

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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Details

Other names	STOKE-ON-TRENT AND NEWCASTLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL, NEWCASTLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Status	Registered
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Activities

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

Activities: Supporting and promoting scouting in the Newcastle-under-Lyme area

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME.
- Staffordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£85,415	£79,044	-	-
2023-12-31	£46,840	£24,963	-	-
2022-12-31	£19,888	£20,470	-	-
2021-12-31	£8,382	£8,347	-	-
2020-12-31	£53,346	£44,892	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
GRAHAM BADDELEY		2026-06-10
Jay Lindsey Aukland		2024-06-12
Judith Ann Edgeley		2020-06-24
KAREN LESLEY EMMENS		2018-05-17
Kevin John Stanyer		2014-09-10
Laura Dorothy Boyles		2014-06-25
Leah Emma Carvell		2025-06-10
Lorraine Ann Drayton Mrs		2026-06-10
Madeline Rose Hill		2024-07-30
Owen Rhys Dyde		2022-07-13

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Accounts



Newcastle-under-Lyme District

AGM 2024



Tuesday 10th June 2025 – 7.30 p.m.

Keele in Town

District Chair's Report 2024

The past 12 months can be split into two distinctive halves, the first saw us with a District Executive with last years AGM seeing the move to a District Board of Trustees formally taking place.

The first half of the year saw the Exec dealing with the issues that it always had but the move to the Trustee format saw the Trustee focusing on the governance of the District including financial management, property, insurance and compliance with regulations. This then allowed the District Leadership Team to focus on the overall function and operation of the District, areas that previously had seen the Executive Committee get drawn into at times.

The Trustee Board is scheduled to meet bi-monthly with an extra meeting for budget setting so the second half of 2024 saw three meetings plus the budget meeting taking place. The focus on the appropriate areas of the Board and not getting involved in areas where it shouldn't meant that the longest of the meetings was just 45 minutes!

However we have managed to cram quite a lot into those 45 minutes and apart from the 'normal' day-to-day governance of the District the Trustees were able to look at areas including:

- The ongoing transformation;
- An insurance policy review;
- The setting up of Motion Picture Licensing for all the District;
- Requests for financial support and inclusivity support;
- The oversight of the creation of a new group within the District and, unfortunately, the closure of another;
- Creation of GDPR and Privacy policies.

There was a reduction in the number of individuals on the Trustee Board as compared to the Executive Committee and I would like to thank all members of the Exec for the work and support they gave during the first half of the year. Equally my thanks go to all Trustees for the help and support they gave during the second part of the year as we got to grips with the new style of meeting. In particular I would like to thank Kevin Stanyer for all the work and hours he puts in and Treasurer and to Dot Bailey as secretary to the Executive Committee and Hazel Brown as administrator to the Board of Trustees.

If I have missed anyone please accept my apologies and here's to the next 12 months.

Paul

Paul Bailey
District Chair

District Treasurers Report - 2024

Year Ending 31st December 2024

A copy of our accounts for 2024 which have been independently examined and approved by accountants at VAST (Voluntary Action Stoke-on-Trent) are attached to our annual report for your information.

It is worth explaining that these accounts cover not only our specific, district, financial activities across our general business account, and three separate savings funds, but also include those of our 4 ESU's, our District Drum Corps but also the accounts of the 2024 Castle Capers gang show. The District also availed banking facilities to the Harriet Higgins Centre for the first six months of the year. These factors help to explain the large increase in income and expenditure figures in comparison to the previous year.

Castle Capers Golden Jubilee Show

Undoubtedly this was our biggest, brightest and most expensive project of the year. The show itself realised a "profit" of £1,860. It is important to note some context however, in that the show, fortunately benefited from combination of grants and corporate sponsorship to the value of £8,617. The majority of this funding came in the form of a grant from the Staffordshire County Council Community Fund and we would like to thank the following council members for their kind support: Derrick Huckfield (Keele, Knutton and Silverdale), Paul Northcott (Newcastle Rural), James Salisbury (May Bank and Cross Heath), Simon Tagg (Westlands and Thistleberry,) Stephen Sweeney (Newcastle South), Jill Waring (Talke and Red Street)

Other Grants

Knutton and Silverdale Scout Groups both benefited from sizable grants during the year from the Knutton Quarry-Ibstock Brick Community Project Fund. This was postcode ring fenced, and additionally St Giles and St George's received £500 from the SCC Climate Change Fund. All of which were successfully applied for by Vera Bloor on behalf of the district.

Whitmore Scout Group also profited from a couple of very generous donations from Biffa Waste Services Ltd which were received through our account as the company required proof of registered charity status before granting the payments.

I mention these simply to highlight the potential for donations and local grants to other groups and units across our area.

Personal Note

I have acted as the District Treasurer for the Newcastle District Scout Council since 2014, having previously carried out a similar role for Porthill Scout Group for many years. It is my intention to stand down from this role in the next 12 months. I would be happy to support and mentor anyone else who would be prepared to succeed me.

Kevin Stanyer

District Treasurer

District Lead Volunteer Report – 2024

Part one - January to June

We had an eventful start to 2024, and census showed the district had 783 young people, an increase of 4.5% on the previous year, and 300 adults, a 3.8% increase, absolutely demonstrating how amazing volunteers enable the participation of young people, and something that is crucial for their continued participation. Sadly recruitment and continuity of volunteers is a continued issue across many groups

One of the main focuses of the District was the Golden Jubilee of Castle Capers our District gang show, and we are indebted to the skill and commitment of Paul and Dot Bailey, who led an amazing production team, to bring it to fruition after countless hours of planning and rehearsals. Our Family of Scouting were inspirational, overcoming all sorts of problems, including Adam Gray's van containing staging being stolen the day before dress rehearsals. The support of dozens of other volunteers backstage, sewing, sound, lighting, teas, registration, dressing rooms and front of house together with an amazing cast, enabled the show to dazzle their expectant audiences, and the plaudits flowed in from them and from our VIP guests.

Castle Capers and other activities would not be possible without the support of generous grants from Staffordshire county council community fund and other sponsors, and we are grateful for their support, and also to Kevin Stanyer our District Treasurer, who works his magic claiming gift aid, and ensuring that all reports and accounts are compliant with charity commission rules.

Adventurous activities continued, with our young people attending some great events including young leader training weekends, climbing, sailing, hikes and numerous camps. The drum corps, continued to welcome new members and the Keele Squirrel Drey continued to thrive, and provided a template for others to plan to open new dreys.

Owen Dyde kindly agreed to take on the district Lead volunteer role, and as the spring programme continued, Owen brought together his new district teams to progress transformation. I was sad to hand over in June, after 10 great and indeed interesting and at times challenging years, but also happy that the District was being taken forward by great individuals

I'd like to thank every volunteer and young person who helped create *a legacy for the future*, through all the skills development and fun.

Yours in Scouting

Vera Bloor

District Lead Volunteer – January-June

District Lead Volunteer Report – 2024

Part two - June to December

Firstly I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported me in my first few months as DLV. I really could not have got through some of the challenges that have come my way without a great team to ask for support and a listening ear! I would also like to thank everyone who, overall, have made me feel welcome in my new role; it is certainly one that comes with its quirks and expectations!

I think it is fair to say that it has been an eventful few months for us all as we moved closer to transformation. We had lots of questions, of which most did not have an answer at the time; heard lots of rumours and all were in a different place with the changes to come. We got there in the end; we all have new titles, and we are slowly becoming more familiar with the new system and watching out for the next HQ update.

