lead Volunteer, to present the Annual report for 2024.

Ryan Swailes, District Lead Volunteer gave his review.

The Chair thanked the District Lead Volunteer for his review

4.b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board, including the Annual Statement of Accounts

The District Trustee Board has approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and the report on the accounts received from the Scrutineer.

Sharmila Clarke, District Treasurer presented the Annual Financial Accounts.

Paul Wilson expressed thanks to the District Treasurer for all her hard work in ensuring the accounts were well presented.

No questions were asked to the District Treasurer

5. Making Appointments

5.a. Appoint the District Chair, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board

P Wilson, Chair, passed the chairmanship over to Ryan Swailes, District Lead Volunteer.

The District Lead Volunteer explained the open selection process agreed by the Trustee Board. The recommendation to the District Scout Council is that Paul Wilson should be appointed as District Chair for a 3-year Term of Office.

Motion Carried

The District Lead Volunteer hands the chairmanship of the meeting back to District Chair

5.b. Appoint the District Treasurer, following Recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board

P Wilson, Chair, explained the open selection process agreed by the Trustee Board. The recommendation to the District Scout Council is that Sharmila Clarke should be appointed as District treasurer for a three-year term of office.

Motion carried

5.c. Appoint members of the District Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board

P Wilson, Chair, explained the open selection process agreed by the Trustee Board. The recommendation to the District Scout Council is that the following should be appointed as members of the District Trustee Board, for their terms of office:

Justin McDonnell	3-year Term
Ann Salt	3-year Term
James Samson	2-year Term
Lucy Grech	2 year Term

Motion carried

The Chair thanked the Trustees for their work during the year, and a particular thank you to Steve Woodcock, Lynn Harman, Martin Maynard, Josh MacDonald, James Seddon, and Adela Ramsbottom who have or who are stepping down this year.

5.d. Reappoint District Presidents and or Vice Presidents

The Chair notes the District Scout Council appoints the District President and all Vice presidents

The Chair advises that Geoffrey Sides is proposed as President and Ann Salt, Stanley Atkins, and Alf Armstrong as Vice Presidents.

Motion carried

5.e. Appoint the independent examiner

Sharmila Clarke, Treasurer, proposes Ryan Thompson.

Paul Wilson asked for a show of hands to approve this nomination.

Motion carried

6. Closing Remarks

The Chair closed the Annual General Meeting, thanking everyone for attending and outlined any arrangements for the rest of the event.

Report & Accounts

For the year ended 31st March 2025

PRESIDENT Geoffrey Sides
 VICE PRESIDENT Ann Salt
 Alf Armstrong
 Stan Atkins

TRUSTEES: *Ex-Officio Appointment*
 District Lead Volunteer Ryan Swailes
 District Youth Lead Luke Turner

Elected by the District Scout Council
 District Chair Paul Wilson
 District Treasurer Sharmila Clarke
 Elected Trustee Lucy Grech
 Elected Trustee James Samson
 Elected Trustee Justin McDonnell
 Elected Trustee Ann Salt

Bank CAF BANK
 A trading subsidiary of the Charities Aid Foundation

Independent Examiner of the District Accounts Ryan Thompson

District Registration Number with The Scout Association S11961947
 Charity Registration Number 514098

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Trustees Annual Report

For the year ended 31st March 2025

Major activities and achievements in the year

The operational result for the year is an **income over expenditure of £3,480**
Taking out the restricted funds then the resultant working capital is £25,257

The working capitals since Lowry District Formation are			
On formation	Feb-16		£17,888
End of Year 1	Apr-17		£16,398
End of Year 2	Apr-18		£15,536
End of Year 3	Apr-19		£14,684
End of Year 4	Apr-20		£15,363
End of Year 5	Apr-21		£17,610
End of Year 6	Apr-22		£22,813
End of Year 7	Apr-23		£32,483
End of Year 8	Apr-24		£25,257
End of Year 9	Apr-25		£29,003

The District's financial policy remains to control spending to an amount equal to its income and to be able to fund District events, administration, meetings, and support Groups in activities such as leader training and to ensure the District is growing and developing.

We have received £122,228 this year (£34,126) Youth Investment Fund grant for Armstrong Hall refurbishment which has been fully completed and is looking great.

There was a wide range of events carried out across the District throughout the year, primarily the successful District Camp.

The District has invested in digital and video cameras this year.

Restricted Funds balance at year end:

£2,589	Hardship Fund District
£1,909	HQ Hardship Fund - specific to 1 group

The District is a trust established under the rules that are common to all Groups/Units. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis.

During the year all Groups/Units have been asked/filed a financial report with the District.

Approved by the trustees on 6th August 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Sharmila Clarke
District Treasurer

Paul Wilson
District Chair

Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the year ended 31st March 2025

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This year Total £	Last year Total £
Total receipts for the year (see page 14)	59,705	122,859	182,564	79,382
Total payments for the year (see page 15)	55,710	123,374	179,085	92,052
Net receipts (payments) for the year	3,995	-516	3,480	-12,670
Transfer of funds between funds (Balance Sheet Transfer) Badge Stock				
Resultant Net receipts (payments) for the year	3,995	-516	3,480	-12,670
Cash, bank, and asset funds at market value brought forward	31,054	80,000	441,594	441,594
Cash, bank, and asset funds at market value carried forward	29,003	642,071	671,073	441,594

The above account and accompanying state of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 6th August 2025.

Sharmila Clarke
District Treasurer

Paul Wilson
District Chair

Receipts

For the year ended 31st March 2025

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS				
Capitation	27,694		27,694	22,892
INTEREST				
Bank Interest	269		269	1,522
Building Society Interest				
PAYMENTS FROM EQUITY INVESTMENTS:				
CAF Financial Investments	3,369		3,369	1,126
GRANTS				
ARMSTRONG HALL - Youth Investment Fund		122,859	122,859	34,126
Booths Grant WSJ			0	0
Early Years Grants			0	0
DONATIONS				
Amazon/PayPal/DONR.COM			0	28
ACTIVITIES & TRIPS				
Bowling & Sealife	933		933	1,804
Cubs Halloween Party	135		135	155
Smithills Fram	809		809	233
St Georges Day	50			
CAMPING & COMPETITIONS				
Lowry District Camping & backwood Cooking Comp GOOT	868		868	1,294
Beavers Camp	0		0	1,180
Scouts_Explorers Expedition	0		0	652
Swimming Gala	275		275	315
District Dodgeball	80		80	86
District Football	72		72	86
District Camp	8,653		8,653	3,987
Inter District Lord Derby	144		144	0
Cubs Football			0	110
FUND RAISING				
Jamboree Fund Raising			0	0
ARMSTRONG HALL RENT	14,135		14,135	11,630
OTHER INCOME				
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First Aid Training/Domains	1,379		1,379	
Sundry Receipts				
Badge Receipts	225		225	530
Loans Received			0	0
Other	616		616	387
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	59,705	122,859	182,564	79,382

Payments

For the year ended 31st March 2025

PREMISES - Armstrong Hall				
Bills	0	0	1,102	
Clearance/Cleaning	906	906	167	
Insurance	1,462	1,462	1,333	
Maintenance	0	0	619	
Other	6	6	35	
Repairs	190	190	465	
replacement locks/keys	0	0	93	
Utillity Bills	3,891	3,891	6,824	
Youth Investment Fund	0	121,286	121,286	34,280
DEVELOPMENT COSTS				
District Website	0	0	0	
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT COSTS				
Helper/Contents Insurance	102	102	81	
Bank Charges	120	120	65	
Meeting costs inc AGM	1,502	1,502	1,962	
Other	0	0	0	
ACTIVITIES & TRIPS				
Beaver, Cub, Scout, Explorers, District events and Trips	1,926	1,926	3,409	
Program In A Box	0	0	141	
CAMPING & COMPETITIONS				
Lowry District Camping & backwood Cooking Comp	1,036	1,036	1,734	
Beavers Camp	200	200	1,141	
Scouts_Explorers Expedition	0	0	768	
Swimming Gala	324	324	358	
GOOT	126	126	88	
District Dodgeball	80	80	80	
District Football	85	85	85	
District Camp	9,053	9,053	3,987	
Cubs Football	0	0	214	
Other	148	148	0	
TRAINING				
Young Leader, Leader, First Aid, Safeguarding	0	0	147	
First Aid	793	793	187	
District Development days	1,224	1,224	356	
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES				
Fundraising	0	0	0	
OTHER EXPENSES				
Communications - Pull out banner/leaflets/business cards	0	0	961	
2-Way Radios	0	0	3,379	
Rent	1,608	1,608	3,379	
Video Camera/Digital Camera/Microphone	1,360	1,360	0	
Recruitment	35	35	0	
Badges	540	540	916	
Capitation	26,750	1,678	28,428	22,892
Uniform Order 1st Springwood	0	0	2,417	
Grants awarded	0	350	350	250
SUNDRY PAYMENTS				
Domain Names	264	264	24	
Name Badges/Uniform	874	874	271	
Neckers	781	61	842	977
Web Hosting	0	0	175	
Poppy Wreath	28	28	28	
Other	296	296	40	
Sherif Affinity IT Licenses	0	0	0	
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	55,710	123,374	179,085	92,052

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

At 31st March 2025

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, Bank, and similar funds.				
Bank Current Account	52,298	6,071	58,369	11,739
Bank Deposit Account	4,879		4,879	19,671
Loans				
Cash In Hand	44		44	44
	57,221	6,071	63,292	31,454
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
Income due	400		400	1,806
Income received for next years income	0		0	0
Expenditure paid for next year	0		0	0
Expenditure due	-28,618		-28,618	-2,206
	-28,218		-28,218	-400
TOTAL OTHER MONATORY ASSETS	29,003	6,071	35,073	31,054
INVESTMENT ASSETS				
Government Stocks at Market Value				
Other Quoted Securities at market value		80,000	80,000	80,000
Other investments				
Property held for investment purposes		556,000	556,000	330,000
NONE-MONETARY ASSETS- For Charity use.				
Badge Stock	0		0	540
CASH, BANK AND SIMILAR FUNDS TOTAL	29,003	642,071	671,073	441,594
LIABILITES. Those due within one year				
Accounts not paid at 31 March				
Expenses incurred not yet paid				
Subscriptions not yet paid				
LIABILITIES. Those payable after one year				
Loans				
Hire purchase owing				
Lease payments out standing				
Other long term liabilities				
The District has no contingent liabilities and future obligations				

14-24 Provision Accounts

For the year ended 31st March 2025

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This year Total £	Last year Total £
Total receipts for the year	29116.88		29116.88	13610.78
Total payments for the year	30062.81		30062.81	12289.32
Net receipts (payments) for the year	-945.93		-945.93	1321.46
Resultant Net receipts (payments) for the year	-945.93		-945.93	1321.46
Cash, bank, and asset funds at market value brought forward	2367.63		2367.63	1072.42
Cash, bank, and asset funds at market value carried forward	1421.70		1421.70	2367.63

Sharmila Clarke
District Treasurer

Paul Wilson
District Chair

Independent examiner's report

To the Trustees of Lowry District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lowry District Scout Council for the year ended 6th April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Lowry District Scout Council 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 Lowry District Scout Council accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Lowry District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed: 

Name: Ryan Thompson

Qualification: ACCA

Date: 03/08/25



Keeping the Momentum

Ryan Swailes - District Lead Volunteer

As I reflect on the last year, I am incredibly proud of how far Lowry has come and the exciting path that lies ahead. This year has been one of consolidation, growth, and fresh opportunities for our young people and volunteers. Our programme has gone from strength to strength. From Squirrels through to Explorers, every section has been active, adventurous, and visible in our communities.

Highlights of the year include our District Camp, which once again brought together hundreds of young people from across the District for a weekend of adventure and friendship. A special thank you must go to Michelle Rowlands, whose outstanding organisation and leadership ensured the camp was a huge success. Our sections have enjoyed a wide range of activities: from Beavers attending camps and fun days, to Cubs joining in competitions and outings, to Scouts testing their skills in the Backwoods Cooking Competition. Our Explorers continue to thrive, with both Stegosaurus and Diplodocus ESUs providing strong programmes and international experiences. Network members have played an important role supporting events, stepping up to help the District flourish.

This year we also saw the completion of the Youth Investment Fund works at Armstrong Hall. The transformation has been remarkable, and we now have a high-quality base that supports Scouting and provides a space that our groups and the wider community can be proud of.

Another priority this year has been ensuring that mandatory training, especially Safety and Safeguarding, is up to date for all our volunteers. This is vital in keeping Scouting safe and enjoyable for every young person. My sincere thanks go to Justin McDonnell, who has worked tirelessly to support volunteers with their training and ensure we remain in a strong position for the future.

Financially, the District remains stable thanks to careful stewardship and the hard work of our Trustee Board. Grants, fundraising, and strong governance have ensured we can continue to provide events and training opportunities for all.

I must take this opportunity to thank every single volunteer across Lowry. Whether you are a section leader, a trustee, a parent who helps occasionally, or a supporter cheering us on—you are making a difference. The awards listed in this report are a testament to the dedication, imagination, and commitment of so many, but I know there are countless acts of kindness and leadership that may go unrecognised. Please know that they are appreciated.

Looking forward, we are excited to continue supporting our young people. With plans for future events, international trips, and a continued focus on safe, inclusive Scouting, I have no doubt Lowry will keep leaping forward.

Thank you all for your continued commitment to our movement and for everything you do to make Scouting in Lowry such a success.

Programme

Ryan Swailes - District Lead Volunteer

Squirrels - Kim Skaife

During the 2024/2025 year the Lowry District has maintained 5 Squirrel dreys across 4 groups. Each group has awarded multiple Chief Scout Acorns to their squirrels, after a successful and well-rounded programme. The Squirrels have attended many Lowry events during the year – including St George’s Funday, Easter Egg Hunt – both at Hollinwood Scout Camp; a trip to Smithills Farm in July, and the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service.

The Squirrels enjoyed mixing with their older counterparts for District-wide events and we hope to have more collaboration between sections in the coming years.

Beavers - Cat Cronshaw

The Beavers have another full and fun-packed year, with our groups attending many different events in their groups and wider District events.

We have seen more than 9 Chief Scouts Bronze Awards being awarded over the last year, which is fantastic, and credit needs to go to our leaders for putting together outstanding programmes which allow our Beavers to achieve the top award. Also, credit needs to go to our fantastic beavers for their hard work to get this award. We are all super proud of you.

This year saw the 88th Beavers become District Dominoes champions in January 2025, taking the title from the 100th in a closely fought battle. They also won the Swimming Gala in October 2024, another fantastic result by the 88th. Let’s hope the winning ways continue into 2025/2026.

We have seen individual Beaver sections attend and participate in a range of activities, including:

A visit from curious critters, meeting snakes, spiders, and owls. Their leaders also tried mealworms; apparently, they don’t taste too bad. Groups visiting the RSPCA shelter and completing a hike in Heaton Park. We have seen Beavers brave sleeping in a shark tunnel as part of their Nights Away badge and groups helping in their local community by participating in bag packing.

Other District events include a soft archery competition, a trip to Smithills Farm and our now famous Easter Egg hunt, which cubs and Squirrels attended. We saw an excellent turnout for Remembrance Day, and St George’s It’s a Knock Out day was part of our whole District events programme.

The year ahead is jam-packed as ever, with the old favourites returning (dominoes



competition: can 88th retain their title?), our Beaver District camp in July 2025, Easter Egg planned for April 2025 and hopefully again in March 2026, with Squirrels and hopefully cubs joining us again.

We are looking forward to another brilliant year, and I want to take this opportunity to thank all our outstanding Beaver leaders for their incredible support. We couldn’t do this without you.

Cubs - Tony Rice

This year, Lowry Cubs have been very busy. From camping to the Cubs Totem Pole Competition, Cubs from across the District have come together as they gain skills for life.

At the 2024 Totem Pole Competition, teams from 3rd Pendlebury, 24th Swinton, 100th Salford, 88th Salford, and 82nd Salford came together for an afternoon of Scouting activities to compete for the totem pole. Congratulations to 24th Swinton who came first and well done to all of the young people who attended. Thank you to 1st Clifton for allowing us to use your meeting place.

Cubs worked towards their Animal Carer Activity Badge at our Sea Life Centre visit as they learnt about the habitats and the feeding habits of aquatic animals. This was followed by working towards their Teamwork Challenge Award as they participated in teams during bowling. It was a great day!

Thank you to Laura and our amazing Lowry Cub Leaders who stepped in to run the annual Cubs Halloween Party at Armstrong Hall. The young people had a fantastic time with some really spooky costumes.

Cubs from across Lowry competed in the 2025 Totem Pole Competition. We had fantastic weather which allowed us to have bases indoors as well as outdoors. It was a fantastic

event with Cubs trying their best and working together to compete for the totem pole. Congratulations to 3rd Pendlebury who came first with a fantastic effort from all Cubs in every team. All the bases at the totem pole were run by individual groups and the activities provided were absolutely fantastic. Thank you to the leaders who supported this event and thank you to Shelly in the kitchen for keeping all the leaders hydrated.

Thank you to all the Leaders from across Lowry who have helped with events for Cubs, the support is greatly appreciated and I can't wait to see what the next year brings.

Scouts - Bob Hambelton

The year started off with Lowry running the Inter-District Lord Derby Competition at Dunham in place of the County Lord Derby Competition. Nine teams from across the county attended including two from Lowry.

The year for the Scouts continued with the usual competitions, 5-a-side Football in May, the Camping and Backwoods Cooking Competition in June, Orienteering in October and Dodgeball in November. After the New Year there was another 5-a-side Football competition in February and then the Get Out of That in March. The District then ran a second Inter-District Lord Derby competition at Hollinwood Scout campsite with nine teams.

