



Scouts
Lowry

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) (3 rd 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.

District Accounts 2021-2022

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

Mr James Samson

Co-Opted

Mrs Ann Salt

BANK CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Independent Examiner Ryan Thompson

Registration with The Scout Association 11961947

Registered Charity Number 514098

Contact Name and Address Sharmila Clarke

60 Park Lane, Salford, M6 7RQ

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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	Paul Wilson
District Treasurer	District Chair

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 Septmber 2022

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

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>
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TOTAL MONATORY ASSETS	<u>22272.65</u>	<u>5006.88</u>	<u>27279.53</u>	<u>33739.89</u>
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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>
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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

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

Sharmila Clarke
District Treasurer

Paul Wilson
District Chair

District Commissioner's Report

Ryan Swailes

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.

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



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 "Shoebbox" 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. An-other 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 Hambelton

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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