I know that we are still all getting used to the new membership and I thank you for your patience and commitment as we navigate the best way to do things together.

Through everything that transformation has thrown at us, Scouting has carried on regardless. We are still offering great experiences for young people across the borough, and you should all be truly proud of everything that you do on a weekly basis.

Thank you for everything you do, your commitment and enthusiasm that adds up to thousands of hours per year! Looking ahead we have another extremely exciting year packed full of great activities, next stop district camp.

You are all amazing.

Owen

A very new District Lead Volunteer!

District Youth Lead Report – 2024

Taking on the role of Youth Lead in August 2024 was a step into the unknown—but one filled with excitement, potential, and a genuine passion for making Scouting more youth-shaped across our District. The last few months of the year were about finding my feet, learning the ropes, and beginning to build the foundations of what I hope will grow into a strong culture of youth-led Scouting in Newcastle.

One of my main focuses has been promoting the YouShape Award across the District. After a slow but steady start, I'm proud to share that I've delivered multiple successful YouShape sessions with Holy Trinity groups and Kingfisher Explorers - with more groups lining up in the coming months. These sessions have sparked some brilliant conversations and shown just how capable and creative our young people are when given the space to lead. Both groups are now well on track to complete the full YouShape Award collection. I have taken the opportunity to use these sessions as a source of youth feedback for the District too and I hope that through these sessions, I've inspired leaders to embed youth-shaped Scouting into their regular programme - not just as a one-off badge, but as a lasting mindset.

A big part of my focus has also been supporting the pathway of **up-and-coming young leaders**, and I want to say a **huge thank you to Dot and Paul** for allowing me to share opportunities with those who are just beginning their leadership journey. It's been really rewarding to help younger members take that next step in Scouting - and to show them just how much of an impact their voices can have. Also, a bit of an apology to you both - I haven't been able to attend as many Young Leader sessions as I would have liked, purely due to being away at university. Despite that, I'm really grateful for their continued support and understanding, and I look forward to getting more involved with the Young Leader side as time allows.

Speaking of voices and impact, I have to say a **massive thank you to Owen** for appointing me to this role in the first place. I'm so honoured to have this opportunity to push the positive change that comes when young people are listened to - and I'm excited to help push that even further.

Beyond the District, I've also started connecting with Youth Leads from across the county and UK, including some of our UK Youth Leads. The conversations I've had with them have been incredibly energising - filled with fresh ideas and motivation for the year ahead. Their support and enthusiasm have played a huge part in shaping the direction I want to take forward in Newcastle in 2025. (Though you'll have to wait until next year's report to hear exactly what's already been happening and upcoming—trust me, it's exciting!)

While 2024 was the beginning of my journey, I already feel a shift happening. The confidence, ambition and insight of our young people are front and centre - and I'm determined to ensure their voices are heard loud and clear.

I want to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to Laura and Jon, who have provided great patience and help (especially when I've had more questions than I care to admit!).

And finally, to the incredible young people of Newcastle: thank you. Your voices are powerful, your ideas are inspiring, and your ability to shape the future of Scouting is second to none. Please continue to share your thoughts, challenge the norm, and be part of shaping the Scouting journey for yourselves and others. You are what makes Scouting inclusive, adaptable, and truly brilliant.

Let's keep the momentum going into 2025 - there's so much more to come!

Maddie Hill
District Youth Lead



District Squirrel Scout Report 2024

2024 has been a fun-filled and exciting year of many firsts for Squirrels in Newcastle District. Following the first drey in Newcastle District opening in October 2023 at 94th Keele, the Squirrels have grabbed the opportunities provided by District with both hands and thrown themselves in to all of the events that they can get involved in.

Squirrels took part in the special 50 years of Castle Capers Gang Show, a momentous occasion for Castle Capers as a whole, celebrating its golden jubilee, but also for the Squirrel section as this is the first time they were represented in the Gang Show in Newcastle. After all of their rehearsing, they were amazing and stole the show in their 'Our First Show' item, alongside the Beavers. Their smiles lit up the stage and their cheeky nature stole the hearts of the audiences at each and every show!

For the first time in the history of Newcastle District's St George's Day parade, Squirrels were able to represent their Group, and able to carry their flag and renew their promise the same as all of the other sections. They looked super smart and did us proud marching through the town centre representing their Group, Newcastle District and Squirrels as a section!

In September, Squirrels from all across Staffordshire were invited to the County Squirrel Day at Kibblestone. They had the opportunity to take part in loads of activities including axe throwing (soft of course!), a scavenger hunt, team games, biscuit decorating, making nature artwork, experimenting with giant bubbles, mini raft-building and cooking over a fire! They all had immense amounts of fun and got to meet other Squirrels from across the County, all whilst working towards lots of different badges.

Squirrels also had the opportunity to go to the District Christmas Carol service, where they sang carols and did all the actions to a nativity story version of 'We're going on a bear hunt'. It must have gone down well as one Squirrel asked if we can go again next year!

In the autumn term, 94th Keele had the privilege of being able to award our very first Chief Scout Acorn awards! To earn this top award, over their time in Squirrels, the young people go on adventures, help their friends, and learn new things – it's a big achievement to get their Chief Scout Acorn, and they should all be so proud – we know that we definitely are!

Although in 2024 there has only been one drey open at 94th Keele, 2025 will bring the opening of more Squirrel sections across Newcastle District. It is amazing to see Squirrels gaining momentum and growing across the District and we look forward to this next year and all of the new opportunities it will bring. There are plans for even more fun and adventures, Squirrel sleepovers and, who knows, maybe even a Newcastle District Squirrel event with other dreys opening. The future of Squirrels in Newcastle District definitely looks exciting and we can't wait to see what's to come.

We'd like to take the opportunity here to thank all of those who have been a part in creating and supporting all of these opportunities. Firstly, thanks must go to our current DLV Owen, and his predecessor Vera. Without your help, support and belief in Squirrels none of this would have been possible and we wouldn't have been able to begin this journey. To all the volunteers who give up countless hours of time to support the running of Squirrel weekly sessions and other events – your hard work does not go unnoticed and it is hugely appreciated by us and the young people in the district. To Laura and Jude, our Cub and Beaver counterparts – your advice, support and willingness to include the Squirrel section has meant a great deal in this process so thank you! And last but certainly not least, an enormous THANK YOU must go to all of the Squirrels with their give-it-a-go attitude and constant energy. The future of Scouting in Newcastle is very bright; you all make us so proud with everything you do! We can't wait to support the opening of more dreys across the District, and have even more fun and make more memories next year!

Many thanks

Abbie & Briony



District Beaver Scout Report 2024

Across the District, the Beaver section has had a great year. Leaders have planned amazing section meetings and there have been camps, sleepovers, boating along with some amazing walks. Fun activities have taken place at their meeting places, leaders going above and beyond to ensure that the Beavers have a full program and a fun Scouting experience.

We have joined with the District at Castle Capers, The St Georges parade in Newcastle, joined with the Cubs for the District Carol Service which was held at Newcastle Baptist Church. We held our sports evening which was a great fun, many thanks to the support team for their invaluable help, without them this event could not take place.