In addition to the District competitions Teams from 3rd Pendlebury, and 24th Swinton took part in the BST Hiking competition. 1st Clifton also entered as a mixed team with 1st Atherton.

In early October 1st Clifton took part in the Chariot Race at Bispham Hall Scout campsite with two teams one of which reached the final which was a fantastic achievement considering neither team had participated before.



Support

Ryan Swailes - District Lead Volunteer

The Support Team has played a vital behind-the-scenes role in keeping the District connected and informed throughout the year. While they are rarely seen in person—often working quietly behind cameras or in front of laptops—their contributions are essential to the smooth running of Lowry. A major focus this year has been increasing our social media presence, with regular posts celebrating the achievements of our young people across the District. Together, the team continues to help more people discover the joy of Scouting and the incredible work happening across Lowry. We encourage everyone to keep interacting with our posts to help grow our reach and celebrate the spirit of Scouting.

Administration - Laura Greenhalgh

At the end of last year, I was delighted to be appointed as one of Lowry's Administrators, with a focus on supporting the Board of Trustees and overseeing governance across the District. Over the past year, I've worked hard to streamline processes, improve communication, and ensure that governance tasks are carried out efficiently and transparently. It's been a rewarding experience to contribute to the smooth running of our operations and to support the incredible work happening across Lowry.

Media - Lauren Aldred

This year has seen a huge increase in Lowry's external social media presence, with the launching of a new District Instagram and the re-energising of our external Facebook page. In just 9 months, we've increased our audience reach to 20.9k, up 641% compared to before last November when the pages launched.

We've begun to use paid adverts to boost recruitment and created a social media calendar, to make sure our content is frequent and varied whilst incorporating all aspects of the District activities. This includes District events, group spotlights, targeted recruitment, award celebrations and high-quality videos.

With the help of our recently purchased District camera and GoPro, we hope to continue to boost our online presence further and create a strong online community to celebrate and showcase everything we do.

Communications - Ben Beaver

Our internal communications have remained a strength of our District this year, with our Microsoft 365 provision expanding to support more volunteers than ever before. We have continued The Thread intermittently, targeting it to when we feel it will be most impactful and experimenting with new platforms to increase engagement. In addition, this Annual Report has, as always, been a pleasure to compile!

Volunteer Development

Justin McDonnell - Volunteer Development Team Leader

The Volunteer Development Team is now in its second year of existence. We have now finally got used to all our new role titles, and we are sure you have too! The team is divided into three main sections, Welcome, Learning, and Recognition.

Welcome

The Welcome Team, managed by Ann Salt MBE, has been extremely busy hosting regular Appointments Meetings up to December 2024, and then the new Welcome Conversation Meetings since January this year. A big thank you to everyone who has helped in any way to make these meetings happen, and be as successful as they have been. We have met with, and welcomed nearly 40 new volunteers who have started on their Scouting journey as leaders. They are split across all the groups and sections in the District, but the majority being new Squirrel and Beaver leaders at thriving groups. With the District enlarging, this increase in volunteers is inevitable, but it has been a pleasure meeting them all, and witnessing their enthusiasm, and the new energy that they are bringing to their groups, sections and the District as a whole.

Learning

Adult Learning has been continuing steadily over the past 12 months, however as you all know, the introduction of the new digital membership system has dramatically changed the way it is recorded. Lowry District continues to be one of the leading Districts in Greater Manchester West County that is fully compliant with mandatory training. Since April 2024, all volunteers who needed to (approximately 150 in total) have completed the new on line Safety training module, 122 volunteers have completed their Safeguarding on line training, and 72 volunteers have completed their First Aid training. This is an outstanding effort by everyone, which reflects the commitment of all our District volunteers.

Recognition

Many volunteers have had their hard work and efforts celebrated throughout the year with Good Service and Length of Service Awards. Since April 2024, 12 volunteers have been awarded Good Service Awards, and 15 volunteers have received Length of Service Awards. Congratulations to all those who have been recognised with Awards. This work is always on going, so many more will be considered in the months ahead.

Looking forward, it is my intention to make a big effort to encourage those who are very close to completion of their wood badge, to get the remaining modules verified, and award their beads. There are also around 50 volunteers, who must complete or renew their First Aid training in the next year. Please keep a look out for courses, which will be organised in the not-too-distant future. Finally, yet importantly, if you receive emails from The Scout Association about mandatory training, please act on them as soon as you possibly can to avoid suspension.

I would like to finish by thanking you all for your efforts over the last 12 months. It has been a testing time with the introduction of new systems. You are all amazing in all that you do in Scouting. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your volunteering development, whatever they may be, email me at justin.mcdonnell@lowryDistrict.org.uk and I will be only too happy to assist in whatever way I can.

14-25 Team

James Seddon - 14-25 Team Leader

What a year it's been for the 14-25 Team! Over the past twelve months, we've seen our Stegosaurus and Diplodocus units really come together as one strong team, taking on some brilliant challenges and adventures.

The absolute highlight has to be our first overseas trip to Belfast - completing our Four Cities Tour in style! The Giant's Causeway was genuinely breathtaking - scrambling over the incredible rock formations and taking in the wild coastline was amazing, although next time we must check the tide-times! Our visit to Stormont sparked some great discussions about politics and democracy, with the MP's talk really getting everyone thinking. But the Titanic Museum was something else entirely - so immersive and moving. The recreations, artifacts and artistic exhibits brought the whole story to life in a way none of us expected.

Coming back from Belfast, we channeled all that energy into developing practical skills our Explorers actually wanted to learn. We turned our hand to film photography, baking for a crowd, and practiced budgeting for the real world with our meal plans while away on trips. Our November Camp was brilliant for independence - small teams of Explorers took on independent expedition routes around the Derbyshire countryside, some definitely learned that reading a map in the rain is harder than it looks!

March Camp at Bowley continued this theme, giving everyone the chance to try new skills and choose their own adventure paths. What's been fantastic to see peer-mentoring in action between our more experienced Stegosaurus members and the growing Diplodocus crew. Having both units work together on trips and activities has brought fresh energy and created some brilliant mentorship opportunities.

Looking forward to next year, we're excited to continue the momentum our experience Explorers have as they take on bigger challenges as part of Network, working towards the King's Scout Awards and supporting each other in their next adventures. It's great seeing our enthusiastic Explorers transition into Network as they turn 18 and want to keep their Scouting journey going.

Huge thanks to all our 14-25 Team leaders - your willingness to hike across the Giant's Causeway, sleep in questionable weather, and support our young people through every adventure makes all the difference. Here's to another year of brilliant adventures and probably a few more stories we'll be telling for years to come!



Youth

Luke Turner - Youth Lead

What a fantastic year it has been across Lowry District! Once again, our young people have risen to the challenge, taken the lead, and truly shaped their Scouting experiences in ways that continue to inspire all of us.

One standout moment this year was the youth-run session at our District camping competition – a brilliant example of young people taking ownership, sharing their skills, and leading with confidence. Events like this remind us just how powerful youth-led Scouting can be when given the space to thrive.

We have seen more YouShape Awards earned this year than ever before, a testament to the commitment of our young people and leaders in building programmes with young people at its heart. Across many sections around the District, we have had hikes and routes planned by our scouts themselves, and countless meetings and activities shaped around their input. It has been fantastic to see young people not only involved in programme planning, but excited to do so.

A special mention must go to our Young Leaders, who continue to show incredible commitment and leadership across sections. Their input not only supports our younger members but also helps shape the future of Scouting in Lowry. Through attending many events planned by the fantastic programme team, I have been able to see our young people

grow in confidence, not just participating, but leading with intent, reflecting on what works, and showing a real understanding of what it means to shape their own experiences and becoming leaders

As a District, we are continuing to move forward in our journey to become even more youth-led. From young leaders stepping up, to more opportunities being shaped and delivered by Scouts themselves, it is clear that Lowry is a place where youth voice matters.

There is, of course, always more we can do – and that is something we are looking forward to. Over the next year, we will be looking to strengthen the youth-led idea, encourage even more peer-led opportunities, and keep building a culture where every young person knows they can influence their own Scouting experience.

If you are a leader looking to embed more youth voice into your programme, or a young person with ideas to shape the future of Scouting in Lowry, let's talk! We are always here to support and amplify your ideas.

Thank you to all the leaders and volunteers who make this possible – your support empowers our young people to grow into confident, skilled, and passionate individuals. Here is to another great year of youth-shaped Scouting in Lowry!



Census 2025

Census of Membership in Lowry For the year ending January 2025

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
Youth membership					
Squirrels	68	30			98
Beavers	110	17			127
Cubs	94	33			127
Scouts	70	40			110
Explorers	34	4			38
Network	4	1			5
Total Youth Membership	380	125			505
Adult roles					
Leadership	46	61	1		108
Management	6	3			9
Support	2	2			4
Governance	17	15			32
Group	67	78	1		146
District	4	3			7
Total Adult Membership	71	81	1		153
Totals					
Total Youth Membership	380	125			505
Total Adult Membership	71	81	1		153
Total Membership	451	206	1		658
Total to pay					500
Waiting lists					
Squirrels	5	10			15
Beavers	14	3			17
Cubs	4	2			6
Scouts		1			1
Total waiting lists	23	16			39
Young Leaders					
Squirrels	1	1			2
Beavers	4				4
Cubs	5	2			7
Scouts	6	2			8
Total Young Leaders	16	5			21
Sections					
Squirrel dreys					7
Beaver colonies					10
Cub packs					10
Scout troops					7
Explorer units					3
Venture Scout units					0
Local network					1
Young Leader units					1
Organisation					
Sections					38
Groups					9
Districts					1
Counties					0
Other					0





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Welcome to our AGM

From our Chair, Paul Wilson

It is my privilege to introduce the Annual Report for 2023/24.

Under the leadership of Ryan, we have seen our District flourish and I'm proud to see that with your hard work and support the District has seen the largest percentage growth across the County. This is largely driven by the opportunity to open Scouting to a wider age range and the additional three Squirrel Dreys and a very active 14-25 Team. I have no doubt that this is mainly due to the strong, wide-ranging and diverse programme that our young people have thoroughly enjoyed.

As you will see later in the report, we have made significant progress with training thanks to the work Justin McDonnell has completed, and this puts us in a very strong position as we continue to make Safe Scouting our number one priority.

Since our last AGM significant work has taken place at our District HQ and I am sure you are as impressed as the Trustee Board are at the changes, we have been able to implement thanks to the grant from the Youth Investment Fund which Ryan successfully applied for.

I have the pleasure of saying that as a Board of Trustees we are well placed to continue the transformation journey, and we find ourselves financially secure due to the hard work of our Treasurer Sharm Clarke; thank you. The Trustee Board have worked hard to offer strategic governance and meet the challenges, thank you to every Board member, but also a special thank you goes to the whole District Support Team for helping us make this happen.

Finally a thank you to each and everyone for providing Scouting opportunities for all.

Awards



The **Silver Wolf** is the highest award made by the Scout Association, for services of the most exceptional character.

Dr Geoffery Sides
Mrs Ann Salt
Mr Stanley Atkins
Mr Martin Maynard
Mrs Adela Ramsbottom



The **Award for Merit** is awarded for outstanding service. It implies keen, conscientious, imaginative and dedicated service, of at least 12 years duration.

Ms Jacqueline Blades
Mrs Lisa Bold
Mr Ian Boyle
Mr Wesley Buckley
Mr Richard Eaton
Mr Colin Gettins
Mr Dave Heald
Mrs Rusine Heald
Mr Jordan James
Mr Michael James
Mrs Pauline Mack
Mrs Tracy McCarty
Mrs Sarah Moore
Mr Mark Pope
Mr Michael Rollinson
Mrs Elizabeth Samson
Mr James Samson
Ms Josephine Stephens (Gone Home)



The **Chief Scout's Commendation for Meritorious Conduct** is awarded for meritorious conduct of a high standard.
Mr David Heald



The **Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service** is awarded in respect of not less than 5 years of good service, which stands out.

Ms Emma Hambelton
Mrs Lynn Harman
Mr David Heath
Mr Nicholas Jolly
Mr Gerard Mack
Mrs Yasma Osman
Mr Ryan Swailes



The **Commissioner's Commendation Award** is awarded by certain Lead Volunteers to recognise individuals for their contribution to the Scouts.

Mrs Victoria Boon
Mrs Sharmila Clarke
Mrs Susan Heys
Mr Daley Lyson
Mr Joshua Macdonald
Mrs Emma Nightingale
Mr Tony Rice
Mrs Michelle Rowlands
Mrs James Seddon
Mr Nathan Talbot
Mr Paul Wilson



The **Silver Acorn** is awarded after at least 20 years of specially distinguished service.

Mr Alfred Armstrong
Mrs Suzanne Atkinson
Mr Harry Fairchild
Mr Mark Gore
Mr Robert Hambelton
Mr Dennis Matthews
Mr Justin McDonnell

Thanking our volunteers for their contribution is incredibly important to us, especially when we see them demonstrating outstanding service which deserves recognition.

One way we do this is through our good service awards awards, which recognise the **outstanding and dedicated service** consistently shown by our adult members, above and beyond what is asked of them.

We hope you **join us in congratulating them** in their achievement, and thanking them for their incredible service, often over many years!

District Team

The District Team is made up of the Board of Trustees, the Group Lead Volunteers, and the Leadership Team, which work together to ensure safe, high-quality Scouting takes place across our District.

District President

Dr Geoffrey Sides

Vice Presidents

Mrs Ann Salt

Mr Alf Armstrong

Mr Stanley Atkins

County Commissioner

Mr Andy Farrell

District Commissioner

Mr Ryan Swailes

District Chair

Mr Paul Wilson

District Treasurer

Mrs Sharmilla Clarke

District Secretary

Mr Joshua Macdonald

District Trustees

Mr Martin Maynard

Mrs Lynn Harman

Deputy District Commissioner (Programme)

Mrs Michelle Rowlands

Deputy District Commissioner (Support)

Mr Joshua Macdonald

Deputy District Commissioner (Adult Support)

Mr Justin McDonnell

District Explorer Scout Commissioner

Mr James Seddon

Scout Network Commissioner

Mr James Seddon

District Youth Commissioner

Mr Luke Turner

Appointments Advisory Committee Chair

Mrs Ann Salt

District Communications Manager (Communications)

Mr Benjamin Beaver

District Communications Manager (Media)

Miss Lauren Aldred

Assistant District Commissioner (Squirrels)

Mrs Kim Skaife

Assistant District Commissioner (Beavers)

Miss Courtney Pope

Assistant District Commissioner (Cubs)

Mr Tony Rice

Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts)

Mr Robert Hambelton

District Leaders

Mr William Heath (Stegosaurus ESU)

Miss Fiona Taylor (Stegosaurus ESU)

Ms Jacqueline Blades (Diplodocus ESU)

Mr Ian Mcgealy (Diplodocus ESU)

Mr Kacper Mlekodaj (Diplodocus ESU)

Group Scout Leaders

Mrs Susan Heys (1st Springwood)

Mr Stuart Kernighan (1st Clifton)

Mr Stephen Woodcock (3rd Pendlebury)

Mrs Pauline Mack (3rd Swinton)

Mrs Adela Ramsbottom (24th Swinton)

Mr Richard Eaton (43rd Salford)

Mr Tony Rice (82nd Salford)

Mrs Suzanne Atkinson (88th Salford)

Mr Nathan Talbot (100th Salford)

District Nights Away Advisers

Mr James Samson

Mr Wesley Buckley

Minutes

of the 8th Annual General Meeting of Lowry District Scout Council, held on the 22nd September 2023 at Armstrong Hall.

Present:

Dr Geoffery Sides, District President
Mr Alfred Armstrong, District Vice-President
Mrs Ann Salt, District Vice-President
Mr Stanley Atkins, District Vice-President
Mr Jacob Bond, Deputy County Commissioner (Greater Manchester West)
Mr Paul Wilson, Chair
Mrs Sharmilla Clarke, Treasurer
Mr Ryan Swailes, District Commissioner
Mr Joshua Macdonald, Deputy District Commissioner (Support)
Mrs Michelle Rowlands, Deputy District Commissioner (Programme)
Mr Justin McDonnell, Deputy District Commissioner (Adult Support)
Mr Luke Turner, District Youth Commissioner
Mr James Seddon, District Explorer Scout Commissioner
Ms Courtney Pope, Assistant District Commissioner- Beaver Scouts
Mr Robert Hambelton, Assistant District Commissioner- Scouts
Mr Ben Beaver, District Communications Manager
Mrs Lynn Harman, District Trustee
Mr James Samson, District Nights Away Assessor
Ms Heather Harman, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mstr Joseph Ratcliffe, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mstr Harrison Boon, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Ms Isabella Heath, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mstr Archie Hamer, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mstr Joshua Ballantyne, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mstr Matthew Christian, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mstr Ethan Lea, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mstr Krzysztof Hoffman, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mrs Louise Ratcliffe, Explorer Scout Parent (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mr Simon Ratcliffe, Explorer Scout Parent (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mrs Sarah Heath, Explorer Scout Parent (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mr Stephen Woodcock, Group Scout Leader (3rd Pendlebury)
Ms Jackie Blades, Scout Leader (3rd Pendlebury)
Mr Ian McGealy, Assistant Scout Leader (3rd Pendlebury)
Mrs Adela Ramsbottom, Group Scout Leader (24th Swinton)
Mr Collin Gettings, Cub Scout Leader (24th Swinton)
Mr Asa Neill, Assistant Cub Scout Leader (43rd Salford)
Mr Tony Rice, Group Scout Leader (82nd Salford)
Ms Leonie Berry, Squirrel Section Leader (82nd Salford)
Ms Maria Buyuker, Section Assistant – Beaver Scouts (82nd Salford)
Mr David Farrington, Section Assistant – Scouts (82nd Salford)

Mrs Tracy McCarty, Cub Scout Leader (82nd Salford)
Mrs Rosie Sales, Assistant Cub Scout Leader (82nd Salford)
Mr David Heath, Scout Leader (82nd Salford)
Mrs Sue Atkins, Group Scout Leader (88th Salford)
Ms Laura Greenhalgh, Assistant Cub Scout Leader (88th Salford)
Mr Mark Gore, Beaver Scout Leader (88th Salford)
Mr Kacper Mlekodaj, Section Assistant- Scouts (88th Salford)
Mr Nathan Talbot, Group Scout Leader (100th Salford)
Mrs Victoria Burrows-Boon, Deputy Group Scout Leader (100th Salford)
Mr Michael Rollinson, Group Scout Leader (100th Salford)
Ms Emma Hambelton, Cub Scout Leader (100th Salford)
Mr Christopher Dillon, Assistant Cub Scout Leader (100th Salford)

Apologies for Absence:

Mrs Sue Leonard, County Chair (Greater Manchester West)
Ms Lauren Aldred, District Section Leader – Network
Mrs Yasma Osman, District Occasional Helper
Mr Martin Maynard, Group Treasurer (43rd Salford)
Mr Jon Knipe, Scout Leader (24th Swinton)
Ms Imogen Knipe, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mrs Liz Glover, Section Assistant- Scouts (24th Swinton)
Mrs Sarah Moore, Beaver Scout Leader (100th Salford)
Mrs Rusine Heald, Assistant Cub Scout Leader (43rd Salford)
Mr David Heald, Cub Scout Leader (43rd Salford)

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Paul Wilson, District Chair, welcomed all in attendance to the Annual General Meeting of 2023.