Many thanks to the Beaver leaders across the District who give up their free time to Scouting , ensuring that our young people gain skills for life

Jude Edgeley

District Lead Beaver Volunteer



District Cub Scout Report 2024

2024 has been another incredible year for the Cubs within our District, and as always, I am immensely proud of both our leaders and Cubs. Their dedication, energy, and enthusiasm have continued to make this section a true highlight of our scouting family.

This year, many of our Cubs achieved the **Chief Scout Silver Award**—the highest award a Cub can earn. It's a testament to their hard work, commitment, and perseverance. Congratulations to every Cub who reached this milestone!

In April, weeks of rehearsals culminated in our golden year of "**Castle Capers.**" The Cub item—brilliantly directed by Amy Auckland (thank you, Amy!)—was a resounding success. Their performance was a joy to watch, and I'm sure we witnessed some future stars on that stage. The Cubs were truly incredible!

We came together again for the **St George's Day Parade**, a powerful celebration and moment of reflection. The theme of the service was *Journey*. Highlights included a performance from the *Castle Capers* cast and a heartfelt talk from our Chairperson, Paul Bailey, about his own journey in Scouting. Over 500 people attended—what an inspiring event.

While we sadly had to cancel the **Sports Evening and Football Tournament** due to venue issues, the **Swimming Gala** was a huge success, with even more Packs taking part than in previous years. Congratulations to **Ashley**, our champions, and to **Keele** for a strong second place finish!

In July, we held **Sixers Camp**, led by Richard Smith from Basford. Richard successfully gained his *Nights Away* permit—well done! The camp received excellent feedback, with great weather and an exciting programme. **St Wulstans** took home first place in the **Lewis Trophy** competition.

Our **Carol Service** was hosted by Newcastle Baptist Church and led by our wonderful Cub leader, Tom. The church was so full that many parents had to stand outside! It was a joyful, festive evening filled with energy and audience participation—a perfect start to the Christmas season.

Throughout the year, our Cub packs continued to deliver diverse and fun programmes. We've had numerous successful camps and day trips:

- **St Wulstans** attended Kibblestone's *Spooky* event.
- **Whitmore** hosted *Mspace*, who ran an exciting escape room night.
- **Holy Trinity Cubs** enjoyed a much-loved Pokémon Day.
- Several packs took part in the *Chip Shop Challenge*, with *The Dancing Octopus* voted the clear winner by many packs!

Most packs have also enjoyed nights away—from sleepovers in their huts to bigger adventures:

- **Keele** braved a soggy but fabulous camp at *Milldale*.
- **Red Street** hosted a Wild West-themed camp at *Sherratt's Wood*.
- **Knutton** also used Sherratt's for their group camp, involving Cubs in a great weekend of scouting.

We were deeply saddened in May by the sudden passing of **Emma Bowler**, Cub leader from Holy Trinity. Emma left a massive void in the group and the wider district. As a community, we came

together to support her group and keep Emma and her family in our thoughts during moments of reflection.

After over 40 years of dedicated service, **Paul and Sharon Hickton** made the tough decision to retire. We thank them both for their incredible commitment and wish them all the best.

A huge congratulations to **Deana Welsh**, Cub leader from Audley, who was *highly commended* as a **Community Champion** by Newcastle Council. Well deserved!

This year also saw the appointment of our new **District Lead Volunteer, Owen Dyde**. Owen, thank you for your support, guidance, and your extensive knowledge of all things Scouting—it's very much appreciated.

To all our **Cub volunteers across the district**—thank you. Your unwavering support, time, and energy enrich the lives of our young people and make scouting the transformative experience that it is.

Lastly, please pass on the biggest **BRAVO** to each and every Cub! It's these young people who make our district so special. Their eagerness to learn and develop new skills never ceases to amaze me.

Here's to another fantastic year of Cub Scouting!

Laura Boyles

District Lead Cub Volunteer



District Scout Report – 2024

While the Scout section was as active as ever during 2024 we are still looking for a District Lead Scout Volunteer.

Anyone who may be interested in being considered for this role should contact Owen Dyde – DLV.

District 14-25 Report - 2024

In 2024 the 14-25 team took the opportunity to develop itself and build a plan for the future.

The 14-25 section involves young people taking part in Explorers, as Young Leaders and Network.

After an initial meeting in August a few things became clear.

- We have 4 established and thriving Explorer Units.
- We didn't have regular local provision for Young Leaders Module A.
- There was no official local set up for Network members.

As a District and a movement across the UK, a current problem we face is a lack of volunteers. We are struggling within our Explorer Units and its clear that Scout groups across the District are also struggling with many volunteers regularly engaged in multiple roles.

The long term plan to run in conjunction with some short term goals is as follows...

- Short term; Bring young people from across Newcastle together and engage them to work together, build relations with one another and break down barriers between Explorer Units. This way, we fulfil the role of Explorers being a District Section rather than being associated to a group.
- Long term; To develop those relationships forged in Explorers and encourage those young people to stay linked to the movement through adulthood. When Explorers & Young Leaders become 18, they become part of the Scout Network. Naturally we lose these members to University, Apprenticeships, full time work or life just gets in the way... So, Network members are invited to all the joint events being run by the Explorer section with the hope that a few of these groups of friends might volunteer as a Leader and give some time back to Newcastle Scouts in the future.

All Explorers & Young leaders are now able to access Module A training from the district. This training must be completed within 3 months of becoming an Explorer Scout Young Leader. Further training to work toward the completion of the Explorer Young Leader Award is provided by Staffordshire County Scouts.

Any Explorers turning 18 are invited to become Network members, a process is still being pulled together for this. We plan to try and run a Network only event in the near future.

Current figures:

- Explorer numbers: 72
- YL numbers trained this year: 10
- YL current numbers: 20ish
- Network numbers: 67

Jon Mycock

14-25 Lead Volunteer

Support and Community Engagement Team **Report - 2024**

A key part of this new "District team" work is engagement with main organisations in our Borough and highlighting the incredible work that volunteers do and the amazing opportunities given to our young people and also encouraging groups to do the same. Some new contacts have been made, and work is continuing to develop these further.

Information and photographs from groups greatly assists in this, thank you to the groups that send information to me, I'll continue to "stalk" groups on Facebook too, please continue to keep the great news coming.

These contacts are also key in developing links to funding opportunities, and are vital in securing sustainability for district funds, to support groups and inclusivity. We have been fortunate to receive £4640 in Community funds from Staffordshire County Council, and also Newcastle Rotary club and the Strasser Foundation. This will assist the district in its support for individuals, support for the purchase of additional equipment for the Drum corps and assist in the District camp for 2025.

It's important to note that at the time of writing this report, that due to a change in political parties at County Council level that there is uncertainty regarding future funding from this source which has greatly assisted the District over a number of years. I will continue to work on this, and with other local organisations and companies. Congratulations to the groups who have been successful in grant applications to local and national companies, we know it has made a huge difference to enabling young people to participate in fabulous activities.

As a "support team" this really is a "Work in progress", to bring together individuals to support events such as sports days, town centre events and camps. If you know of anyone who would like to "assist on an occasional basis", and they can be entirely new to the district, PLEASE let me know.

Yours in Scouting

Vera Bloor

Support and Community Engagement Team Lead

District Appointment Secretary Report - 2024

Since last year's report the Appointments Team has continued to process appointments.

During the year the team has processed 24 leaders, 11 of these were new leaders and 13 for change of role or additional role, the remainder have either been removed, changed to OH and / or moved to an Exec role.

In the 12 months we are reporting on, movement has been made to align the process to the new requirements. There have been more visits to groups to deliver the appointments process, as this will be needed post-transformation.

The Scout Association has now moved to our new system and processes for appointments, the Appointments Secretary role has now been removed and the responsibility for group appointments is now with the Group Lead Volunteer.

The new process will put the emphasis on the Group to instigate the appointment at Group level, however this still requires District validation. In the new process, an appointment will be added in the system by the GLV. The new member will then need to input their references. (GLVs are reminded that its now the responsibility of the new member to add the references and request them, the GLV has no access to this area of the new system.)

Once received, the GLV will organise a welcome meeting for the appointee. The welcome meeting will need a Group representative and a District representative both of whom being trained appropriately.

The welcome meetings will continue, and we may also be in-touch to arrange a visit to your group.

Appointment Secretaries,
Ian Pritchard / Steve Broadhurst

Active Support Unit (ASU) Report - 2024

As most of you will know the role of the Active Support Unit is to support the Sections in the Newcastle District as and when we can. This year, we lost some members due to health issues and two relocating to the Isle of Man to be closer to family. I sure that they will be looking for a scout group in the Isle of Man to offer their support to.

This being the case at present our unit is now down to 14 members, all still very keen to help and assist as and when we can.

During the year we have helped at the following events:

- Castle Capers.
- Sports events.
- Swimming gala.
- St Georges Day Service.
- Beaver and Cub Carol Service.

We also enjoy a social side of our unit which involved a day out on a Canal Barge, a bring and share meal which was hosted at The Wellings Farm Ashley, and to finish the year off a Christmas Meal at the Westlands Golf Club.

As ever we always enjoy serving Scouting in Newcastle but can only be of service if you the Scouters of the District invite us to help you and the young people in your Groups.

Should you need help with a project or possibly the running of a badge course give me a ring on 01782 611091 and we will see if we can help. If you don't ask you won't know.

M J Deakin
Newcastle District ASU Manager

Newcastle-under-Lyme District Scout Council
Registered charity number 524525
Financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024

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Newcastle-under-Lyme District Scout Council
Trustees' annual report
For the year ended 31 December 2024

Full name Newcastle-under-Lyme District Scout Council

Registered charity number 524525

Principal address
c/o Kevin Stanyer
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Trustees

Paul Bailey	Chair	
Kevin Stanyer	Treasurer	
Dorothy Bailey		
Steve Broadhurst		(resigned July 2024)
Graham Baddeley		(resigned July 2024)
Patricia Viggars		
Vera Bloor		(resigned July 2024)
Laura Boyles		
Ian Pritchard		(resigned July 2024)
Adam Gray		(resigned July 2024)
David Gray		(resigned July 2024)
Karen Emmens		
John Champ		(resigned July 2024)
Judith Edgeley		
Owen Dyde		
Jack Grey		(resigned July 2024)
Madeline Hill		(appointed July 2024)
Jay Aukland		(appointed July 2024)
David Sillitto		(appointed July 2024)

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Newcastle-under-Lyme District Scout Council
Trustees' annual report (continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2024

Governing document

The charity is operated under the rules of Royal Charter granted 04/01/1912 as amended by supplemental charter dated 28/03/1949, as amended by supplemental charter dated 18/02/1959, as amended by supplemental charter dated 05/05/1967, and as amended by supplemental charter dated 19/07/1991.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

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

Aims and objectives

- To promote and support Scouting in the area.
- To promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning activities.

The Newcastle-under-Lyme District Scout Council promotes Scouting for all young people in the area through local groups.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

Please refer to the Annual Report to the Annual General Meeting.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The charity's policy on reserves

It is the charity's aim to ensure that there are adequate reserves to cover the following functions:

- Funds for specific projects such as a District Camp where all members are encouraged to attend together and for emergency support for Scout groups across the Newcastle area who may face immediate urgent financial support. Money is also budgeted, and ring fenced to "inclusivity" to ensure that in cases of extreme hardship individual Scouts can receive funding in order to allow them to participate in activities that they may otherwise be unable to do.
- Sufficient funding to cover general annual running costs including administration, accountancy, insurance, recruitment, selection, appointments and training, social media and marketing that enables the district to function and develop.
- To provide new or replacement equipment on an ongoing basis
- To offer support funding that enables the bi-annual Castle Capers Gang Show to take place (this requires a budget of £8,000-£10,000).

The trustees consider that the current level of unrestricted funds of £90,618 held will be adequate to meet these aims.

Main Risks

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Donations		15,809	-	15,809	3,952
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Grants	4	12,490	-	12,490	9,331
Other grants		200	-	200	3,419
Fundraising		1,793	-	1,793	288
Activities					
Activities, trips, badges etc		35,253	-	35,253	4,219
Camp		509	-	509	1,188
Training		860	-	860	760
Letting fees		5,645	-	5,645	-
Transferred from closed group		-	-	-	12,000
Investment Income					
Bank and Building Society Interest		1,131	-	1,131	45
Miscellaneous Income		2,529	-	2,529	940
Total Receipts		85,415	-	85,415	46,840
Payments					
Activities, support and training		29,258	-	29,258	6,831
Camp		1,140	-	1,140	729
Donations		16,985	-	16,985	2,853
Rent		2,017	-	2,017	900
Room hire (district, storage and events)		6,545	-	6,545	753
Insurance		963	-	963	314
Accountancy		889	-	889	382
Postage, stationery and printing		1,451	-	1,451	189
Repairs and consumable equipment		7,984	-	7,984	4,252
Uniforms		2,199	-	2,199	314
Licences		564	-	564	280
AGM		128	-	128	53
Inclusivity		126	-	126	1,720
Gift Aid		-	-	-	1,766
Gifts		412	-	412	-
Money Transferred to other Groups		5,509	-	5,509	-
Sundry expenses		2,874	-	2,874	541
Total Payments		79,044	-	79,044	21,877
Net Receipts/(Payments)		6,371	-	6,371	24,963
Transfers between funds					
Cash funds at start of this period		115,122	8,933	124,055	99,092
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Liabilities	£	£	£	£
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4. Grant Information

	2024 Unrestricted Funds	2024 Restricted Funds
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SCC Climate Change Project	500	-
Staffordshire County Council Community Fund	4,640	-
Stasser Foundation	1,000	-
The Barracks Trust	1,000	-
Newcastle-under-Lyme Lions Club	250	-
B2 Hanley Freemasons	100	-
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Newcastle-under-Lyme District Scout Council
Registered charity number 524525
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Trustees' annual report
For the year ended 31 December 2024

Full name Newcastle-under-Lyme District Scout Council

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Principal address
c/o Kevin Stanyer
32 Kings Avenue
Newcastle-under-Lyme
Staffordshire
ST5 8DQ

Trustees

Paul Bailey	Chair	
Kevin Stanyer	Treasurer	
Dorothy Bailey		
Steve Broadhurst		(resigned July 2024)
Graham Baddeley		(resigned July 2024)
Patricia Viggars		
Vera Bloor		(resigned July 2024)
Laura Boyles		
Ian Pritchard		(resigned July 2024)
Adam Gray		(resigned July 2024)
David Gray		(resigned July 2024)
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John Champ		(resigned July 2024)
Judith Edgeley		
Owen Dyde		
Jack Grey		(resigned July 2024)
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Jay Aukland		(appointed July 2024)
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Daryl Denson ACMA
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Hope Street
Stoke on Trent
ST1 5DD

Newcastle-under-Lyme District Scout Council
Trustees' annual report (continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2024

Governing document

The charity is operated under the rules of Royal Charter granted 04/01/1912 as amended by supplemental charter dated 28/03/1949, as amended by supplemental charter dated 18/02/1959, as amended by supplemental charter dated 05/05/1967, and as amended by supplemental charter dated 19/07/1991.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

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

Aims and objectives

- To promote and support Scouting in the area.
- To promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning activities.