Thanks were passed to the venue for the use of the facilities

2. Apologies for Absence

Josh Macdonald read the apologies for absence

3. To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 23rd September 2022

The minutes were reviewed by the District Board of Trustees at their first meeting after the 2022 Annual General Meeting and so are proposed as a true and accurate record of the 2022 AGM.

Proposed: P Wilson
Seconded: B Beaver
Motion carried

4. Governance Topics

P Wilson noted to the District Scout Council that this part of the meeting is relevant to ensure that the charity's foundations are in good order.

4.a To adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules

In line with recommendations made from Scout Headquarters, P Wilson proposes that we adopt the model constitution from Chapter 5 of Policy, Organisation and Rules.

Proposed: P Wilson
Seconded: C Pope
Motion Carried

4.b. Note of the District's Financial Year

Members of the District Scout Council were asked to note that the Charity's Financial Year is April 6th to April 5th

4.c. Agree the Number of Member that may be Elected to the District Board of Trustee's

The District Scout Council must agree at its AGM the number of people to be elected to the Board of Trustee's. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board is that 6 people can be elected.

Proposal to accept this recommendation

Proposed: P Wilson
Seconded: J Seddon
Motion Carried

4.d Agree to the Quorum for each District Scout Council (including this AGM), meetings of the District Trustee Board and Sub-Committees

The District Scout Council must agree at its AGM, the quorum – the minimum number of District Scout Council Members present for a meeting of the Council. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board is that the quorum should be 25 persons. The District Scout Council is asked to approve this recommendation.

Proposed: P Wilson
Seconded: C Pope
Motion Carried

The District Scout Council must agree at its AGM the quorum for Trustee Board Meetings, and Sub-Committee Meetings. The Charity Commission Statement of Good Practice is that the Trustee Board Quorum should be set at one third of Trustee Members plus one and that that Sub-Committee Quorum should be set at one third of the Committee plus one. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board is that the Quorum be set at the Charity Commission Statement of Good Practice.

The District Scout Council is asked to approve this recommendation

Proposed: P Wilson
Seconded: R Hambelton
Motion Carried

5. Review of the Previous Year

Paul Wilson, Chair, reflects on the previous year and the changes that we have seen since 2022.

5.a. District Commissioner's Review of Scouting in Lowry District

Paul Wilson asks Ryan Swailes, District Commissioner, to present the Annual Report for 2023.

5.b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board, including the Annual Statement of Accounts

The District Trustee Board has approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and the report on the accounts received from the Scrutineer.

Sharmilla Clarke, District Treasurer presented the Annual Financial Accounts.

Paul Wilson expressed thanks to the District Treasurer for all her hard work in ensuring the accounts are well presented.

No questions were asked to the District Treasurer.

6. Making Appointments

The chair notes to the District Scout Council that this section of the meeting sets the Charity up to be well-led during the period to the next AGM. Particularly, the District Scout Council appoints a Trustee Board to ensure good governance for the charity over the year.

6.a To (re-)appoint the District President and/or Vice Presidents

Paul Wilson notes that the role(s) of District President and/or Vice President are made by the District Scout Council.

Paul Wilson advises that Dr Geoffery Sides is Proposed as District President and Mrs. Ann Salt, Mr. Alfred Armstrong and Mr. Stanley Atkins are proposed as Vice-Presidents

Motion Carried

6.b. To note any other supporters who may be admitted to membership of the District Scout Council, including former Scouts and parents, by the District Commissioner, the District Trustee Board or the District Scout Council

Paul Wilson notes that Members of the District Scout Council may elect members to the Council. The chair advises that Elizabeth Samson, Former District Commissioner, is nominated as a member of the District Scout Council.

These are persons who are to be admitted as member of the District Scout Council in addition to the ex-officio list in POR Rule 5.4.2.5

Motion Carried

6.c. To approve the District Commissioner's nomination of District Chair

Paul Wilson, Chair, passed the chairmanship to Ryan Swailes, District Commissioner.

The District Commissioner nominated Paul Wilson to continue as Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Motion Carried

Ryan Swailes passed the chairmanship to Paul Wilson.

6.d. To elect the District Secretary

The District Secretary is an elected appointment, and as required, Joshua Macdonald has been formally proposed and seconded. Since there were no other nominations by the closing date a show of hands was required to approve Joshua Macdonald's nomination.

Motion Carried

6.e. To elect the District Treasurer

The District Treasurer is an elected appointment, and as required, Sharmilla Clarke has been formally proposed and seconded. Since there were no other nominations by the closing date a show of hands was required to approve Sharmilla Clarke's nomination.

Motion Carried

6.f. To elect persons to the District Trustee Board

Joshua Macdonald explained that the following have been formally proposed and seconded in writing by the due date:

Mr. Stephen Woodcock
Mr. Justin McDonnell
Mrs. Lynn Harman
Mr. James Samson

The chair requested a show of hands to approve their election

Motion Carried

6.g. To approve the District Commissioner's Nominations to the District Board of Trustees

Ryan Swailes nominates:

Mrs. Adela Ramsbottom
Mr. Martin Maynard
Mrs. Ann Salt

Paul Wilson passes thanks to all the Trustees over the last year.

6.h. To appoint the Independent Scrutineer

Sharmilla Clarke proposes Ryan Thompson

Paul Wilson asks for a show of hands to approve this nomination.

Motion Carried

6.i To nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council.

We must nominate one person as a County Scout Council representative. Joshua Macdonald has been proposed and seconded.

Paul Wilson asks for a show of hands to approve this nomination.

Motion Carried

7. Closing Remarks

The Chair closes the Annual General Meeting and formal proceedings of the meeting. Paul thanked all for attending.



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Sharmila Clarke

Lowry District Scout Council

Our Purpose and Method

The District's governing documents are those of The Scout Associations. 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 District is a Trust which is 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 District is managed by a Board of Trustees, the members of which are the "Charity Trustees" of the Scout District. As Charity Trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to all charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts, and making returns to The Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Board of Trustees consists of the Chair, Treasurer, and 7 Trustees (including 2 Ex-Officio Trustees) and meets every 2 months. Members of the Board of Trustees complete "Being a Scouts Trustee" learning within 6 months of joining the Board.

The District 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 District and in the best interests of its members in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The District Trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the District 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 District is primarily reliant upon income from our investments. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The primary mitigation is to diversify revenue streams by using the District Membership Charge and Armstrong Hall, alongside grant applications.

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

The District is an educational charity.

Lowry District Scout Council

District Reserves Policy

The Board of Trustees have set a level equivalent to six months of operating costs for the organisation as a desired level of reserve. This fund is a contingency in the event of a sudden or unexpected reduction in income, in order to protect the future operation of the organisation from the effects of any unforeseen variations in its income and expenditure. It also provides cash flow for grants and contracts that are paid in arrears.

The reserves policy has been established on the following basis:

- the organisation's responsibility as a property owner, Armstrong Hall, and an obligation to provide a suitable venue to its licence holders.
- the organisation has a large part of its expenditure matched against income for planned events, which are not included in the reserves set.
- the organisation has a 14-24 provision.

The reserves policy and the levels of reserves are reviewed yearly as part of the annual budgetary process.

The reserves for 2024-2025 are specified as:

Unrestricted Funds represented by:	Reserve Level (£)	Description of Funds
General Purpose Reserve Fund (Lowry)	£2,000.00	General operation of Lowry District Scout Council
General Purpose Reserve Fund (14-24 Provision)	£2,150.00	General operation of the 14-24 Provision (Explorers & Network)
Premises Reserve - General	£5,000.00	General operation of Armstrong Hall.
Premises Reserve - Maintenance	£3,000.00	General maintenance costs for Armstrong Hall

Lowry District Scout Council

District Investment Policy

The Board of Trustees have established, in line with the Trustee Act 2000, an Investment Policy that outlines the actions taken to ensure the appropriate financial management of the District Scout Council. It is recognised that the primary source of income for the Scout Council is through its investments, primarily made up from the Salford Legacy Fund.

The Salford Legacy Fund was established after the former Salford District Scout Council was closed to form Lowry District Scout Council. The purpose of this fund is to provide an annual income for the Scout Council to be used for its charitable aims.

When making investment decisions, the Scout Council have the following objectives:

- to provide the organisation with the greatest financial return, with the minimum level of risk.
- to invest ethically and morally, unless this objective greatly reduces the financial return.
- where possible, sourced advice from an individual with a financial background.
- the liquidity requirements of each account.

The investment policy and investments in place are reviewed yearly as part of the annual budgetary process.

The investments for 2024-2025 are specified as:

Investment Name	Bank/Provider	Interest Rate (%)	Liquidity Terms	Opening Balance (£)
Salford Legacy Fund	Redwood Bank	4.60	2 Year Fixed Term Bond, no withdrawal.	£80,000.00
Reserve and Hardship Fund	Redwood Bank	3.69	35 days	£0.00 (pending transfer)



Report & Accounts for the year ended 6th April 2024

Lowry District Scout Council

PRESIDENT	Geoffrey Sides
VICE PRESIDENT	Ann Salt Alf Armstrong Stan Atkins
TRUSTEES: <i>EX-Officio</i> - Appointment	
District Chair	Paul Wilson
District Lead Volunteer	Ryan Swailes
District 14-25 Team Leader	James Seddon
District Youth Lead	Luke Turner
District Treasurer	Sharmila Clarke
District Secretary	Joshua Macdonald
Nominated by the District Commissioner	Adela Ramsbottom - resigned 02/02/24 Martin Maynard
Elected by the District Scout Council	Lynn Harman Justin McDonnell Steve Woodcock James Samson
Co-Opted by the District Executive Committee	Ann Salt
Bank: CAF Bank Limited	Redwood Bank Limited The Nexus Bldg Broadway, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3TA
25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ	
Independent Examiner of the District Accounts	Ryan Thompson
District Registration Number with the Scout Association	11961947
Charity Registration Number	514098
Contact Name and Address : Sharmila Clarke	
60 Park Lane, Salford, M6 7RQ	
Mobile 07834836758	

LOWRY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 6th April 2024

MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

The operational result for the year is an **income below expenditure of £12,680** - due to:
 £1,996 prior year District Camp surplus used to part fund programme events this year.
 £2,761 Transfer 12th Swinton bank account unsuccessful
 £1,769 Armstrong Hall loss - account do not include £1,263 owed rent
 £3,397 restricted funds spent in year
 £3,379 2-way radios purchased

Taking out the restricted funds then the resultant working capital is £25,257

The working capitals since Lowry District formation are	On formation	Feb-16	£17,888
End of Year 1	Year 1	Apr-17	£16,398
End of Year 2	Year 2	Apr-18	£15,536
End of Year 3	Year 3	Apr-19	£14,684
End of Year 4	Year 4	Apr-20	£15,363
End of Year 5	Year 5	Apr-21	£17,610
End of Year 6	Year 6	Apr-22	£22,813
End of Year 7	Year 7	Apr-23	£32,483
End of Year 8	Year 8	Apr-24	£25,257

The District's financial policy remains to control spending to an amount equal to its income and to be able to fund District events, administration, meetings, and support Groups in activities such as leader training and to ensure the District is growing and developing.

We have received £157,243 Youth Investment Fund Grant for Armstrong Hall refurbishment, £34,126 completed this year, remainder to be completed in next financial year.

The 14-24 Provision Recieved a £500 grant in February 2024 to support with the opening of the new Explorer Scout Provision

Restricted Funds balance at year end:
 £2,750 COVID Hardship Fund District
 £3,586 HQ Hardship fund - specific to 2 groups

The District is a Trust established under the rules that are common to all Groups/Units. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis. During the year all Groups/Units have been asked / filed a financial report with the District.

Approved by the trustees on 18th July 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Sharmila Clarke
District Treasurer

Paul Wilson
District Chair

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 6th April 2024

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
Total receipts for the year (see page D4)	45,256	34,126	79,382	35,478
Total Payments for the year (see page D5)	54,375	37,677	92,052	19,034
Net receipts (payments) for the year.	-9,119	-3,551	-12,670	16,445
Transfer of funds between funds (Balance Sheet Transfer) Badge Stock				
Resultant Net receipts (payments) for the year	-9,119	-3,551	-12,670	16,445
Cash, bank and asset funds at market value brought forward	43,724	80,000	454,644	445,631
Cash, bank and asset funds at market value carried forward	25,257	416,336	441,594	454,644

The above account and accompanying state of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 18th July 2024

Sharmila Clarke
District Treasurer

Paul Wilson
District Chair

Receipts for the year ended 6th April 2024

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS				
Capitation	22,892		22,892	35,909
INTEREST				
Bank Interest	1,522		1,522	159
Building Society Interest				
PAYMENTS FROM EQUITY INVESTMENTS:				
CAF Financial Investments	1,126		1,126	4,248
GRANTS				
ARMSTRONG HALL - Youth Investment Fund		34,126	34,126	7,520
Booths Grant WSJ			0	3,000
Early Years Grants			0	500
DONATIONS				
Amazon/PayPal/DONR.COM	28		28	38
ACTIVITIES & TRIPS				
Blackpool Zoo	1,804		1,804	0
Cubs Halloween Party	155		155	0
Egg24	233		233	0
CAMPING & COMPETITIONS				
Lowry District Camping & backwood Cooking Comp	1,206		1,206	0
Beavers Camp	1,180		1,180	0
Scouts_Explorers Expedition	652		652	0
Swimming Gala	315		315	0
District Dodgeball	86		86	0
District Football	86		86	0
District Camp	3,987		3,987	1,996
GOOT	89		89	0
Cubs Football	110		110	0
FUND RAISING				
Jamboree Fund Raising			0	1,780
ARMSTRONG HALL RENT	11,630		11,630	7,105
OTHER INCOME				
transfer 12th swinton Bank accounts	-2,761		-2,761	0
transfer 14th Swinton Bank Account			0	8,362
Sundry Receipts				
Badge Receipts	530		530	235
Loans Received			0	0
Other	387		387	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	45,256	34,126	79,382	35,478

LOWRY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Payments for the year ended 6th April 2024

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
PREMISES - Armstrong Hall				
Bills	1,102		1,102	136
Clearance/Cleaning	167		167	400
Insurance	1,333		1,333	1,180
Maintenance	619		619	770
Other	35		35	1,992
Repairs	465		465	809
replacement locks/keys	93		93	116
Utility Bills	6,824		6,824	4,549
Youth Investment Fund		34,280	34,280	0
DEVELOPMENT COSTS				
District Website			0	0
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT COSTS				
Helper/Contents Insurance	81		81	0
Bank Charges	65		65	72
Meeting costs inc AGM	1,962		1,962	616
Other			0	31
ACTIVITIES & TRIPS				
Beaver, Cub, Scout, Explorers, District events and Trips	3,409		3,409	45
Program In A Box		141	141	903
Jamboree			0	6,405
CAMPING & COMPETITIONS				
Lowry District Camping & backwood Cooking Comp	1,734		1,734	59
Beavers Camp	1,141		1,141	0
Scouts_Explorers Expedition	768		768	0
Swimming Gala	358		358	46
GOOT	88		88	0
District Dodgeball	80		80	0
District Football	85		85	0
District Camp 2024	3,987		3,987	0
Cubs Football	214		214	0
Other			0	105
TRAINING				
Young Leader, Leader, First Aid, Safeguarding	147		147	0
First Aid	187		187	50
District Development days	356		356	0
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES				
Funraising			0	0
OTHER EXPENSES				
Communications - Pull out banner/leaflets/business cards	961		961	0
2-Way Radios	3,379		3,379	0
Rent	0		0	395
Badges	816	100	916	0
Capitation	22,892		22,892	35,373
Uniform Order 1st Springwood		2,417	2,417	0
Grants awarded		250	250	0
SUNDRY PAYMENTS				
Domain Names	24		24	29
Name Badges	186	85	271	0
Neckers	574	404	977	57
Web Hosting	175		175	175
Poppy Wreath	28		28	20
Other	40		40	73
Sherif Affinity IT Licenses			0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	54,375	37,677	92,052	19,034

LOWRY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 6 April 2024

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, Bank, and similar funds.				
Bank Current Account	11,739		11,739	7,960
Bank Deposit Account	13,335	6,336	19,671	34,183
Loans				
Cash In Hand	44		44	44
	25,118	6,336	31,454	42,186
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
Income due	1,806		1,806	2,156
Income received for next years income	0		0	0
Expenditure paid for next year	0		0	0
Expenditure due	-2,206		-2,206	-618
	-400		-400	1,538
TOTAL OTHER MONATARY ASSETS				
	24,717	6,336	31,054	43,724
INVESTMENT ASSETS				
Government Stocks at Market Value				
Other Quoted Securities at market value		80,000	80,000	80,380
Other investments				
Property held for investment purposes		330,000	330,000	330,000
NONE-MONETARY ASSETS- For Charity use.				
Badge Stock	540		540	540
	25,257	416,336	441,594	454,644
CASH, BANK AND SIMILAR FUNDS TOTAL				
LIABILITIES. Those due within one year				
Accounts not paid at 31 March				
Expenses incurred not yet paid				
Subscriptions not yet paid				
LIABILITIES. Those payable after one year				
Loans				
Hire purchase owing				
Lease payments out standing				
Other long term liabilities				
The District has no contingent liabilities and future obligations				

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 6th April 2024

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
Total receipts for the year	13610.78		13610.78	6872.64
Total Payments for the year		12289.32	12289.32	6873.59
Net receipts (payments) for the year.	1321.46		1321.46	-0.95
Resultant Net receipts (payments) for the year	1321.46		1321.46	-0.95
Cash, bank and asset funds at market value brought forward	1046.17		1072.42	1072.42
Cash, bank and asset funds at market value carried forward	2367.63		2367.63	1046.17

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lowry District Scout Council for the year ended 6th April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Lowry District Scout Council 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 Lowry District Scout Council accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the [Insert Scout Group/District name] as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed: 

Name: Ryan Thompson

Qualification: ACCA

Date: 23/07/24

Sharmila Clarke
District Treasurer

Paul Wilson
District Chair



District Lead Volunteer's Report

Ryan Swailes

I am writing this after leading Lowry for almost five years. The change in where we started to now is incredible and I cannot thank enough each Volunteer that provides their time, energy, and ideas, to see each young person thrive – and they really do thrive!