The Newcastle-under-Lyme District Scout Council promotes Scouting for all young people in the area through local groups.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

Please refer to the Annual Report to the Annual General Meeting.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The charity's policy on reserves

It is the charity's aim to ensure that there are adequate reserves to cover the following functions:

- Funds for specific projects such as a District Camp where all members are encouraged to attend together and for emergency support for Scout groups across the Newcastle area who may face immediate urgent financial support. Money is also budgeted, and ring fenced to "inclusivity" to ensure that in cases of extreme hardship individual Scouts can receive funding in order to allow them to participate in activities that they may otherwise be unable to do.
- Sufficient funding to cover general annual running costs including administration, accountancy, insurance, recruitment, selection, appointments and training, social media and marketing that enables the district to function and develop.
- To provide new or replacement equipment on an ongoing basis
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NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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Accounts



Newcastle-under-Lyme District

AGM 2024



Wednesday June 12th 2024 – 7.30 p.m.

Holy Trinity Community Centre

District Chairman's Report 2023

The past 12 months have seen the District continue to grow after the pandemic of four years ago and it does feel that things have actually got back to normal – whatever normal means.

Much of the year has seen the District preparing for the transformation process that should finally be completed some time in 2024. Change can be a little scary for some at times but at the end of the day, and whatever it will entail, the main reason we all do this does not change - the benefit of the young people in our District - and may I thank each and everyone of you for the time and effort you give to ensure these young people get the experiences they deserve.

The Executive Committee have met six times during the year on a bi-monthly basis and much of our discussion has revolved around Transformation and getting our heads round the move from Executive Committee to Trustee Board. Over the last few years the Executive Committee have discussed matters that may have been better dealt with in operational areas of the District. The refocusing in the transformation programme should allow these matters to move to other teams, Leadership/Recruitment etc and the Trustee Board to deal solely with the areas that fall under its remit – should mean shorter Trustee meetings too!

My thanks to everyone on the Exec Committee/Trustee Board over the past 12 months with a particular thanks to Dot as Secretary and Kevin as Treasurer.

Although this report should focus on 2023 it would be amiss of me not to mention the change of DC/District Lead Volunteer that started towards the end of 2023. Vera steps down from the role at the end of the AGM after just over 10 years 'in post.' I had not heard of, let alone met Vera Bloor in 2014 until she was introduced to me by Steve Broadhurst at a Castle Capers rehearsal but I have been fortunate enough to work with her in my role as ADC Scouts and then District Chair and have seen the positive difference that she has brought to the District during 'time in office.'

Thanks for the last 10 years Vera and I am extremely pleased that you have chosen to stay with us and keep using your undoubted skill set moving forward.

Once again thanks to you all and here's to the next 12 months.

Paul

Paul Bailey
District Chair

District Treasurers Report - 2023

Year Ending 31st December 2023

A copy of our accounts for last year that have been independently examined and prepared by accountants at VAST (Voluntary Action Stoke-on-Trent) is attached to our annual report for your information.

Summary:

A year of Grants:

In 2023 the district was fortunate to receive a total of £12.5K in grant funding. This included; £3,800 from the Staffordshire CC Community Fund and £1,320 from the Co-op Community fund which allowed the district to offer every Group & ESU a £100 subsidy towards an organised camp, plus enabled us to support those groups having their own premises with their increased energy costs and also to help 3 groups that were experiencing increased hall letting costs. You will also remember that in December that all groups/ESUs/ and the Drum Corps were provided with a further £100 to support the development in scouting across the area.

Additionally we were grateful for a grant for £8,010 again from the Staffordshire CC Community Fund which was largely targeted at the production costs of this year's highly entertaining "Golden Jubilee" Castle Capers Gang show.

Gift Aid:

I submitted my biennial district claim to HMRC for gift aid resulting in our ESUs receiving share of £1,700 and another claim based upon gift aided donations from the Scout 2 5K event held in 2022 which provided Cancer Research UK with a further donation of £165.

Income:

Last year I hinted at a new investment strategy that the district executive approved. We combined and transferred £40,000 from our current and savings accounts which in 2022 had accrued a mere £18 in interest into a special 12-month charity saver with Virgin Money. The same money this year has realised a total of £1,100 which we can put to good use in future projects.

District coffers were further assisted by a welcome increase in membership. The census for the year showed a total membership figure of 771, an increase of 51 members over the previous year and so the despite the closure of the Westlands group, the additional levy payments received provided a welcome boost to our funds.

Kevin Stanyer
District Treasurer

District Commissioners Report – 2023

What an eventful last year we have had and a great year for members of our district helping at county level and participating in international scouting opportunities.

Members of our district attended the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea and showed how resilient Scouting is and how adaptable our leaders are. St Giles scouts attended Kandestag in Switzerland and adventurous activities have continued, with our young people attending some great events including young leader training weekends, climbing, sailing, hikes and numerous camps. We also opened up Porthill drum corps, to members from other groups to help grow its numbers, and I'm pleased to say this has been very successful. We set up our 1st Squirrel Drey in Keele and have been able to present many awards throughout the year to young people and adults across the district, including the first 5 Chief scout bronze awards at Red Street. All of these can't happen without incredible volunteers, who put in countless hours of training, planning and preparation, including compiling reviewing and authorising nights away and risk assessments, which are not the most "exciting subject", but help ensure the safety of our young people and volunteers. THANK YOU to everyone who makes these amazing adventures possible, you are truly remarkable and inspirational.

We welcomed several new people into key positions in the district, including Owen Dyde as DDC, Adam Thompson as GSL at Madeley, Karen Emmens GSL St Giles, Jack Stanyer as unit leader Centurion Explorers and Becky Fairclough as ADC scouts. We've made great progress with transformation and a huge amount of work has gone in to "data compliance and mandatory training. I'd like to thank everyone who's gone the extra mile to help get this done, including Owen Dyde, Ian Pritchard and Linda and Graham Baddeley. Members of the district team, including the new Nights away review team, have also been instrumental in supporting groups with training, and buddying to help new volunteers gain experience, in leadership and trustee roles, and the ASU have supported district events. Our district now totals 1083 people, including 783 young people, a 4.5% increase of young people on the Jan 23 census, and nearly double the January 21 "Post covid" Census. Thanks to Cllr Simon White, for his support during his year of office as Mayor and District President and to our Newcastle based county councillors and other organisations for grants and donations that have enabled so many things to happen.

Scouting locally is now approached as a key resource to support community events including the Christmas light switch on and Armed forces day, and also supports the Lions club and British Legion street collections and several groups have adopted "roundabouts", planters and community gardens working with Newcastle borough council green team to do so.



In 2023 Newcastle Borough celebrated 850 years since its charter. Leader of the Borough Council, Cllr Simon Tagg stated that a key part of celebration was to highlight the borough and create a "legacy for the future".