In my last report we welcomed two new Squirrel Dreys, flooding Lowry with a sea of red jumpers. Today our number stands at five, an incredible feat and Lowry has the largest number of Squirrels, and Dreys, across the County. Building on current success, we are excited to see two more Dreys open towards the end of 2024: 88th Salford, and 1st Clifton. These ventures will open more opportunities for our young people to come together and thrive.

Our Census from January 2024 was the biggest increase in Lowry numbers since the District was formed. Bouncing back to pre-COVID levels there was a fifteen percent increase overall, the largest percentage increase across Greater Manchester West. I cannot thank enough the efforts of every Volunteer for providing a high-quality programme that sees more and more young people wish to join Scouting. I am incredibly confident that our percentage increase will be the same in the coming years.

2024 saw the return of our District Camp, retracing our steps back to Kibblestone. 200 young people and Volunteers turned up to join in a weekend of activities, fun, and laughs. What an incredible sight it was to see everyone with smiling faces. A huge thank you to Michelle Rowlands and her Team who came together on many occasions to plan a fantastic camp, and a special mention to whoever booked the weather!

As ever, providing Safe Scouting is our number one priority. In the last few months, we have seen an increase in the measures being taken by Gilwell to ensure strong practice and Governance is carried out by all. Lowry is ahead of the game. We have been for the last five years, but I know we are not perfect. The changes have resulted in hours of work being undertaken by Volunteers behind the scenes. I would like to thank these individuals for their work. Because of their work we have invested in a stronger, safer District. Running alongside this work is Justin McDonnell, who manages our Mandatory Training Compliance. I would like to thank Justin, on behalf of myself and the County Lead Volunteer for his work.

I hope you take the opportunity to continue reading the excellent work my team have done over the last twelve months. Moving forward we are busy planning an exciting agenda to see us to 2028, including an international expedition in Northern Europe. There is a strong sense of unity that prevails, with each member of my team of one mind – that every young person in Lowry deserves the chances of a lifetime.

Programme Team

Michelle Rowlands - Programme Team Leader

This year the Programme Team has grown from strength to strength. The year started with me as Programme Team Lead supported by Robert Hambelton (Scouts) and Courtney Pope (Beavers & Squirrels). In July 2023 Tony Rice (Cubs), in February 2024 Kim Skaife (Squirrels) and in March 2024 Dave Heath (Programme Support) joined the team.

As in previous years we have organised events for each section to take part in, but alongside the district wide Remembrance Sunday Parade and Swimming Gala, this year also saw the return of our St George's Day Funday in April 2023, expertly organised by Justin McDonnell.

A new event on the calendar this year was the Expedition Challenge Weekend, you can read more about it in the Scouts section below. We know that this can be one of the more challenging parts in achieving the Chief Scout Gold Award, so we've decided to run the event every 2 years for Scouts 12 and over.

We have been busy planning and organising the Lowry District Camp for 2024 to Kibblestone International Scout Campsite. Over 200 young people and adults turned up for the third iteration and I would like to say THANK YOU to each person. It was an amazing weekend, and we even booked the weather.

Squirrels

At the end of last year we had 1 Squirrel Drey, at the end of this year we now have 4 Dreys and a 5th has opened at the beginning of 2024/25. The first batch of Chief Scout Acorn Awards have been awarded at 82nd Salford. This award is the highest award a Squirrel can receive - well done all! The Squirrels have attended many District events during their first year; St George's Funday, the Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs trip to Blackpool Zoo, the Annual Swimming Gala, Snakes and Ladders competition and the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service. The Squirrels across the District attended this for the first time and were very well behaved and showed that they can parade as well as their older counterparts.

We are looking forward to more growth in 2024 and taking Squirrels on more outdoor adventures.

Kim Skaife
Programme Team Member – Squirrels



Beavers

This year we have had an increase in the number of young people attending Lowry Beaver events. Congratulations to the groups who have awarded their young people with Chief Scout Bronze Awards, seeing our young people get the most out of their time in Beavers is an achievement to be very proud of.

We started and ended the year with Easter Egg Hunts, the first one in April 2023 being at Buile Hill Park and the next in March 2024 at Hollinwood Scout Campsite. Thank You to Sarah Moore for all her support this year in planning fantastic events for our Beavers to attend at Hollinwood Campsite. The bulb planting and Easter Egg hunt have both been a huge success and every young person went home with a smile on their face.

The Beavers also attended the St George's Funday in April 2023, the Lowry Beaver Camp in June 2023, the Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs trip to Blackpool Zoo in July 2023, the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service in November 2023, the Swimming Gala in November 2023 and the Domino Competition in January 2024.

We're looking forward to the events planned for 2024/25 and seeing many more Beavers taking part and achieving the top award.

Courtney Pope
Programme Team Member - Beavers

Cubs

Once again, another great year has happened for all our Cubs, we have had some fantastic events run by great leaders. Cubs attended the St George's Funday in April 2023, the Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs trip to Blackpool Zoo in July 2023, a Halloween Party, the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service in November 2023, the Swimming Gala in November 2023 and the 5-a-side football competition in January 2024.

The Halloween party was greatly attended by many groups with some fun costumes. Special thanks to Adela Ramsbottom and Sarah Moore for organising events over the last few months.

I look forward to another great year for all our young people and I know there will be many more great memories for them to make. Over the next year there will be more fun and adventurous events and activities being run for the Cubs.

Tony Rice
Programme Team Member - Cubs

Scouts

As always, the Scouts have had a busy year. April 2023 kicked off with 43rd Salford and 88th Salford representing Lowry at the County Lord Derby competition. In May 2023 5 Scout Groups took part in the 5-a-side football competition at Eccles College. 100th Salford and 3rd Pendlebury contested that final with 100th Salford coming out as overall winners. The

organisation provided by Neil Hall and his colleagues was great and all the Scouts enjoyed themselves!

100th Salford represented Lowry at the County Cardboard Canoe Race. We also held our annual Camping and Backwards Cooking competition at Ashworth Valley. Over Saturday and Sunday, under sunny skies, the Backwoods Cooking competition took place, and the camping competition ran its course without further interruption. In the Backwoods Cooking Competition, the team from 82nd Salford won, followed by 43rd Salford. 88th Salford came first and second in the Camping competition.

October 2023, we ran our first Expedition Challenge Camp in the Peak District. Scouts aged 12 and over were invited to take part in 2 days of hiking and 1 night camping, carrying their own personal equipment and food for the weekend. Later that month an Orienteering competition took place at Heaton Park, 7 teams took part across 4 Scout Troops with 82nd Salford B Team winning, closely followed by a team from 88th Salford.

We were back at Eccles College in December 2023 for the Dodgeball competition, thanks to Justin McDonnell for running the event alongside Neil Hall. The winners of the competition were 100th Salford, with 3rd Pendlebury second.

In March 2023, we returned to Eccles College for the 5-a-side football competition. This time we had 6 groups enter a team, after five rounds of matches the final was contested between 100th Salford and 1st Clifton and a goal with less than two minutes to go was enough to settle the match in favor of 100th Salford, who retained the trophy. March also saw the annual Get Out Of That Competition, where 6 teams went to Giant's Seat Scout Campsite and went through bases on mapping skills, pioneering, logic, moving water in cups and a fun quiz, and in addition the Explorers ran a base on First Aid Skills. Once all the points for Leadership, Team Spirit and the Technical skills required were added up, the team from 43rd Salford won with 100th Salford second.

Robert Hamblton
Programme Team Member - Scouts



Support Team

Josh Macdonald - Support Team Leader

This year is the first year that we have seen a Support Team in its current form, with numerous opportunities to grow and develop since our last report.

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all members of the Support Team, namely Ben Beaver, Lauren Aldred and Laura Greenhalgh! Lauren and Laura are both new members of the team and have been thriving in their roles, bringing their professional background to boost our social media offering and administrative aspects of the district growth.

The Support Team is a team that is seen rarely in person, you'll normally see us behind cameras or in front of laptops, organising finances or combing through the thousands of photos taken at our district events but the team helps to keep the district ticking over whilst looking to show more people the joy of Scouting!

Communications

This year we have seen continual improvement to our internal communication within Lowry with the introduction of The Thread, our quarterly newsletter showcasing the incredible work being done across the district; improvements to The Thread will be coming soon so keep your eyes peeled!

Ben Beaver

Support Team Member - Communications

Social Media

This year has seen an increase in Lowry's Social Media presence with supporting recruitment for the new Dipolodcus ESU being featured across Lowry's Facebook but the Join Scouts page also! We hope you have seen an increase in our posting and ask that you continue to interact with these posts to help grow our page more – this helps to show stories to you but also shows more people in the Lowry area the incredible work you put in every week!

Lauren Aldred

Support Team Member – Media

Administration

Just as the year draws to a close, Laura Greenhalgh was appointed as one of our Administrators. She will be looking after the Board of Trustees and Governance across Lowry. I am sure you will read all about her adventures in next year's Annual Report.

Volunteer Development Team

Justin McDonnell - Volunteer Development Team Leader

Welcome

The Welcome Team, led by Ann Salt, has been having regular appointments meetings throughout the year. A big thank you to the helpers who made up the panels for these meetings. They have met with and welcomed nearly 40 new volunteers who have started on their Scouting journey as leaders. They are split across all the groups and sections in the district, but a large number being new Squirrel leaders at the newly opened Dreys, and Beaver leaders at enlarging Colony's. With the District expanding this increase in volunteers is inevitable, but it has been a pleasure meeting them all and witnessing their enthusiasm and new energy that they are bringing to their groups, sections and the wider District.

Learning

Adult Learning has been continuing steadily over the past 12 months, and Lowry District is now one of the only Districts in Greater Manchester West County that is fully compliant with mandatory training. Since the AGM last September, 56 volunteers have completed their Safety training, 52 volunteers have completed their Safety training, 52 volunteers have completed their Safeguarding training, and 17 volunteers have completed their First Aid training. This is a fantastic effort, Well done to everyone.

Recognition

Many volunteers have had their hard work and efforts celebrated throughout the year with Good Service awards and Length of Service awards. This work is continuing and many more will be recognised in the future. Looking forward, it is my intention to make a big effort to encourage those who are very close to completion of their wood badge, to get the remaining modules verified, and award their beads. There are also many volunteers who must renew their First Aid training in the next year. Please keep a look out for courses which will be organised in the not-too-distant future. Finally, yet importantly, if you receive an email from HQ about mandatory training, please act on it as soon as you possibly can.

I would like to finish by thanking you all for your efforts over the last year. You are all amazing in all that you do in Scouting. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your volunteering development, whatever they may be, email me at justin.mcdonnell@lowrydistrict.org.uk and I will be only too happy to assist in whatever way I can.

14-24 Team

James Seddon - 14-24 Team Leader

Over the last year, the 14-24 Team has continued to provide exciting and challenging adventures to our Explorer Scouts and Scout Network.

One of the highlights was the opportunity for members of our Explorer Scout unit and Scout Network to attend and support the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. Though they did not have the experience they expected, they learnt many skills in resilience, communication and cultural understanding.

Whilst some members were in South Korea, the rest of the Stegosaurus ESU explored York on their Summer Camp, taking part in activities like York Dungeons, Hikes and much more! But the Explorers learnt the most important lesson whilst on this camp... do not cook bacon in an oven for the same amount of time as the sausages!

Coming out of the Summer season and into Autumn, we began to explore life skills that the Explorers felt they needed some practice, from sewing to knowing how to wire in a plug and this will be a continual focus for us as we continue into this year, ensuring that our young people gain the skills they need.

November saw our final trip of 2023 to Cardiff, the penultimate city in our Four Cities Tour. The unit went to the Museum of Cardiff and learnt of the cultural history of the city, attended a Doctor Who 60th Anniversary Light Show over Cardiff Bay and explored Cardiff Castle and Keep!

In February 2024, Diplodocus ESU opened and has grown steadily since. I would like to thank leaders from across the district for stepping up and supporting us with the opening of this new section!

For our Scout Network Members, members have attended National and Regional events such as Network Festival and Gathering, allowing them to make connections across the Northwest and UK. The section is continuing to grow with attendance increasing as more Explorer Scouts age up and want to continue their time in Scouting.

Thanks to all the leaders in the 14-24 Team- without you we would not be able to provide the Skills, Fun and Challenge to our oldest sections!

Youth

Luke Turner - District Youth Lead

What a year our young people and volunteers have had in Scouting! So many events and opportunities for our young people to experience and create new long-lasting memories.

All the hard work and time dedicated by our leaders has provided our young people with new skills, knowledge and difficult challenges to overcome, and it is clear to see a Youth-Led District stronger than ever. So many of our young people are going on to become leaders and role models throughout Scouting and continue in their Scouting journey as Adult Volunteers - showcasing all the skills they have learned along the way.

It is compelling to see so many young people all over Lowry strive to reach their top awards and I want to say a massive congratulations to each one who managed to achieve it!

I have some exciting news to share as well, I would like to welcome Bella Heath as a Joint District Youth Lead, who joined just as we finished the year! Bella is coming to help further establish a Youth-Led District and help foster our YouShape award even more. We have numerous new plans and ideas we would love to integrate into our Lowry, one of which involves a Scout Council ran by our young people, to make changes they want to see!

The award is still very new in our District, we will be explaining it in much more detail in future meetings. If you any questions until then, or any other questions please let me know, we would love to help!

I cannot wait for another brilliant year of Scouting, providing our young people with a larger voice and continuing the amazing things our volunteers already do!