I'd like to thank every volunteer and young person who rose to the challenge across the borough to carry out 850 Acts of Kindness in the community. The challenge reflected that scouting enables young people to gain skills for life and to think of others before themselves, and links integrally into the community impact badge. Scouts visited care homes, served meals at community lunches, baked cakes, did litter picks, weeded and planted in community gardens, planted seeds and gave the plants to local residents, donated to various charities and food banks, and restored a "fairy garden".

Many assisted at community events, BBQing hundreds of burgers, held numerous fundraisers, helped with shopping, used their first aid skills to help an ill shopper, and created a community "scarecrow trail". They cleaned war memorials, and young beaver scouts made bird houses during a "construction sleepover", and these were sent to local primary schools and also Maer Church. Whitmore group, committed to a year of fundraising for the "Wish upon a star" charity, holding an "Elf wish evening, fun runs, and leader Andy has ran several marathons. The group raised a whopping £2083.

One of the last events was helping create a lovely atmosphere, roasting chestnuts at St Giles Church Christmas Fair. A summary of the 850 challenge and one of our 850 challenge badges was presented to the borough and has been placed in a time capsule, buried at The Brampton Museum, to be opened in 2073. The year ended with an amazing carol service at Basford, and the get togethers for Castle Capers 2024, preparing for the 50th Anniversary show. I certainly think that the district has absolutely smashed 2023, and helped create *a legacy for the future*, through all the skills development and fun.

As I end my role as District Commissioner, I'd like to sincerely thank everyone who has supported me over the past 10 ½ years. It's certainly been fun and challenging at times, Particular thanks to Steve Broadhurst, Paul and Dot Bailey, Kevin Stanyer, Elizabeth Birch, Jackie Brocklehurst, Adam Gray, Karen Emmens, Nick Wood, Laura Boyles, John Atkinson, Jon Mycock, Jude Edgeley, Lorraine Drayton, Pat Viggars, Graham and Linda Baddeley and John Champ. I'm indebted to you all for your candour, professionalism, discretion, knowledge, friendship, and humour. Also Dave Gray who has been outstanding throughout the 10 years as DDC and "my key support" and my husband Adrian, whilst not a member, has been incredible as my "Jiminy cricket conscience" and scout widower. I wish Owen all the best as he takes on the District Lead Volunteer role and to all the teams who will be taking the district and groups through "transformation" and I'm looking forward to continuing to support where I can as you continue to provide amazing scouting for our young people. To paraphrase the words of Baden Powell as we "try to leave this world a little better than we found it".

Yours in scouting

Vera Bloor
District Commissioner



District Beaver Scout Report 2023

2023 was a challenging year for some groups, St George and St Giles were in need of support so met with 25th Knutton . Porthill beaver colony also needed support with leaders, I thank those from across the district who stepped in to help.

Sadly due to bad weather beaver sports was again cancelled.

Beavers and their leaders joined in with a very lively St Georges day and a picnic afterwards. We also joined the cubs for a fabulous carol concert hosted by Basford beavers and cubs.

I would like to thank the ASU for their ongoing support with district events.

Also many many thanks to the leaders who give up their time to help run excellent programmes in their groups giving our young the best of experiences.

Jude Edgeley
ADC Beavers



District Cub Scout Report 2023

As we moved in to 2023, the Cubs section went from strength to strength, continuing to build on the positive start we'd seen during 2022.

Groups across our district flourished, and this was clearly evident in the number of awards evenings and presentations of the Chief Scouts Silver awards. This was completed in a variety of ways from leadership camps for Whitmore and Basford, AGM's and presentation events which our district Cub leader Andy had the honour of attending and helping to present for a number of groups including Holy Trinity and Ashley, and Cubs from St Wulstans being presented at the Cubs district Camp! This year has seen groups getting out and above and being visible across the district.

Holy Trinity incorporated a number of activity and challenge badges by helping the community and spending time at Belong Care Home.

Cudmore fisheries was also taken over by Whitmore Cubs, and Ashley joined in the loggerheads Scarecrow trail!

Audley, Knutton, Porthill and Red Street, to name but a few, organised and ran amazing Camps for their groups at various sites.

In June, lots of groups came together for the "I'm a Cub Get me out of Here" camp! The Scout active support unit also came along and helped to run bases, but it really was an amazing weekend! The weather was beautiful and most of the Cubs ate a bug or two!

Sadly, our Sports Day was canceled due to the great British weather. However, in September the Swimming Gala was back with a bang! St Wulstans won the event, it was just fantastic to see so many young people back together again.

This year the Carol service was organised by Basford group, and lead by the fabulous Father Tommy, who even fitted in a couple of costume changes! The church was bursting at the seams and ended up being standing room only!

Our district leaders had the opportunity to join together for transformation events in preparation for changes that will be coming. They have also continued to provide diverse, uplifting programmes filled with the fundamentals of scouting and is clear to see from the number of badges held upon the Cubs sleeves and presentation events. Leaders – I want to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you for giving up your time for the young people of our district. Supporting and enriching them. Encouraging them to be the best that they can be! I would also like to say thank you to Vera for always supporting the Cubs and offering her help and advice when needed. To Andy and Sharon our Cub district leaders. Thank you for all the help and support you have given to the Cubs across our district, for helping at meetings and always being on hand for any guidance and advice I may have.

Finally, I would also like to the biggest thank you to our Cubs. It is these amazing young people who make our district Cub section the very best! Their passion for all we do, and willingness to learn new things and try now tasks, no matter how unsure they may be always shines through.

Laura Boyles
ADC Beavers



District Scout Report – 2023

While Becky Fairclough was appointed at ADC Scouts at the back end of 2023, she has recently had to step away from Scouting for personal reasons.

Becky did hold a skills weekend at Kibblestone for Scout Leaders while she was 'in situ' and it is hoped to build on this with a new District Scout Lead Volunteer in the near future.

Our thanks to Becky and our best wishes to her going forward.

EXPLORERS

District Explorer Scout Report - 2023

We are pleased to say that 2023 has been another good year for the District Explorer units. In the census January 23 the number of Explorers recorded was 50 and on the January 2024 census the number has risen to 68 thanks to the hard work of the unit leaders. Unfortunately the struggle to recruit more leaders has not changed.

The 4 remaining units are all doing well with many activities being undertaken, badge work being completed and many working towards their Young Leader belt as well other higher scouting awards and the D of E award.

All units have held their own camps and activities during the year with some members also attending joint camps with groups. This continues due to the number of explorers acting as Young Leaders within different sections of groups throughout the District. Hopefully this is a good omen for the number of new adult leaders in the future.

The explorers working towards their Young Leader Belt are attending County Training camps to complete the modules needed. This is working well as they are not only doing the training but are also networking with other explorers not only from our District but from across the County.

Working towards gaining other badges has also continued with many Activity badges being completed through a lot of hard work by the explorers and support from the leaders. From records available there have also been approximately 170 activity and higher award badges presented during this year including

1 Chief Scout Platinum, 1 Chief Scout Gold and 1 D of E Bronze.

Good luck to all explorer members and carry on enjoying your scouting.

Finally we would like to thank all of the Explorer leaders for their work and commitment during the last year and hope that 2024 continues to be successful for you all.

Adam Gray
DESC

Linda Baddeley
Explorer Administrator

District Youth Executive Report - 2023

There is no Youth Lead Volunteer in place currently, it is hoped that one will be appointed in the near future.