Census

Census of District Membership in Lowry For the year ending January 2024

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
YOUTH MEMBERSHIP					
Squirrels	33	15	0	0	48
Beavers	133	27	0	0	160
Cubs	87	26	0	0	113
Scouts	93	32	0	0	125
Explorers (including Young Leaders)	25	1	0	0	26
Ventures	0	0	0	0	0
Network members	3	5	0	0	8
TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	374	106	0	0	480
PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES					
Section Leaders	10	8	2	0	20
Assistant Section Leaders	10	14	1	0	25
Section Assistants	14	24	0	0	38
TOTAL ADULT PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES	34	46	3	0	83
Young Leaders*	13	0	0	0	13
TOTAL PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES	47	46	3	0	96
LINE MANAGER ROLES					
Group Scout Leaders	4	3	0	0	7
District Commissioners	1	0	0	0	1
District ES/SN Commissioners	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL LINE MANAGER ROLES	6	3	0	0	9
GOVERNANCE ROLES					
Group Chair	3	3	0	0	6
Group Secretary	2	4	0	0	6
Group Treasurer	5	1	0	0	6
Group Trustee Board members	2	1	0	0	3
TOTAL GROUP GOVERNANCE ROLES	12	9	0	0	21
District Chair	1	0	0	0	1
District Secretary	0	0	0	0	0
District Treasurer	0	1	0	0	1
District Trustee Board members	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE ROLES	1	2	0	0	3
TOTAL GOVERNANCE ROLES	13	11	0	0	24
SUPPORT ROLES					
Deputy Group Scout Leaders	1	1	0	0	2
Group Administrators/Supporters	0	1	0	0	1
Group Skills Instructors	0	0	0	0	0
Other Group Adults	3	0	0	0	3
TOTAL GROUP SUPPORT ROLES	4	2	0	0	6
Deputy District Commissioners	2	1	0	0	3
District Youth Commissioners	1	0	0	0	1
Deputy District Youth Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
Assistant District Commissioners	2	1	0	0	3
District Leaders	0	0	0	0	0
District Administrators/Supporters	0	0	0	0	0
District Skills Instructors	2	0	0	0	2
Other District Support roles	1	1	0	0	2
TOTAL DISTRICT SUPPORT ROLES	8	3	0	0	11
Active Support	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPORT ROLES	12	5	0	0	17

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

472

UNITS

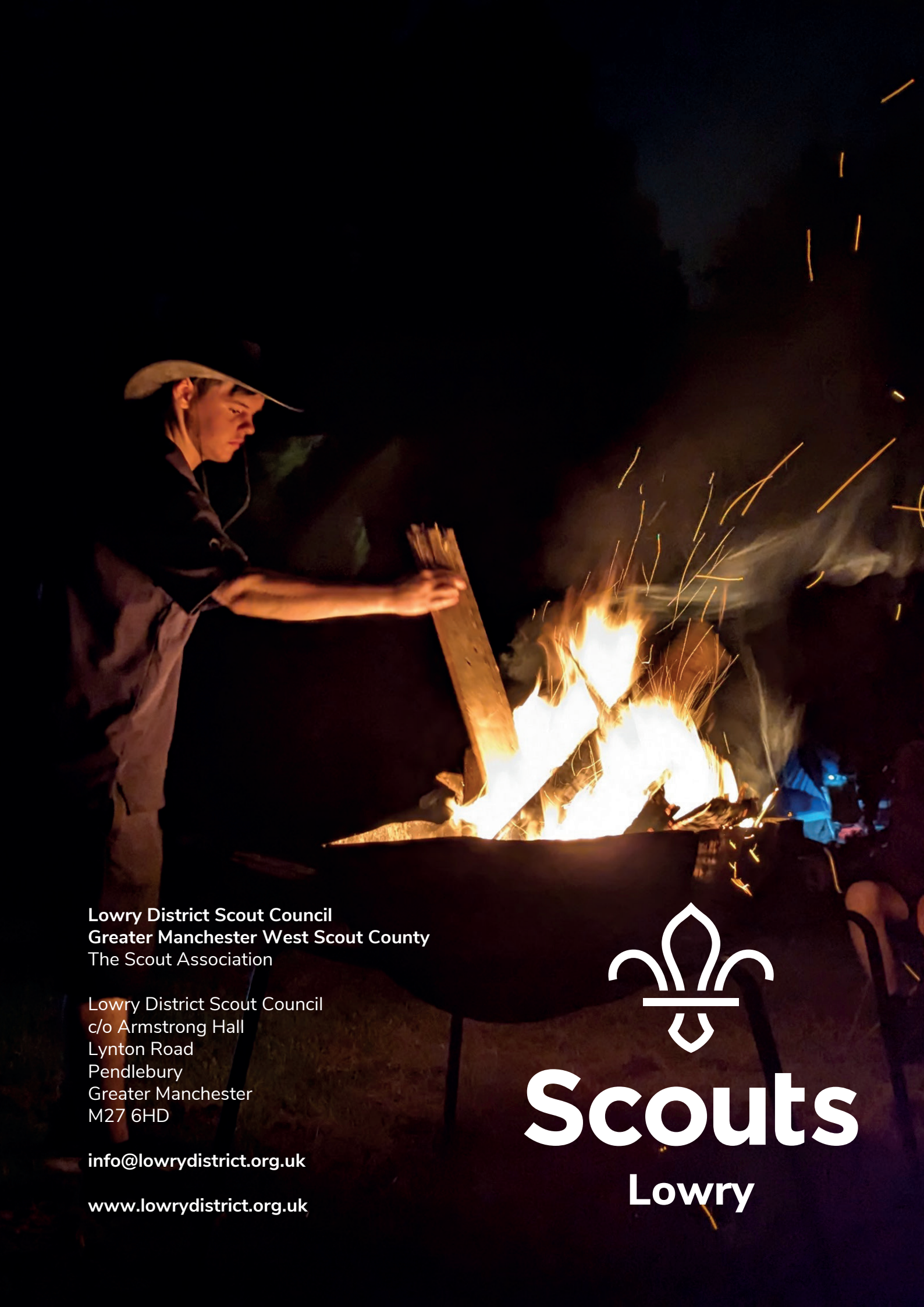
Squirrel Dreys	3
Beaver Colonies	9
Cub Packs	8
Scout Troops	7
Explorer Units (Including YL Units)	1
Active Support Units	0
Young Leader Units	0

Groups

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





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Annual Report 2023
Lowry District Scout Council





Welcome from our District Chair

Paul Wilson

It's my pleasure and privilege to introduce the annual report for 2022/23.

During the last 12 months we have seen the District go from strength to strength and the recovery from the Covid pandemic is well and truly behind us. Yet again the District's training programme has been a huge success, with over 100 courses being completed by adult volunteers. We have also seen x\$26 new members join Lowry across our 9 groups and 2 District Sections.

Communication between our Groups and District Team has grown and developed over the last year after introducing The Thread, our new quarterly update for all members across the District and it is wonderful to see the 'spotlight' portion of this update, showing everyone the amazing work that is going on across our teams.

2023 saw the introduction of Squirrels to the Lowry district with the first drey opening in January. Since then we have seen a further two dreys open; amazingly the 82nd has two dreys!

Our Beavers have had a busy 12 months with lots of events taking place, ranging from swimming gala, football competition, cinema and zoo trips. A massive thank you to those who attended the District Beaver Camp, bringing together sections from across Lowry to have fun and make more Scouting friends!

We have seen our Cub Programme begin this year with the District Halloween Party being held at Armstrong Hall and attending a number of events with our Beavers and Squirrels including attending the zoo trip, which looked like an amazing day!

The Scout Section has been attending a range of events over the last year, with sections coming together to develop not only their Scouting. As always, the sun came out just in time for the District Camping and Backwoods Cooking Competition and after a quick trip to the shops the Scouts were extremely happy with an ice lolly (even if they did melt in 5 minutes!)

Stegosaurus Explorers are making the most of our District head quarters and this has seen the unit grow and also help increase the number of young leaders across the District for grow, this really shows how our young people are gaining skills for life! Their trip to Edinburgh last year looked like an incredible adventure into the heritage of Scotland whilst having some fun at the Dungeons!

During the last 12 months we have seen our Scout Network support the District and help facilitate our events, whilst they continue to enjoy their own Scouting journey.

Finally I'd like to thank our young people, their parents and most importantly our volunteers which help Lowry District run and provide Scouting opportunities for all across Swinton, Pendlebury, Clifton and Salford.

You are the reason that more young people gain skills they will carry with them for life.

Awards



Silver Wolf

Dr Geoffery Sides
Mrs Ann Salt
Mr Stanley Atkins
Mr Martin Maynard

Bar to the Silver Acorn

Mrs Adela Ramsbottom



Silver Acorn

Mr Alfred Armstrong
Mr Mark Gore
Mrs Suzanne Atkinson
Mr Robert Hambelton
Mr Justin McDonnell
Mr Gregory Archer
Mr Harry Fairchild
Mr Dennis Matthews

Chief Scout's Commendation for Meritous Conduct

Mr David Heald



Award for Merit



Mrs Elizabeth Samson
Mr James Samson
Mr Michael Rollinson
Mrs Pauline Mack
Mrs Rusine Heald
Mrs Lisa Bold
Mrs Sarah Moore
Mr Collin Gettins
Ms Jacqueline Blades
Mr Ian Boyle
Mr Richard Eaton
Mr Michael James
Mr Paul Mullineux
Ms Josephine Stephens
Mr David Heald

Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Mrs Donna Goucher
Ms Emma Hambelton
Mr Gerard Mack
Mr Ryan Swailes
Mr Wesley Buckley
Mr Nicholas Jolly
Mr David Heath



Commissioner's Commendation Award



Mrs Michelle Rowlands
Mrs Susan Heys
Mrs Victoria Burrows-Boon
Mr James Seddon
Mr Joshua Macdonald
Mr Daley Lyson
Mrs Yasma Osman
Mrs Sharmila Clarke
Mr Tony Rice
Mrs Lynn Harman
Mrs Sarah Moore
Mr Nathan Talbot

Our District Team

District President Dr Geoffrey Sides
Vice Presidents Mrs Ann Salt
Mr Alf Armstrong
Mr Stanley Atkins

County Commissioner Mr Andy Farrell
District Commissioner Mr Ryan Swailes
District Youth Commissioner Mr Luke Turner
District Network Commissioner Mr Joshua Macdonald
District Explorer Scout Commissioner Mr James Seddon

District Chair Mr Paul Wilson
District Treasurer Mrs Sharmila Clarke
District Secretary Ms Stacey Beaver
District Appointments Chair Mrs Ann Salt
District Training Manager Mr Justin McDonnell

Assistant District Commissioners Miss Courtney Pope (Beavers)
Mr Robert Hambelton (Scouts)

District Communication Managers Mrs Michelle Rowlands
Mr Benjamin Beaver

Group Scout Leaders Mr Ian Boyle (1st Clifton)
Mrs Susan Heys (1st Springwood)
Mr Stephen Woodcock (3rd Pendlebury)
Mrs Pauline Mack (Leader in Charge, 3rd Swinton)
Mrs Adela Ramsbottom (24th Swinton)
Mr Ric Eaton (43rd Salford)
Mr Tony Rice (82nd Salford)
Mrs Suzanne Atkinson (88th Salford)
Mr Michael Rollinson (100th Salford)

District Leaders Mr William Heath (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mx Asher Carr (Stegosaurus ESU)

District Nights Away Advisors

Mr Wesley Buckley
Mr James Samson

District Trustees

Mrs Lynn Harman
Mr Martin Maynard

Minutes of the 2022 AGM

Minutes of the 7th Annual General Meeting of Lowry District Scout Council, held on the 23rd of September at Armstrong Hall.

Present

Mr Alf Armstrong, District Vice President
Mr Stanley Atkins, District Vice President
Miss Stacey Beaver, District Secretary
Ms Jacqueline Blades, Scout Leader (3rd Pendlebury)
Mr Jacob Bond, Deputy County Commissioner - Programme (Greater Manchester West)
Master Harrison Boon, Scout (100th Salford)
Mrs Victoria Boon, Deputy Group Scout Leader (100th Salford)
Mr Wesley Buckley, Scout Leader (43rd Salford)
Mx Asher Carr, Explorer Leader (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mrs Sharmila Clarke, District Treasurer
Master Matthew Christian, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mrs Rachel Christian, Parent (Explorer)
Miss Laura Greenhalgh, Assistant Cub Leader (88th Salford)
Mr Robert Hambelton, Assistant District Commissioner - Scouts
Ms Emma Hambleton, Cub/Beaver Leader (88th/100th Salford)
Mr Jon Knipe, Scout Leader (24th Swinton)
Mrs Susan Leonard, County Chair
Mr Martin Maynard, Treasurer (43rd Salford)
Mr Joshua Macdonald, District Network Scout Commissioner
Mr Justin McDonnell, District Training Manager
Mr Ian McGealy, Scout Leader (3rd Pendlebury)
Mr Kacper Mlekodaj, Scout Network Member
Mr Matthew Moran, Scout Network Member
Mrs Adela Ramsbottom, Group Scout Leader (24th Swinton)
Master Joseph Ratcliff, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mrs Louise Ratcliff, Parent (Explorer)
Mr Simon Ratcliff, Parent (Explorer)
Mr Michael Rollinson, Group Scout Leader (100th Salford)
Mrs Ann Salt, District Vice President
Mr James Samson, District Executive Committee Member
Dr Geoffrey Sides, District President
Master Daniel Sitrikovs , Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mr Ryan Swailes, District Commissioner
Mr Nathan Talbot, Assistant Section Leader - Scouts (100th Salford)
Miss Fiona Taylor, Assistant Section Leader - Scouts (43rd Salford)
Master Blake Thorpe, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mr Paul Wilson, District Chair
Mr Steve Woodcock, Group Scout Leader (3rd Pendlebury)

Apologies

Mr James Seddon, District Explorer Scout Commissioner (Stegosaurus ESU)

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Paul Wilson, District Chair, welcomed all in attendance to the Annual General Meeting of 2022.

2. Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting

The minutes were presented to members in the Annual Report.

The minutes were proposed as a true and accurate record of AGM 2021.

Proposed by: M. Rollinson

Seconded by: M. Maynard

Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Annual Report and District Commissioner's Report.

PAUL: It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report for 2022. We need to formally adopt the report.

Proposal to adopt the Annual Report 2022

Proposed: J Macdonald

Seconded: R Hambelton

Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report

Sharmila Clarke thanked the auditor for auditing the accounts.

Paul Wilson thanked Sharm for her continued hard work, and to all the Treasurers in the District. Mike Rollinson and Ryan Swailes were thanked for the effort in gaining valuable grant money for the District and Armstrong Hall.

Proposal to adopt the 2022 accounts as a true and accurate reflection of the finances of Lowry District Scouts

Proposed by: S. Clarke

Seconded by: S Atkinson

Motion carried.

5. Announcement of the District Membership Fee

The District Executive, after reviewing the accounts, have set the Membership Fee for Lowry at £2.00 per head. No Change on Previous years.

6. District Commissioner's Nomination for District Chair

Ryan Swailes nominated Paul Wilson to continue as the District Chair.

Proposed by: R. Swailes

Seconded by: S Beaver

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Election of Officers to the District Executive

Sharmila Clarke has put herself forward for to remain as the District Treasurer.

Proposed by: P. Wilson

Seconded by: S. Atkinson

Motion carried unanimously.

Stacey Beaver has put herself forward for election to role of District Secretary

Proposed by: P. Wilson

Seconded by: J. Blades

Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Committee would like to nominate the Independent Scrutineer as Ryan Thompson.

Proposed by: S. Clarke

Seconded by: J. Macdonald

Motion carried unanimously.

8. District Commissioner's Nominations for the District Executive

A thank you was sent to all of those who have sat on the executive in the past year.

Ryan Swailes has decided to nominate:

- Mrs Adela Ramsbottom
- Mr Martin Maynard

Proposed by: R. Swailes

Seconded by: M. Rollinson

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Election of Members of the District Executive

- Mr James Samson
- Mr Justin McDonnell
- Mr Stephen Woodcock
- Mrs Lynn Harman

No Other Nominations have been received.

Proposed by: J Macdonald

Seconded by: R. Hambelton

Motion carried unanimously.

10. District Commissioner's Closing Remarks

Ryan Swailes thanked everyone for attending and how proud he was of the work of the district over the last year. Ryan asked that if anyone would be interested in working as part of the exec, or indeed anywhere else within the district to please get in touch with himself, or Paul.

He closed by thanking everyone in attendance and special thanks to the volunteers who helped prepare the food for the evening.

11. County Representative Closing Remarks

Jacob Bond, Deputy County Commissioner, gave thanks to all in attendance and beyond in the district. He said how great it was to see the District Camping Competition and noted that it was a fabulous event and how lovely it was to see things getting back to normal.

12. President of Lowry District - Closing Remarks

Dr Sides said how impressed he was by the AGM gathering, and how glad he was to see active, progressive and successful scouting in Lowry. He thanked the executive team, volunteers and the young people of the district for their hard work and dedication.

13. Closing Address

Paul thanked all volunteers and young people for their continued contribution to Scouting in the Lowry district. Paul thanked Dr Sides and Jacob Bond for attending and for their kind words, and closed by stating himself or Ryan are available to the district and to please get in touch with anything.

District Accounts 2022-2023

Report & Accounts for the year ended 6th April 2023

Lowry District Scout Council

PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT

Geoffrey Sides
Ann Salt
Alf Armstrong
Stan Atkins

TRUSTEES: *EX-Officio*- Appointment
District Chair
District Commissioner
District Explorer Scout Commissioner
District Youth Commissioner
District Network Commissioner
District Treasurer
District Secretary

Paul Wilson
Ryan Swailes
James Seddon
Luke Turner
Joshua Macdonald
Sharmila Clarke
Stacey Beaver

Nominated by the District Commissioner

Adela Ramsbottom
Martin Maynard

Elected by the District Scout Council

Lynn Harman
Justin McDonnell
Steve Woodcock
James Samson

Co-Opted by the District Executive Committee

Ann Salt

Bank CAF BANK
A trading subsidiary of the Charities Aid Foundation

Independent Examiner of the District Accounts

Ryan Thompson

District Registration Number with the Scout Association
Charity Registration Number

514098

Contact Name and Address : Sharmila Clarke

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Groups and Districts Receipts and Payment form (Multi -Fund)

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LOWRY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 6th April 2023

MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

The operational result for the year is an **income above expenditure of £16,444.51**
This is because of receipt of Veolia Grant for £7,520 (repairs works completed in prior year)
and £8,631.56 received from transfer of 14th Swinton Bank Account due to closure

Taking out the restricted funds then the resultant working capital is £32,483.47

The working capitals since Lowry District formation are	On formation	Feb-16	£17,888.43
End of Year 1	Apr-17	£16,397.76	
End of Year 2	Apr-18	£15,536.28	
End of Year 3	Apr-19	£14,684.28	
End of Year 4	Apr-20	£15,362.51	
End of Year 5	Apr-21	£17,609.77	
End of Year 6	Apr-22	£22,812.65	
End of Year 7	Apr-23	£32,483.47	

The District's financial policy remains to control spending to an amount equal to its income and to be able to fund District events, administration, meetings, and support Groups in activities such as leader training and to ensure the District is growing and developing.