District Appointment Secretary Report - 2023

Since last year's report the Appointments Team have continued to process appointments.

During the year the team has processed 42 leaders, 15 of these were new leaders and 13 for change of role or additional role, the remainder have either been removed, changed to OH and or moved to an Exec role.

Currently within the system there are 17 leaders ready for their appointment meeting.

There are however, still 15 leaders on Compass who the team can't process because one or both referees are still pending. The Appointments Team reminds everyone that it's the Group Scout Leaders' responsibility to request the referees for the new leader and to chase them up when there are problems. An individual Group can have a handful whereas the team has 23 – the numbers speak for themselves.

In the 12 months we are reporting on, movement has been made to align the process to the new requirements. The proposed new process will put the emphasis on the Group to instigate the appointment at Group level, however this still requires District validation.

In the meantime the current process, including the welcome meetings will continue and we may also be in-touch to arrange a visit to your group.

Appointment Secretaries,
Ian Pritchard / Steve Broadhurst

Active Support Unit (ASU) Report - 2023

As most of will know the role of the Active Support Unit (ASU) is to support all sections in the Newcastle District. We continue to meet at the Bush Silverdale however the pub is at present closed for refurbishment, so we don't know what this may mean to us as a unit for the future.

At the time of writing this report we have 15 active members of the ASU. We have lost Gretta and Roger Bloor as the have moved to the Isle of Man to live and be closer to family. Also, John and Doreen Atkinson who are finding it more difficult to travel to our meetings. I must thank them for their contribution to Newcastle District in the past over many years and wish them all the best for the future.

Over the year we have helped to support on numerous occasions which include St Georges Day Service, the District Cub Camp at Kibblestone and the annual District Beaver and Cub Carol service at Basford St Marks. Members of the unit are also involved with training in the district and serve on the Trustee Boards of Silverdale Scout Group, Newcastle District and Kibblestone District Management Committee.

We also enjoy social time together during the summer Di Silitto invited the unit to a lovely evening at her farmhouse and a buffet was served and a good time was enjoyed by all, many thanks Di. Once again, our Annual Christmas Meal was held at the Westlands Golf Club Newcastle and the food and hospitality was second to none.

As always, we all enjoy Serving Scouting in Newcastle but can only be of service if you the Scouters of the District invite us to help, our motto is "JUST ASK."

M J Deakin
Newcastle District ASU Manager

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AGM		53	-	53	94
Inclusivity		1,720	-	1,720	1,124
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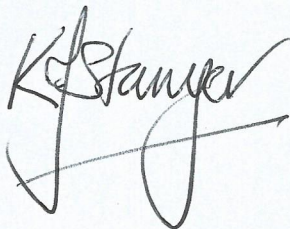
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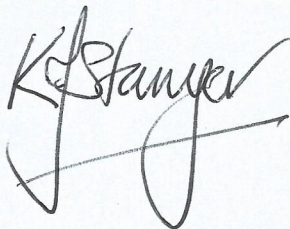
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AGM 2021



September 16th 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Holy Trinity Community Centre and via
Microsoft Teams

District Chairman's Report 2020

It was not until the AGM in June last year that I took over as District Chair and to say it has been an unusual 15th months since then is putting it mildly!

Exec meetings have taken place on a regular basis and some at short notice, the move to remote meetings through Microsoft Teams has proved both challenging and entertaining at times but on the whole attendance has been strong.

I have been fortunate to be able have been able to see the wide ranging, and at times unique, manner in which leaders across the District have attempted to ensure that, when restrictions permitted, Scouting took place across Newcastle – my thanks to each and everyone of you.

My thanks also to all members of the Exec, the wide-ranging views expressed have been thought provoking and have led to balanced discussions and decisions being able to be made, always with how this will benefit the young people across the District being at the forefront of everyone's minds.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Exec moving forward and having the opportunity of 'chairing' meetings on a more face-to-face basis.

Additionally I look forward to being able to get out and about over the course of the next 12 months to see the tremendous work that continues across the District. – Thanks again.

Paul Bailey
District Chair

District Treasurers Report - 2020

Year Ending 31st December 2020

In March our 2020 accounts were submitted to VAST (Voluntary Action Stoke-on-Trent) for independent examination in accordance with the Charity Act. Thank you the ASU and all ESUs for the prompt contributions of their accounts which facilitated this process. VAST reported no matters of concern on our accounts and we received their completed report on 10th June, a copy of which you will find attached to our annual report.

Some notable activities:

I think that we will agree that 2020 was an extraordinary year. The COVID pandemic and resulting lockdowns greatly affected our normal scouting activities and this was reflected in our financial dealings.

In February we were successful in being granted £3,150.00 from the SCC People Helping People Fund. This enabled us to share £2,400.00 to Castle Capers Gang Show and £750.00 across 15 of non-school Scout Groups for craft and stationery materials.

In February also, Newcastle Lions donated £500 to us.

March 2020 proved to be watershed moment for the collection of our annual membership fees with for the first time, paying by online bank transfers, and all provided with emailed receipts.

In April, I set up a District "Just Giving" charity account.

<https://www.justgiving.com/newcastledistrictscouts>

This proved especially useful for collecting sponsorship in for the 2.6 Challenge events that took place. Further donations came in through this site during the year resulting in a total of £687 being raised.

Further fund raising revolved around the two Christmases! £320.00 was banked in January from the 2019 Newcastle Christmas lights switch on event and a further £238.00 was raised in December 2020 from bucket collections at Morrison's supermarket, Vera's face mask sales and Heather Locker's Christmas wreaths.

In May we were allocated a £2,750.00 COVID-19 grant from SCC, Following an assessment of district needs and in collaboration with our GSL's this money was allocated to 5 Scout Groups identified as being most at risk of financial pressure due to lack of income during the lockdown.

Also we received £100.00 grants from Rotary, The Strasser Foundation and B.A.T.Ltd

In June we received a £500 grant from Tesco's "Bags for Life" COVID-19 fund

August we retrieved £1,808.02 in Gift Aid from HMRC. This covered the period 2016-2020 with the majority of this going to Centurion and Icení ESU's who have embraced this scheme and maintained the necessary evidence to support the claim.

September we were able to bulk purchase hygiene equipment to ensure each group was compliant with the Scout Association COVID-19 code (£2,625.00)

October we supported the purchase of a Coleman shelter for 2 groups to enable them to operate outdoor socially distance activities. (total £435.00) .

December we were allocated a further £4,000.00 from the SCC COVID-19 Recovery Fund, some of which we have used this year in inclusivity payments to support membership payment for Scout Groups that had identified families experiencing deprivation who without our support would have been lost to scouting.

Conclusion

The executive remain concerned about the impact COVID-19 is having to scouting across our district. It is committed to supporting all leaders, groups and units as much as possible to encourage a return to face to face scouting. Funds have been made available and we will consider all requests for help seriously.

We anticipate that the total funds held by the District will continue to reduce. The executive members maintain a strict focus on all areas of expenditure and remain confident that the reserves held remain adequate for our future year's needs.

Kevin Stanyer
District Treasurer

District Commissioners Report – 2020

2020 started off on the "Crest of a Wave", having had a successful 2019, we were enthusiastically working on Castle Capers 2020, and were confidently moving forward, with plans for our youth executive to lead St Georges day and even a community day. Little did we know that this year would prove to give us some of our biggest challenges ever. But wait, we are scouts, we do challenge, and find ways to work together to overcome them, or new ways of working.