Transfer of 12th Swinton bank account is still ongoing.

Unfortunately 14th Swinton Group is in the process of closing.
As per POR, assets have been transferred to District

Very successful District Camp held this year. £1,996 surplus generated from last minute change of plans to be used to part fund some programme events next year for each section

We have received £7520 Veolia Grant for Armstrong Hall refurbishment, works mainly completed in prior year

FP Early Years Grants for £500 received to support the district with squirrels and nights away

Restricted Funds balance at year end:

£141	PIAB
£3,000	COVID Hardship Fund District
£6,592	HQ Hardship fund - specific to 2 groups
£2,048	Armstrong Hall

The District is a Trust established under the rules that are common to all Groups/Units.
Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis.
During the year all Groups/Units have been asked / filed a financial report with the District.

Approved by the trustees on 7th September 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Sharmila Clarke
District Treasurer

Paul Wilson
District Chair

Groups and Districts Receipts and Payment form (Multi -Fund)

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LOWRY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 6th April 2023

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
Total receipts for the year (see page D4)	21,108.93	14,369.50	35,478.43	39,142.91
Total Payments for the year (see page D5)	8,178.82	10,855.10	19,033.92	45,356.27
Net receipts (payments) for the year.	12,930.11	3,514.40	16,444.51	-6,213.36
Transfer of funds between funds (Balance Sheet Transfer) Badge Stock				
Resultant Net receipts (payments) for the year	12,930.11	3,514.40	16,444.51	-6,213.36
Cash, bank and asset funds at market value brought forward	27,279.53	80,379.61	445,631.35	121,855.99
Cash, bank and asset funds at market value carried forward	32,483.47	422,160.28	454,643.75	445,631.35

The above account and accompanying state of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 7th September 2023

Sharmila Clarke
District Treasurer

Paul Wilson
District Chair

LOWRY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Receipts for the year ended 6th April 2023

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS				
In	35,909.40		35,909.40	12,777.50
Out	-35,117.50	-255.50	-35,373.00	-12,239.50
	791.90	-255.50	536.40	538.00
INTEREST				
Bank Interest	158.65		158.65	5.44
Building Society Interest				
PAYMENTS FROM EQUITY INVESTMENTS:				
CAF Financial Investments	4,248.00		4,248.00	4,248.00
GRANTS:				
PROGRAM IN A BOX			0.00	0.00
ARMSTRONG HALL		7,520.00	7,520.00	23,101.15
1st Springwood HQ Grant			0.00	5,840.00
Booths Grant WSJ	3,000.00		3,000.00	
Early Years Grants	500.00		500.00	
DONATIONS				
Amazon/PayPal/DONR.COM	37.78		37.78	96.34
ACTIVITIES & TRIPS				
District Camp	1,996.04		1,996.04	0.00
Camping Comp			0.00	0.00
SWG			0.00	0.00
Cubs Indoor 5-a-side			0.00	0.00
FUND RAISING				
Jamboree Fund Raising	1,780.00		1,780.00	0.00
ARMSTRONG HALL RENT		7,105.00	7,105.00	0.00
OTHER INCOME				
repayment of balance of Fairfax card			0.00	24.59
transfer 12th swinton Bank accounts			0.00	3,259.39
transfer 14th Swinton Bank Account	8,361.56		8,361.56	0.00
Sundry Receipts				
Badge Receipts	235.00		235.00	2,030.00
Loans Received			0.00	0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	21,108.93	14,369.50	35,478.43	39,142.91

Groups and Districts Receipts and Payment form (Multi -Fund)

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LOWRY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 6 April 2023

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, Bank, and similar funds.				
Bank Current Account	7,959.61		7,959.61	9,619.10
Bank Deposit Account	22,402.13	11,780.67	34,182.80	17,044.47
Loans				
Cash In Hand	43.96		43.96	43.96
	<u>30,405.70</u>	<u>11,780.67</u>	<u>42,186.37</u>	<u>26,707.53</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
Income due	2,156.21		2,156.21	30.00
Income received for next years income	0.00		0.00	-16,882.00
Expenditure paid for next year	0.00		0.00	17,424.00
Expenditure due	-618.44		-618.44	0.00
	<u>1,537.77</u>		<u>1,537.77</u>	<u>572.00</u>
TOTAL OTHER MONATORY ASSETS	<u>1,537.77</u>		<u>1,537.77</u>	<u>572.00</u>
TOTAL MONATORY ASSETS	<u>31,943.47</u>	<u>11,780.67</u>	<u>43,724.14</u>	<u>27,279.53</u>
INVESTMENT ASSETS				
Government Stocks at Market Value				
Other Quoted Securities at market value		80,379.61	80,379.61	87,811.82
Other investments				
Property held for investment purposes		330,000.00	330,000.00	330,000.00
NONE-MONETARY ASSETS- For Charity use.				
Badge Stock	540.00		540.00	540.00
	<u>32,483.47</u>	<u>422,160.28</u>	<u>454,643.75</u>	<u>445,631.35</u>
CASH, BANK AND SIMILAR FUNDS TOTAL				
LIABILITIES. Those due within one year				
Accounts not paid at 31 March				
Expenses incurred not yet paid				
Subscriptions not yet paid				
LIABILITIES. Those payable after one year				
Loans				
Hire purchase owing				
Lease payments out standing				
Other long term liabilities				
The District has no contingent liabilities and future obligations				

Groups and Districts Receipts and Payment form (Multi -Fund)

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LOWRY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Payments for the year ended 6th April 2023

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
PREMISES - Armstrong Hall				
Bills		136.35	136.35	111.08
Clearance/Cleaning		400.33	400.33	252.49
Insurance		1,179.50	1,179.50	1,039.28
Maintenance		769.98	769.98	60.00
Other		1,992.10	1,992.10	1,004.22
Repairs		809.13	809.13	35,349.99
replacement locks/keys		115.70	115.70	229.10
Utlilty Bills		4,549.05	4,549.05	2,282.99
DEVELOPMENT COSTS				
District Website			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT COSTS				
Helper/Contents Insurance			0.00	207.60
Bank Charges	72.00		72.00	96.00
Meeting costs inc AGM	616.25		616.25	785.50
Armstrong Hall - see above premises			0.00	0.00
Other	30.57		30.57	6.09
ACTIVITIES & TRIPS				
Beaver, Cub, Scout, Explorers, District events and Trips	44.63		44.63	207.64
Program In A Box		902.96	902.96	28.24
Jamboree	6,405.30		6,405.30	2,093.38
CAMPING & COMPETITIONS				
Scouts	59.39		59.39	89.99
Indoor 5-a-side Football & Swimming Gala	46.45		46.45	0.00
Refurbish Shields	105.00		105.00	0.00
TRAINING				
Young Leader, Leader, First Aid, Safeguarding			0.00	47.20
First Aid	50.00		50.00	225.00
District Development days			0.00	70.68
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES				
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
OTHER EXPENSES				
Communications - Pull out banner/leaflets/business cards			0.00	563.64
Rent	395.00		395.00	0.00
Badges			0.00	157.69
SUNDRY PAYMENTS				
Domain Names	28.78		28.78	0.00
Visual Name Badges			0.00	131.74
Necker Samples	57.30		57.30	0.00
Web Hosting	175.00		175.00	172.80
Poppy Wreath	20.00		20.00	0.00
Other	73.15		73.15	0.00
Sherif Affinity IT Licenses			0.00	143.93
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	8,178.82	10,855.10	19,033.92	45,356.27

Groups and Districts Receipts & Payments Form (Multi fund)

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Stegosaurus ESU Accounts

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
Total receipts for the year	6,872.64		6,872.64	5,142.14
Total Payments for the year	6,873.59		6,873.59	5,167.44
Net receipts (payments) for the year.	-0.95		-0.95	-25.30
Resultant Net receipts (payments) for the year	-0.95		-0.95	-25.30
Cash, bank and asset funds at market value brought forward	1,047.12		1,072.42	1,072.42
Cash, bank and asset funds at market value carried forward	1,046.17		1,046.17	1,047.12

Lowry District Network Unit

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 6th April 2023

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
Total receipts for the year	0.00		0.00	0.00
Total Payments for the year	0.00		0.00	0.00
Net receipts (payments) for the year.	0.00		0.00	0.00
Resultant Net receipts (payments) for the year	0.00		0.00	0.00
Cash, bank and asset funds at market value brought forward	0.00		0.00	0.00
Cash, bank and asset funds at market value carried forward	0.00		0.00	0.00

Sharmila Clarke
District Treasurer

Paul Wilson
District Chair

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the

LOWRY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the District for the year 6 April 2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees Year ended 6 April 2023

As the District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 1993 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out and audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Districts constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 3 to 6

Scrutineers Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: Ryan Thompson
Qualification: ACCA


Signed.....

Date: 11/08/2023.....

Groups and Districts Receipts and Payment form (Multi -Fund)

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District Commissioner's Report

Ryan Swailes

Another twelve months have drawn to a close, and so does my fourth year as your District Commissioner. When I reflect backwards to October 2019, and the State of the Nation within Lowry, I can see the incredible work carried out by each and every one of you over these four years. A District that has come together and supported each other at every event, taking in young people from different groups - simply to allow them the opportunity to learn and take part. I would like to express a huge thank you to Jackie Blades, who has assisted at countless nights at different Groups, ensuring the young people are safe and still operating when other volunteers were not available. It gives me enormous pleasure seeing people coming together to support each other at every step of an adventure.

This year we welcomed our first Squirrel Dreys in Lowry. A huge thank you to Tony Rice, Courtney Pope, Nathan Talbot, and their respective teams at 82nd Salford and 100th Salford who collectively have opened three Dreys. Bringing in a wave of red jumpers and smiling faces to truly demonstrate the power of Scouting at all ages. I am fully confident those Squirrels and out there making incredible memories and new friends.

Our packed District Calendar has powered on all cylinders this year, with Justin McDonnell bringing out his old showstopper It's a Knockout for St Georges Day- a day to reaffirm our promises and have some fun! Held at Hollinwood, the event was attended by a huge wave of young people and parents from across Lowry. The space hoppers were a huge hit, and even the leaders had a go themselves.... A massive congratulations to Justin and his team for a very successful day.

Recently, we have seen more transformation changes being released from Gilwell; this has seen a re-shuffle of the District Team with a new agenda, and vision, for Lowry. We have recently launched Summit 2028, our new five year vision, which will see Lowry grow year on year and offering direct human support in opening and developing new sections. The future is looking incredible, and we will get there one camp at a time.

I always like to make a note of how many awards we are due to hand out, this year it stands at 24 and 5 Woodbeads. That is around 20% of our volunteers being recognised this year for their unwavering dedication. The service awards amount to 140 years, with 40 going to one individual in particular. A big congratulations to you all, and I know Justin McDonnell and Ann Salt are hard at work preparing the next wave of volunteers to be recognised.

I would like to end my report by saying thank you to each and every volunteer within Lowry. We have truly come together as one team, breaking down old boundaries and differences to move forward and keep growing together. Our people matter, and we will continue to champion excellence in all things we do. My team is hard at work preparing another twelve months of incredible opportunities. Let us look forward to the future, grab it with both hands, and give each young person the programme and memories they deserve!

Training

Justin McDonnell

Over the past 12 months, adult training has been progressing steadily, and things are now back to normal after the disruption caused by the pandemic. I have been able to introduce myself to new volunteers at appointments meetings, and have been able to visit many groups and sections, to check in with the leaders. It is my intention to resume drop-in sessions, and make a big effort to encourage those who are very close to completion of their wood badge, to get the remaining modules verified, and award their beads.

Thank you for your continued efforts in keeping your mandatory training up to date. Since the AGM last September, 62 volunteers have completed their Safety training, 54 volunteers have completed their Safeguarding training, and 22 volunteers have completed their First Aid training. This is a fantastic effort, and it has been noted by the GMW County Training Team. Well done everyone.

Looking forward, if you receive an email from HQ about mandatory training, please act on it as soon as you can. There are also still a few leaders who need to renew or complete their First Aid training. Please look out for future courses which will be organised in the not too distant future.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your efforts over the last year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your training needs, whatever they may be, email me at justin.mcdonnell@lowrydistrict.org.uk and I will be only too happy to assist.

Communications

Ben Beaver

It has been great to join the leadership team this year as part of the communications team, and I believe we have made great strides this year. We have seen the launch of the Thread, and I have ensured that the District's Microsoft 365 provision is as up-to-date as possible to be useful for our volunteers.

I look forward to working with everyone again next year to develop the District's communications even further, both internally and externally, and to make sure that we can all work as effectively as possible! As always, please do get in touch if there are any queries around communications or technology within the district.

Appointments

Ann Salt

Over the last year, we have been holding regular appointments meetings, meeting the 26 new members of the District and supporting volunteers with role changes as a part of their personal development. This vital part of the joining process couldn't be completed without the support of the Appointment's Team and a special thanks goes to Martin Maynard, Wesley Buckley and Steve Woodcock for their continuing support.

The Appointments Committee provides a friendly yet vital welcome to Scouting; allowing leaders to meet and discuss vital Scout Association Policies including Safeguarding, Risk Assessments and Equal Opportunities.

As always, we are looking for people to come and join the Appointments Team so please do get in touch if you would like to learn more about what the team does.

Youth

Luke Turner

My first year as District Youth Commissioner has been a great experience and I'm glad to have joined the team. All sections have been working hard trying to reach those Top Awards and gain #SkillsForLife.

I have visited a number of sections and have begun promoting the new YouShape Award. It's an amazing opportunity for young people to learn new skills and become leaders and role models to their fellow scouts. It is an exciting time to see more young people completing their top awards!

I would like to say congratulations to the young people who have managed to achieve this, to get the top award is difficult and provides many challenges for them to overcome. A very big well done to volunteers helping our young people achieve the very best!

If anyone wants to learn more about YouShape or help with any top awards, please let me know and I can help!

Squirrels

Courtney Pope

With our first Squirrel drey opening in January we have seen a quick rise in the number of young people across the district. Individual dreys have attended trips over the last few months, a group visit to the fire station. Followed by attending the District Beaver Easter Egg Hunt, the St George's day celebrations and more recently the District Blackpool Zoo trip. We now have grown to three Squirrel dreys in our district with the 100th and 82nd leaders working relentlessly to make sure the Squirrels make an impact in the local area.

Beavers

Courtney Pope

Over the last 12 months our Beavers have been very busy. We have attended the Swimming Gala, dominoes competition, five-a-side football competition, cinema trip, Easter egg hunt, St George's Day, District camp and the Blackpool Zoo trip in July. I would like to thank all the leaders who planned trips and activities for our young people to engage in, we have had great feedback from the leaders all round.

Cubs

Tony Rice

Over this last year Cubs have not had a ADC But regardless of this a lot of our great leaders have banded together to plan many great events and activities for all of our Cub packs which has made it a fantastic year for all of them, Which I would like to say thank you so much to each and every one of them, Since my appointment as ADC Cubs several groups attended this year's district zoo trip which turned out to be a great success and enjoyed by all who attended. Next year is going to be amazing for our Cubs.

Scouts

Robert Hambelton

The last year has been wonderful for the Scouts Section in Lowry and we have seen a number of events that have brought more Scouts together than ever before.

In May 2022, we introduced our newest Scout Section to the district with the restart of Scouts at 24th Swinton (St Charles) and a massive congratulations for the hard work that is going on there. Everywhere else in the District the numbers of Scouts attending meeting nights were good despite the fact that some groups have only been back to face to face meetings for six months.

In June 2022, a number of groups from across the district participated in the County Cardboard Canoe Race at the Helly Hansen Water Sports Centre and I look forward to attending next year- although I think I'll be watching from Quayside! Later that month, we returned to our Ashworth Valley for the full return of the Camping and Backwoods Cooking Competition. Congratulations again to 43rd Salford A for winning the Backwoods Cooking Competition and to 88th Salford for being victorious in the Camping Competition! I would like to say a thank you to the Scouts for such a wonderful event- it was great to see the Scouting spirit of helping each other teams even though it was a competition!

During October, Scouts from across the District came together for the District Orienteering Competition where 1st Clifton held on to their title as Champions with 100th Salford A close on their heels! Later in October saw the Scout Leaders come together for a social event where the Bowling Honours were shared between James Seddon and Justin McDonnell!

In December, we introduced the Lowry District Dodgeball Competition where 100th Salford A came in for the win with 3rd Pendlebury very close behind them!

The Get Out of That Competition was held at Giant's Seat in March where 8 teams participated for the trophy. Congratulations to 43rd Salford B for their win this year!

I would like to thank each and every Scout for their hard work at all of our activities and competitions over the last year- we do all of this for you! Further to this, a massive BRAVO to all of the Leaders within the Scout Section for their dedication to our young people!

Explorers

James Seddon

Since moving into Armstrong Hall last year, the explorer unit has gone from strength to strength, growing in leaders and young people; it has been wonderful to see Scouts from across the district come together at Explorers as they take on the next part of their adventure!

As always, the Explorer Section is out and about providing a range of challenges for our

young people and sometimes our leaders as well!

During 2022, we were invited to join the 43rd Salford on their Summer Camp in North Wales. The Explorers got to have a go at Go Karting, Bounce Below and an amazing hike... even if they did get a little bit lost!

As we moved through the summer months and into Winter we continued our Four Cities tour, taking the Explorers up to Edinburgh for the weekend where we attended the Edinburgh Dungeons, Edinburgh Castle and went on a Ghost Walk around the city, culminating in a wander around Greyfriars Kirkyard!

During March the Explorer unit attended the Get Out of That Competition and put on a base for the Scouts- if you ever need someone to recreate a creative First Aid incident, give Tyler, Oscar and Kristoff a shout!

During the year, the number of Young Leader across the District increased and it has been wonderful to see how they have been working to teach younger sections vital skills! A massive thank you to all the Young Leaders in the District and a huge thank you to the leaders supporting them too!

Network

Josh Macdonald

Since our last AGM Scout Network has been up and running! Consistently meeting on the final Friday of every month the Scout Network Section (18-25) has gone from strength to strength with not only running their own programme but to support the programme of District Events!

Over the last year, Scout Network have attended a National Network Gathering, held in North Wales each year, to come together and enjoy a chilled weekend and have a good time.

We have been ice skating (our yearly Christmas Activity) had games nights and a night of chilling around the fire- what more could you ask for?!

This year also saw the first Lowry Scout Network Necker being given out- it's a bright pink necker with a black border so if you see one around please give our Network a little hello!

As we look to the future of Scout Network, we have a lot of fun things planned and some further support for the running of the section from members of Network. James Seddon will take over the operational running of the section in his new role as 14-25 lead and Lauren Alred will be joining the team as a Network Lead. If you have any queries or questions about the section, please feel free to reach out to them!

Census

Census of District Membership in Lowry For the year ending 31st January 2023

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
YOUTH MEMBERSHIP					
Squirrel Scouts	3	5	0	0	8
Beaver Scouts	122	23	0	0	145
Cub Scouts	88	26	0	0	114
Scouts	83	19	0	0	102
Explorer Scouts (Including Young Leaders)	15	2	0	0	17
Network members	5	6	0	0	11
TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	316	81	0	0	397
PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES					
Section Leaders	10	9	0	0	20
Assistant Section Leaders	19	17	0	0	37
Section Assistants	4	0	0	0	15
TOTAL ADULT PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES	33	37	0	0	72
Young Leaders+	3	3	0	0	6
TOTAL PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES	36	40	0	0	78
LINE MANAGER ROLES					
Group Scout Leaders	5	3	0	0	8
District Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
District ES/SN Commissioners	2	0	0	0	2
TOTAL LINE MANAGER ROLES	8	3	0	0	11
GOVERNANCE ROLES					
Group Chair	3	2	0	0	5
Group Secretary	2	4	0	0	6
Group Treasurer	5	2	0	0	7
Group Executive members	2	3	0	0	5
TOTAL GROUP GOVERNANCE ROLES	12	9	0	0	21
District Chair	0	0	0	0	0
District Secretary	0	0	0	0	0
District Treasurer	0	0	0	0	0
District Executive members	0	2	0	0	2
TOTAL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE ROLES	0	2	0	0	2
TOTAL GOVERNANCE ROLES	14	11	0	0	25
SUPPORT ROLES					
Deputy Group Scout Leaders	0	0	0	0	0
Group Administrators/Supporters	0	0	0	0	0
Group Skills Instructors	0	0	0	0	0
Other Group Adults	13	2	0	0	15
TOTAL GROUP SUPPORT ROLES	13	2	0	0	15
Deputy District Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
District Youth Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
Deputy District Youth Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
Assistant District Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
District Leaders	0	0	0	0	0
District Administrators/Supporters	0	0	0	0	0
District Skills Instructors	0	0	0	0	0
Other District Support roles	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DISTRICT SUPPORT ROLES	0	0	0	0	0
Active Support	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPORT ROLES	13	2	0	0	15
TOTALS					
TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	316	81	0	0	397
TOTAL ADULT MEMBERSHIP	69	59	0	0	130
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	385	140	0	0	527
Total Membership due to pay the Headquarters Membership Subscription ie Total of Youth Membership excluding Scout Network					386
UNITS					
Squirrel Scout Dreys					9
Beaver Scout Colonies					8
Cub Scout Packs					7
Scout Troops					0
Explorer Scout Units (Including YL Units)					0
Active Support Units					0
Young Leader Units					0
Groups					9

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

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Annual Report 2022



Welcome from our District Chair

Paul Wilson

This is the second time I have the pleasure of writing my Chair Persons report for Lowry and I am pleased to present to you the 2022 Annual Review and Report.

The last twelve months have seen Lowry transition fully from the pandemic to deliver an actioned packed year for the young people of Salford, Swinton, and Pendlebury. This has only been possible through the dedication of all our volunteers from the District Team, Group Scout Leaders, Section Leaders, Assistant Leaders, and Occasional Helpers.

It has been amazing to see how many young people have taken part in Scouting over the last year and how our young people have embraced the return to face-to-face Scouting, both at Group and District level. This year has seen lots of happy faces at District Camp and District events, thank you to everyone who has made this possible.

The achievements of our young people are to be commended and celebrated. Congratulations to all who achieved the top award in their section, but also well done to all those who spent their first night away from home, gained their first activity badge or pushed themselves and grew a little in a new area.

Over the last year many of us have been spending our time renovating Armstrong Hall to become our District Headquarters: bringing the building back to life and fit for the future. I would like to thank all of those who volunteered their time and skill to making it possible for the hall to reopen. There is still much to do, but the completion of the first phase of renovations is a huge milestone.

This year has seen more incredible work for us to celebrate; over 300 years of service, three sets of wood badges and seven awards, well done to you all.

During the last year we have seen many changes within both the District Leadership Team and the Executive Committee. I would like to express my thanks to the District Executive for their help in making this transition work so well and for their continued support to the District Commissioner and his Leadership Team in their work.

This is also a time for reflection and to remember those volunteers who are no longer with us, in particular I would like to pay my respects to Josephine Stephens who sadly passed away this summer. Josephine was an example to us all and her values will live on through the many young people who experienced Scouting with her.

The next twelve months will continue to see Lowry transform, but our values will remain the same and I am confident with your continued commitment our young people will continue to have fun and learn new skills for life through Scouting in Lowry.

Awards

Silver Wolf

Dr Geoffrey Sides PhD FICE

Mrs Ann Salt

Mr Stanley Atkins

Mr Martin Maynard



Bar to the Silver Acorn

Mrs Adela Ramsbottom



Silver Acorn

Mr Alfred Armstrong

Mrs Suzanne Atkinson

Mr Mark Gore

Mr Robert Hambelton

Mr Justin McDonnell

Mr Gregory Archer

Mr Harry Fairchild

Mr Dennis Matthews



Award for Merit

Mrs Elizabeth Samson

Mr Michael Rollinson

Mrs Pauline Mack

Mr David Heald (Chief Scout's Commendation for Meritorious Conduct)

Mrs Rusine Heald

Mrs Lisa Bold



Mrs Sarah Moore

Mr Colin Gettins

Mr James Samson

Ms Jacqueline Blades

Mr Ian Boyle

Mr Richard Eaton

Mr Michael James

Mr Paul Mullineux

Mr Michael Rollinson

Miss Josephine Stephens

Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service

Mrs Donna Goucher

Miss Emma Hambelton

Mr Gerard Mack

Mr Ryan Swailes

Mr Wesley Buckley

Mr Nicholas Jolly

Mr David Heath



Commissioner's Commendation

Mrs Michelle Rowlands

Mrs Susan Heys

Mrs Victoria Burrows-Boon

Mr James Seddon

Mr Joshua Macdonald

Mr Daley Lyson

Mrs Yasma Osman



Our District Team

District President

Dr Geoffrey Sides PhD FICE

Vice Presidents

Mrs Ann Salt

Mr Alf Armstrong

Mr Stanley Atkins

County Commissioner

Mr Andy Farrell

District Commissioner

Mr Ryan Swailes

Deputy District Commissioner

Mr Wesley Buckley (Programme)

District Youth Commissioner

Mr Joshua Macdonald

District Network Commissioner

Mr Joshua Macdonald

District Chair

Mr Paul Wilson

District Treasurer

Mrs Sharmila Clarke

District Secretary

Mrs Stacey Beaver

District Appointments Chair

Mrs Ann Salt

District Training Manager

Mr Justin McDonnell

Assistant District Commissioners

Mr Mark Gore (Beavers)

Mrs Suzanne Atkinson (Beavers)

Mr Robert Hambelton (Scouts)

District Communication Managers

Mrs Michelle Rowlands

Group Scout Leaders

Mr Ian Boyle (1st Clifton)

Mrs Susan Heys (1st Springwood)

Mr Stephen Woodcock (3rd Pendlebury)

Mrs Pauline Mack (Leader in Charge) (3rd Swinton)

Mr Paul Mullineux (14th Swinton)

Mrs Adela Ramsbottom (24th Swinton)

Mr Ric Eaton (43rd Salford)

Mr Tony Rice (82nd Salford)

Mrs Suzanne Atkinson (88th Salford)

Mr Michael Rollinson (100th Salford)

District Leaders

Mr James Seddon (Stegosaurus ESU)

Mx Asher Carr (Stegosaurus ESU)

District Nights Away Advisors

Mr Wesley Buckley

Mr James Samson

District Executive Committee Members

Mrs Lynn Harman

Mr Martin Maynard

Minutes of the AGM 2021

Minutes of the 6th Annual General Meeting of Lowry District Scout Council, held on Friday 17th September 2021, at the Masonic Hall in Swinton.

Present

Mr Alf Armstrong, District Vice President

Mr Stanley Atkins, Silver Wolf Holder

Master Benjamin Beaver, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)

Mrs Stacey Beaver, Parent (Stegosaurus ESU)

Ms Jacqueline Blades, Scout Leader (3rd Pendlebury)

Ms Lisa Bold, Assistant Cub Leader (24th Swinton)

Mr Jacob Bond, Deputy County Commissioner - Programme (Greater Manchester West)

Mr Wesley Buckley, Deputy District Commissioner - Programme

Mrs Kimberly Butterworth, Assistant Cub Leader (43rd Salford)

Mr Stuart Butterworth, Group Chair (43rd Salford)

Mrs Sharmila Clarke, District Treasurer

Mr Joseph Cox, Assistant Scout Leader (100th Salford)

Mr Harry Fairchild, Group Chair (100th Salford)

Mr Andy Farrell, County Commissioner (Greater Manchester West)

Mr Colin Gettins, Assistant Cub Leader (24th Swinton)

Mr Robert Hambelton, Assistant District Commissioner - Scouts

Mr Daryl Harman, Group Secretary (88th Salford)

Mrs Lynn Harman, District Executive Committee Member

Miss Heather Harman, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)

Mr David Heath, Scout Leader (100th Salford)

Mrs Sarah Heath, Parent (Stegosaurus ESU)

Mr William Heath, Assistant Scout Leader (100th Salford)

Miss Isabella Heath, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)

Mr Benjamin Kennedy, Assistant Scout Leader (82nd Salford)

Mr Martin Maynard, District Executive Committee Member

Ms Tracey McCarty, Assistant Cub Leader (82nd Salford)

Mr Justin McDonnell, District Training Manager

Mrs Sarah Moore, Beaver Leader (100th Salford)

Master Matthew Moran, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)

Ms Kathy Moran, Parent (Stegosaurus ESU)

Mrs Yasma Osman, District Supporter

Miss Courtney Pope, Assistant Cub Leader (82nd Salford)

Mrs Adela Ramsbottom, Group Scout Leader (24th Swinton)

Mr Tony Rice, Group Scout Leader (82nd Salford)

Mr Michael Rollinson, Group Scout Leader (100th Salford)

Mrs Michelle Rowlands, District Communications Manager

Mrs Ann Salt, District Vice President

Mrs Elizabeth Samson, Former District Commissioner (Lowry)

Mr James Samson, District Executive Committee Member

Mr James Seddon, Explorer Scout Leader (Stegosaurus ESU)

Dr Geoffrey Sides, District President

Mr Ryan Swailes, District Commissioner

Mr Nathan Talbot, Assistant Beaver Leader (100th Salford)

Mr Luke Turner, Assistant Scout Leader (100th Salford)

Mr Paul Wilson, District Chair

Miss Grace Woodcock, Network Member

Mr Steve Woodcock, Group Scout Leader (3rd Pendlebury)

Master Kacper Mlekodaj, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)

Miss Amoona Osman, District Supporter

Ms Hoi Ki Chau, Assistant Beaver Leader (82nd Salford)

Mrs Victoria Boon, Assistant Group Scout Leader (100th Salford)

Miss Clara Gimeno, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)

His Worship, The Ceremonial Mayor of Salford, Councillor John Mullen

Apologies

Mr Michael James, Cub Leader (88th Salford)

Mr Jordan James, Assistant Cub Leader (88th Salford)

Mr Joshua Macdonald, District Network Scout Commissioner

1. Welcome and Introductions

Paul Wilson, District Chair, welcomed all in attendance to the Annual General Meeting of 2021, including His Worship The Ceremonial Mayor of Salford Councillor Mullen and the Mayoress.

2. Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting

The minutes were presented to members in the Annual Report.

The minutes were proposed as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by: M. Maynard

Seconded by: M. Rowlands

Motion carried.

3. District Commissioner's Report 2021

Please see the Annual Report for 2021.

He thanks the Commissioner's for their hard work in putting together the report.

4. Treasurer's Report

Please see the Annual Report for 2021.

Sharmila Clarke thanked the auditor for auditing the accounts.

Thanks were passed to all the Treasurers in the District for their hard work over the past 12 months and for those who have already sent in their accounts to the District.

The Accounts were proposed as a true and accurate document of the finances of Lowry District Scouts.

Proposed by: S. Clarke

Seconded by: J. Blades

Motion carried.

Paul Wilson thanked Sharm for her continued hard work, especially with the on boarding of Armstrong Hall and the additional paperwork required.

5. District Commissioner's Nomination for District Chair

Ryan Swailes nominated Paul Wilson to continue as the District Chair.

Proposed by: R. Swailes

Seconded by: M. Rollinson

Motion carried.

6. Election of Officers to the District Executive

Sharmila Clarke was proposed to remain as the District Treasurer.

Proposed by: P. Wilson

Seconded by: V. Boon

Motion carried.

No nominations have been received for the role of District Secretary. Paul Wilson thanked Joshua Macdonald and Michelle Rowlands for their work in minuting the meetings of the District Executive.

Sharmila Clarke has proposed Scarlett Dearn for the Accounts of 2020-2021.

Proposed by: S. Clarke

Seconded by: R. Swailes

Motion carried.

7. District Commissioner's Nominations for the District Executive

A thank you was sent to all of those who have sat on the executive in the past year.

Nominations for this year are:

- Mrs Adela Ramsbottom

- Mr Martin Maynard

Proposed by: R. Swailes

Seconded by: J. McDonnell

Motion carried.

8. Election of Members to the District Executive

The members elected by the Scout Council are:

- Mr James Samson

- Mr Justin McDonnell

- Mr Stephen Woodcock

- Mrs Lynn Harman

Proposed by: P Wilson

Seconded by: R. Hambelton

Motion carried.

8. District Commissioner's Closing Remarks

Ryan Swailes thanked the audience for attending and commented on how incredible it was to see so many faces again. The unwavering commitment of Lowry's Volunteers is inspiring indeed.

Ryan closed by saying we will continue to provide the best we can for the young people we support!

9. County Commissioner's (or Representative) Closing Remarks

Andy Farrell, County Commissioner, noted that it had been a tough twelve months with plenty of challenges and thanked Ryan Swailes for his hard work in ensuring the District is steaming forward at full pace.

10. Closing Address

Paul thanked every volunteer and young person for their contribution to Scouting in the Lowry district. Paul thanked the mayor and mayoress for attending. Paul closed by stating that the District is here to support where ever we can, so please get in touch with himself or Ryan Swailes.

There was a short break before the awards commenced.

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LOWRY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Report & Accounts for the year ended 5th April 2022

PRESIDENT Mr Geoffrey Sides

VICE PRESIDENT Mrs Ann Salt

Mr Alf Armstrong

TRUSTEES *Ex-Officio*

Mr Ryan Swailes	District Commissioner
Mr Paul Wilson	District Chair
Mrs Sharmila Clarke	District Treasurer
Mrs Stacey Beaver	District Secretary
Mr Joshua Macdonald	District Youth Commissioner
Mr Joshua Macdonald	District Network Commissioner

Nominated

Mrs Adela Ramsbottom
Mr Justin McDonnell

Elected

Mrs Lynn Harman
Mr Martin Maynard
Mr Steve Woodcock
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LOWRY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 6th April 2022

MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

The operational result for the year is an **income below expenditure of £6,213**

This is because of not yet receiving the balance of the Veolia Grant of £7520 until full completion of works at Armstrong Hall

Taking out the restricted funds then the resultant working capital is £17,609.77

The working capitals since Lowry District formation are	On formation	Feb-16	£17,888.43
End of	Year 1	Apr-17	£16,397.76
End of	Year 2	Apr-18	£15,536.28
End of	Year 3	Apr-19	£14,684.28
End of	Year 4	Apr-20	£15,362.51
End of	Year 5	Apr-21	£17,609.77
End of	Year 6	Apr-22	£22,812.65

The District's financial policy remains to control spending to an amount equal to its income and to be able to fund District events, administration, meetings, and support Groups in activities such as leader training and to ensure the District is growing and developing.

Unfortunately 12th Swinton Group has been closed in Feb 21

As per POR, assets and building have been transferred to District

Armstrong Hall has been added the balance sheet & 12th Swinton bank account to be transferred

We have received £22,521 of COVID Grants from the Council and Veolia Grant refurbishment, which has been ring fenced for use of Scouting at Armstrong Hall

1st Springwood has received a HQ hardship grant which is being held in restricted funds

Restricted Funds balance at year end:

£1,044	PIAB
£3,000	COVID Hardship Fund District
£6,848	HQ Hardship fund - specific to 2 groups
-£5,884	Armstrong Hall

The District is a Trust established under the rules that are common to all Groups/Units.

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

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis.

During the year all Groups/Units have been asked / filed a financial report with the District.

Approved by the trustees on 8th September 2022 and signed on their behalf by

Sharmila Clarke
District Treasurer

Paul Wilson
District Chair

LOWRY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Receipts for the year ended 6th April 2022

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS				
In	12777.50		12777.50	18950.00
Out	-12239.50		-12239.50	-18088.00
	538.00		538.00	862.00
INTEREST				
Bank Interest	5.44		5.44	5.83
Building Society Interest				
PAYMENTS FROM EQUITY INVESTMENTS:				
CAF Financial Investments	4248.00		4248.00	5310.00
GRANTS:				
PROGRAM IN A BOX			0.00	0
ARMSTRONG HALL		23101.15	23101.15	11966.85
1st Springwood HQ Grant		5840	5840.00	1007.5
DONATIONS				
Amazon/PayPal/DONR.COM	96.34		96.34	66.66
ACTIVITIES & TRIPS				
Beaver Activity			0.00	0
Camping Comp			0.00	0
SWG			0.00	0
Cubs Indoor 5-a-side			0.00	0
FUND RAISING				
Jamboree Fund Raising			0.00	0
OTHER INCOME				
repayment of balance of Fairfax card	24.59		24.59	0
transfer 12th swinton Bank accounts	3259.39		3259.39	0
Sundry Receipts				
Badge Receipts	2030		2030.00	0
Loans Received			0.00	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	10201.76	28941.15	39142.91	19218.84

LOWRY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 6th April 2022

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
Total receipts for the year (see page D4)	10201.76	28941.15	39142.91	19218.84
Total Payments for the year (see page D5)	4998.88	40357.39	45356.27	2375.53
Net receipts (payments) for the year.	5202.88	-11416.24	-6213.36	16843.31
Transfer of funds between funds (Balance Sheet Transfer) Badge Stock				
Resultant Net receipts (payments) for the year	5202.88	-11416.24	-6213.36	16843.31
Cash, bank and asset funds at market value brought forward	33739.89	87811.82	121855.99	93113.33
Cash, bank and asset funds at market value carried forward	22812.65	422818.7	445631.35	121855.99

The above account and accompanying state of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 8th September 2022

Sharmila Clarke
District Treasurer

Paul Wilson
District Chair

Stegosaurus ESU Accounts

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
Total receipts for the year	5142.14		5142.14	2030.00
Total Payments for the year	5167.44		5167.44	1030.97
Net receipts (payments) for the year.	-25.30		-25.30	999.03
Resultant Net receipts (payments) for the year	-25.30		-25.30	999.03
Cash, bank and asset funds at market value brought forward	1072.42		1072.42	73.79
Cash, bank and asset funds at market value carried forward	1047.12		1047.12	1072.42

Lowry District Network Unit

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 6th April 2022

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
Total receipts for the year	0.00		0.00	0.00
Total Payments for the year	0.00		0.00	0.00
Net receipts (payments) for the year.	0.00		0.00	0.00
Resultant Net receipts (payments) for the year	0.00		0.00	0.00
Cash, bank and asset funds at market value brought forward	0.00		0.00	0.00
Cash, bank and asset funds at market value carried forward	0.00		0.00	0.00

LOWRY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 6 April 2022

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, Bank, and similar funds.				
Bank Current Account	9619.10		9619.10	29964.86
Bank Deposit Account	12037.59	5006.88	17044.47	16539.03
Loans				
Cash In Hand	43.96		43.96	43.96
FairFax Cards	0		0	73.54
	<u>21700.65</u>	<u>5006.88</u>	<u>26707.53</u>	<u>46621.39</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
Income due	30.00		30.00	0
Income received for next years income	-16882.00		-16882.00	-12881.50
Expenditure paid for next year	17424.00		17424.00	0.00
Expenditure due	0.00		0.00	0.00
TOTAL OTHER MONATORY ASSETS	<u>572.00</u>		<u>572.00</u>	<u>-12881.50</u>
TOTAL MONATORY ASSETS	<u>22272.65</u>	<u>5006.88</u>	<u>27279.53</u>	<u>33739.89</u>
INVESTMENT ASSETS				
Government Stocks at Market Value				
Other Quoted Securities at market value		87811.82	87811.82	87823.10
Other investments				
Property held for investment purposes		330000.00	330000.00	0
NONE-MONETARY ASSETS- For Charity use.				
Badge Stock	540.00		540.00	293.00
CASH, BANK AND SIMILAR FUNDS TOTAL	<u>22812.65</u>	<u>422818.70</u>	<u>445631.35</u>	<u>121855.99</u>
LIABILITES. Those due within one year				
Accounts not paid at 31 March				
Expenses incurred not yet paid				
Subscriptions not yet paid				
LIABILITIES. Those payable after one year				
Loans				
Hire purchase owing				
Lease payments out standing				
Other long term liabilities				
The District has no contingent liabilities and future obligations				

Sharmila Clarke
District TreasurerPaul Wilson
District Chair

District Commissioner's Report

Ryan Swailes

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the

LOWRY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the District for the year 6 April 2022

Respective responsibilities of Trustees Year ended 6 April 2022

As the District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 1993 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out and audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Districts constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 3 to 6

Scrutineers Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: Ryan Thompson
Qualification: ACCA Qualified

Signed



Date

15/4/22

Taking time to reflect is rarely an opportunity one gets in the role of a District Commissioner, however writing my report is always an eye-opening moment when I stop and see all of the incredible things we have achieved in the last twelve months. After the lifting of restrictions, we now have all of our Groups operating again with a huge surge in numbers from mid pandemic, to almost our pre-pandemic levels. What an incredible feat.

The majority of my time (sweat, blood, and tears) has been spent in the renovation and re-launch of Armstrong Hall. Although Phase 1 is now complete, there are still two more phases to complete before the full building has been modernised and brought up to specification. I am unable to put into words my immense thank you to the team of volunteers and trades that have given additional time and discounts to help bring my vision to life.

The District Team have been working harder than ever supporting each volunteer in bouncing back from COVID, driving forward with one aim: to provide an opportunity to Scout for all young people in Salford, Swinton, and Pendlebury. We launched this strategy at 1st Clifton, providing direct human support to start and continue their Beaver Section, and I am pleased to say that Ian Boyle and 1st Clifton are back to their strength and continue to provide their young people opportunities.

More recently, Adela Ramsbottom and Jonathan Knipe launched the new Scout Section at 24th Swinton. The first time Scouts have been a part of 24th in over 26 years. A massive milestone, and one that could not have happened without Adela, her team, and Wesley Buckley. Thank you all.

I would like to pay some particular respects to one leader, who unfortunately in the Summer of 2022 passed away. The unwavering commitment and dedication Josephine Stephens displayed is a shining example to all of the values we have as a movement. Attending her funeral procession with the Guard of Honour truly displayed just how many hearts she touched in her twenty eight years service.

As we take time to look back, looking forward is also just as important. Writing this report, we are at the precipice of change. Adapting, dare I say, evolving is part of what we do. We move. The change coming is large, however the transformation of the way we organise and govern ourselves will bring forward new opportunities and a new view of what Scouting is. That is to say, however, that our core values live on. We will continue to provide safe and strong Scouting. Always.

This year, we have more awards to celebrate. With a total of 340 years service, three sets of Wood Badges, and seven awards. The impact this will have had is immeasurable. Training is integral to what we do. There are always opportunities to learn and develop new #SkillsForLife, for both young people and volunteers. My own personal aim is to improve the Awards we, as a District, achieve and hand out. I know the incredible work you do, it should be recognised. It will be recognised. It is recognised.

I would like to close by saying it has given me so much pride to see the District bounce back from COVID, to see so many young people at the District Camps and Events all enjoying themselves. Making friends, and having fun. I know as adults, we have gotten closer; with midnight BBQs around a fire and those shared moments of understanding. I leave you with a passage: "Let us not look back in anger or forward in fear, but around in awareness". Remember why we Scout: for the young people. Live in the moment, see the smiling faces of each young person, and rejoice - that is why we do it.

Training

Justin McDonnell

On the training front, since April 2021, things are now at last getting back to normal after the disruption caused by the pandemic. With sections now meeting face-to-face once again, I have been able to visit several groups and introduce myself to new Leaders. Not many Wood Badges have been awarded, but it is my intention to resume drop-in sessions and make a big effort to encourage those who are very close to its completion, to get the remaining modules verified.

I must thank you all for your continued efforts in keeping your mandatory training up to date. Since my last report, 47 have completed their Safety training, 55 have completed their Safeguarding training, and 49 have completed their First Aid training. This is a fantastic effort, and it has been noted by the GMW County Training Team. Well done everyone. Looking forward, there are still a number of Leaders who need to renew or complete their First Aid training. Please look out for future courses which will be organised in the not too distant future.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your efforts over the last year. If you have any questions regarding your training needs, whatever they may be, email me at training@lowrydistrict.org.uk and I will be only too happy to assist.

Communications

Michelle Rowlands

This year has been quite quiet on the comms front due to me starting a new job in my professional life last October. Unfortunately, with running a Beaver Section at 43rd Salford and starting a new job I haven't had as much time to spend on the communications side of things for the District.

I produced the annual calendar or District and County events in December 2021 so that everyone had sufficient notice of events coming up through the year. My intention is to get this out again in December 2022 for the coming calendar year.

I know technically District Camp didn't take place in the year we are reviewing, but a lot of work went on behind the scenes during the year to make it happen. We hit a few hurdles along the way, the main one being the campsite we were planning to go to cancelled our booking at the last moment, but Wesley, Ryan and I were determined not to let the young people down. Despite all the stress and strain, I think we pulled off a fantastic camp!

Appointments

Ann Salt

After having to use Zoom for Appointments it is nice to once again be meeting Leaders face-to-face. We hope the Group Scout Leaders will have explained the process required to move people from pre-provisional roles to provisional and on to full roles, it is necessary to ensure people joining Scouting are aware of the policies and general workings of the Association.

We will be asking Leaders to attend our Appointments and Training meetings when requested, enabling them to move their Appointment forward and confirm any modules they have done for their training. My thanks go to Martin Maynard, Wesley Buckley and Josh Macdonald for their support over the last year.

Beavers

Mark Gore & Suzanne Atkinson

As we only recently came out of COVID restrictions and not many Colonies returned to full programme, we did not organise any District events, but some colonies did undertake their own events. There was a good attendance at both Salford and Swinton Cenotaph's in November for the annual Service of Remembrance and Parade, where the Beaver Sections took their place alongside the other sections of the movement.

For Christmas, some Colonies went to local pantomimes, whilst one colony went to the "Lightopia" spectacular in Heaton Park, while another colony sent 16 shoe boxes to the Samaritans Christmas "Shoebox" charity.

On the Camping side of activities, some colonies held sleepovers, while others joined in with the rest of their groups on joint camps and gained various Outdoor and Adventure challenge badges during these events. Another activity, undertaken by the 100th Salford was to join in the "Jambowlree" a exciting sounding 10 pin bowling event for all sections of the movement. The 100th also went on the County Beaver trip to Blackpool Zoo.

Lastly, Ian Boyle, GSL of 1st Clifton would like to place on record his thanks to all the Leaders who gave up their time to help to run 1st Clifton Beavers, as he found that he had no Beaver Leaders when resuming after COVID.

Cubs

The position of Assistant District Commissioner (Cubs) is still vacant, and I look forward to welcoming another member to our team. Thank you to the leaders who have stepped up and organised events for all the Lowry Cubs.

Scouts

Robert Hamblen

On 26th June 21 Scouts and Explorers from 43rd, 100th Salford, and Stegosaurus ESU gathered at Duncan Mathieson Playing Fields for the Backwoods Cooking Competition: our first District face to face event since March 2020. There were five teams, four Scout and one Explorer Team, although one of the 43rd Scout teams was entered in the Explorer competition. As well as other fruit and vegetables each team was given an aubergine that had to be included somewhere in their three-course menu, even though I am not a big fan of this vegetable. There was also chicken to cook and a vegetarian option. I have to say that I was impressed with the way all teams tackled the challenge, and they all managed to cook their aubergine in a way that I found appetising. The team from Stegosaurus ESU won the Explorer competition and the team from 43rd won the Scout competition. The team from the 43rd went forward to the County event on 10 July 2021 and managed a creditable 2nd place in the Backwoods Cooking Competition. There was also a camping aspect to the competition without the overnight experience and the 43rd team came third.

88th Salford entered the County 5-a-side competition and managed to progress through to the final where they were unfortunately beaten, but a good result none the less.

Following the restart of face-to-face Scouting there was a full turn out of Scout groups to the Orienteering Competition on a cold, grey day in early December 2021. The teams just managed to finish their assigned course before it started to snow with the two teams from 1st Clifton taking the honours.

The Get Out of That 13th March 2022 at Giant's Seat – a full turn from across the District, with one team each from 3rd Pendlebury, 82nd Salford and 88th Salford and two teams each from 1st Clifton, 43rd Salford and 100th Salford.

The teams were presented with some challenges involving moving water in cups along a rope tangled around trees or using it to get a key out of a tube. Other challenges included building a bridge, getting some medical supplies or a pin from a radioactive area and stacking cans all using rope and elastic. There was a base where the Scouts had to light a fire on water and cooking challenge that involved selecting unlabelled tins and making something with the contents. Finally, there was a base solving codes and one mapping the Giant's Seat Field.

The team from 3rd Pendlebury were the winners with 82nd Salford a very close second by just one point. These two teams went forward to represent the District in the County Lord Derby event on 23rd April 2022. Unfortunately, 82nd Salford were not able to attend on the day, but 3rd Pendlebury managed a respectable 4th place.

Stegosaurus ESU

James Seddon

Last year Stegosaurus ESU saw a great return after the pandemic, growing quickly to 18 regular attendees. To top it off we had excellent attendance for our 2021 Summer Camp at Hesley Wood, where we took part in Climbing Challenges, Axe Throwing, Laser Tag and a visit to an outdoor inflatable course.

In November, the Explorers travelled to London for a city-wide scavenger hunt in what will be the start of a tour of the UK's capital cities. The rest of our year was filled with a varied programme for our young people, testing the Explorer's navigation skills in preparation for future, cooking outdoors and developing their understanding of community issues and how they can take an active part in changing things for the better!

Network & Youth

Joshua Macdonald

What a year! Scout Network returned to Lowry District in November 2021 and has since seen a small group of our 18-to-25-year-old members coming together to continue their Scouting Adventure and gain even more #SkillsForLife.

We have seen some amazing activities coming out of our Network Members who are continuing to plan and run activities for themselves! From BBQ's, Fire Pits, Games Nights and Taskmaster evenings Network have been enjoying their chance to have a well-deserving laugh!

I would like to say a special thanks to those who have got involved with Scout Network since we restarted the section back in November for their hard work, dedication and patience as we have been sorting out how the section will run and operate within Lowry. I would also like to thank every single one of our Network Members who continue to volunteer within our sections, without you we could not provide young people with the opportunities and skills that we do - you are all an inspiration!

If anyone is 18-25 and wants more information about getting involved in Scout Network please let me know and we can have a chat!

Census

Census of District Membership in Lowry 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	88	31	0	0	119
Cub Scouts	129	31	0	0	160
Scouts	87	10	0	0	97
Explorer Scouts (including Young Leaders)	18	2	0	0	20
Network members	3	4	0	0	7
TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	325	78	0	0	403
PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES					
Section Leaders	18	13	1	0	32
Assistant Section Leaders	12	12	1	0	25
Section Assistants	1	4	0	0	5
TOTAL ADULT PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES	31	29	2	0	62
Young Leaders*	2	2	0	0	4
TOTAL PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES	33	31	2	0	66
LINE MANAGER ROLES					
Group Scout Leaders	6	2	0	0	8
District Commissioners	1	0	0	0	1
District ES/SN Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL LINE MANAGER ROLES	7	2	0	0	9
GOVERNANCE ROLES					
Group Chair	3	1	0	0	4
Group Secretary	2	3	0	0	5
Group Treasurer	4	2	0	0	6
Group Executive members	5	3	0	0	8
TOTAL GROUP GOVERNANCE ROLES	14	9	0	0	23
District Chair	1	0	0	0	1
District Secretary	0	1	0	0	1
District Treasurer	0	1	0	0	1
District Executive members	1	2	0	0	3
TOTAL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE ROLES	2	4	0	0	6
TOTAL GOVERNANCE ROLES	16	13	0	0	29
SUPPORT ROLES					
Deputy Group Scout Leaders	0	1	0	0	1
Group Administrators/Supporters	0	0	0	0	0
Group Skills Instructors	0	0	0	0	0
Other Group Adults	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL GROUP SUPPORT ROLES	1	1	0	0	2
Deputy District Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
District Youth Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
Deputy District Youth Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
Assistant District Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
District Leaders	0	0	0	0	0
District Administrators/Supporters	0	0	0	0	0
District Skills Instructors	0	0	0	0	0
Other District Support roles	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DISTRICT SUPPORT ROLES	0	0	0	0	0
Active Support	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPORT ROLES	1	1	0	0	2
TOTALS					
TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	325	78	0	0	403
TOTAL ADULT MEMBERSHIP	55	45	2	0	102
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	380	123	2	0	505
Total Membership due to pay the Headquarters Membership Subscription ie Total of Youth Membership excluding Scout Network					396
UNITS					
Squirrel Scout Dreys					0
Beaver Scout Colonies					10
Cub Scout Packs					9
Scout Troops					7
Explorer Scout Units (Including YL Units)					1
Active Support Units					0
Young Leader Units					0
Groups					10

* 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.



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