A change of team for Castle Capers production, proved challenging, but was progressing well, and GSL's and execs slowly worked through GDPR and Compass compliance, not the most enthralling of subjects but absolutely necessary for our legal responsibilities as trustees and as a charity organisation. During the first ¼ of the year all groups and sections were busy, and lots of exciting face to face scouting was taking place.

Then on 23rd March, we were "locked down" nationally, and started to learn a whole new language of COVID 19. We optimistically looked at options for Castle Capers later in the year, and held virtual meetings, for oversight, and for activities. We identified key issues of keeping our young people engaged, supporting each other, welfare of our volunteers and access to funding to support social distanced activities. This focus at district and group level, helped to sustain us through the rest of the year, and we were fortunate to receive support from our local County Councilors, and various small grants or donations, which enabled us to help groups identified at high risk, and also individuals in need. We supported our local NHS, clapped for hero's and made headbands for heroes. Our 2.6 challenge, and the launch of our just giving page, was fruitful, and indeed challenging. Thank you to every person who undertook a challenge, and everyone who donated.

Our use of technology and the creativity of amazing volunteers, proved crucial. "Zoom", "Teams", "break out rooms" virtual meetings, became the norm, and leaders helped teach each other to access and use the IT, and enable young people to access it. Sadly, not all could do so, and scouting, in line with the whole country, became increasingly aware of how this access is often taken for granted. Volunteers worked hard to provide activity packs, and support for those in need.

We held our first ever virtual St Georges day, with VIP appearances and music. Thanks must go to Jack Gray, chair of our Youth Executive, for comparing and compiling our virtual celebration. you can find it here <https://youtu.be/-xi7d74RGjw>

We welcomed Paul Bailey as our new district Chair, Dot Bailey as district secretary, and Jude Edgeley as a new member of the district executive. I'd like to acknowledge the support of Josh Marley and Margaret McQueen for giving the executive a broader view from the district groups over the past 2 years.

Summer rolled on and it is a real tribute to the enthusiasm of all the volunteers both at district and group level, to see virtual activities taking place, the videos and photos of smiling faces, certainly helped remind us of why we scout, and sustained us through some difficult times. The camp at homes and campfires, one of which in May had over 84000 people on, was one of the highlights.

We excitedly, but with some trepidation, undertook covid risk assessments during late summer, and a number of groups returned to face to face scouting. Armed with covid packs, extra equipment, cones, hoops, signposts, sanitiser, we saw some sports, hikes, fish filleting, crafts, chicken gutting, cooking, and the ever faithful, toasting marshmallows and making smores.

Some groups welcomed new members, and volunteers, and others, where many volunteers are key workers or shielding somehow managed to juggle their work and home and keep virtual contact going and still managed to do on line training, and renew qualifications. The late autumn and winter were even more challenging, as bad weather impacted on outdoor activities, and another national lockdown, prevented face to face meeting.

There was some good news for our district, Dot Bailey, our District Secretary was awarded British Empire Medal in the HM The Queen Birthday honours, in recognition of her contribution to scouting and the community. Amazing, & very much deserved!

Our district executive, made the bold decision to put our "District levy" for 2020/21 as ZERO, to assist groups and individuals as much as possible, knowing that many were facing financial challenges, and emphasising that our focus is on local scouting and enabling as many young people as possible to participate.

So into 2021 with this focus and hope, moving forward together, as an amazing district, making a difference and giving our young people and volunteers skills for life.

Thank you so much, to each and every one of you, for digging deep and many congratulations on your resilience.

Vera Bloor

District Commissioner

PS Its September 2021, and as we look back over 2020, it may seem a long time ago, and we are still in very weird times of Coronavirus Pandemic, please remember all these amazing things, and SMILE, you made them happen!

WE WILL MEET AGAIN !

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District Beaver Scout Report 2020

As for everyone within scouting this year has been challenging. Most groups have had contact with their young people during this time , either by check in via zoom for a short time or by running weekly meetings on zoom or other medium. A few groups returned to face-to-face Scouting outside either at their usual meeting place or by choosing other outside spaces eg the Brampton, Apedale Country Park.

I am delighted to say that badge work has continued, some groups awarding Chief Scout Bronze awards too.

Newcastle District beavers have embraced this new way and as leaders we are extremely proud of them.

The Beaver leaders have gone above and beyond this past year to deliver scouting to our youngest members, they are to be congratulated.

We are all looking forward to resuming face to face scouting and hopefully we will all be back at our usual venues.

Jude Edgeley

On behalf of the Beaver Section



District Cub Scout Report 2020

2020 started off as an amazing year for the Cubs within our district, when we were excitedly organising our May district camp – I’m a Cub – Get me out of Here!!! However, no one could have foreseen the moment where the world literally stopped due to COVID.

So, the next 12 months saw such significant changes to how we needed to deliver our programme, not just for the Cubs, but for all sections. However, as always, Scouting rose to the challenges lockdown presented, and the Cubs showed true resilience by dealing with it and expressing the wonderful positivity that they always do. Some of us also had to become a techno expert! I’m sure Ian Pritchard and Fiona Paskin still fear a phone call from me in case I have broken something else! (Computers still aren’t my strong point!)

March 2020 was the time that face-to-face scouting stopped for a long time. However, the majority of groups continued to provide, not just, an amazing online plan for our young people, but were also always at the end of the phone/zoom/Teams offering emotional support to cub parents and their fellow leaders (which I will always be indebted to you all for.)

Throughout the district, groups continued to achieve lots of badges, such as: photography, collectors, chef’s badge to name but a few. A lot of groups also still managed to present a large number of Chief Scout Silver Awards – under normal circumstances this is not an easy badge to achieve - but with all the restrictions it was made even more of a challenge. A loud BRAVO to all those Cubs who were presented with this. All badges were earned through a range of imaginative and creative ways; developed by the truly amazing leaders we have within this district.

St George’s Day Parade was our first district online event – which saw us all watching virtually and making our promises together within our own homes.

Along with thousands of people across the UK, we: camped at home, did the great indoors weekender, virtual county camp, lit a campfire and sung along with countless other scouters around the UK through the power of technology! We clapped for carers, saw Sir Thomas Moore generate millions for the NHS and also got us all doing our daily outdoor walk!

As we passed summer, we were able to return to face-to-face scouting (following stringent requirements put in place by the scout association.) Countless risk assessments were completed by our wonderful leaders with no idea of how long we would continue. Sadly, our face to face was short lived, and we returned to online pack sessions before the year was over.

In September 2020 we were saddened to hear that Angela Stott, a very long serving cub leader from Holy trinity, passed away. I loved to hear Angela’s stories from when she was a young girl. She will be greatly missed.

I would like to say a big thanks to all of the leaders for all you have done for our young people. This has been one of the most difficult times we have been through, but your continued support is clearly

shown through the sheer number of young people who have continued within our section and scouting during this trying time; with minimal losses to the Cub section when face to face returned. You are all amazing!

I would like to say thank you to my district leaders for always being a tower of strength and support.

I would also like to extend my thanks for the last 12 months to our DC Vera and DDC Dave, who have always been available to offer support and guidance when needed. They have been a tower of strength to me, even when times have been challenging, and the emotional struggle that lots of us have faced during COVID. (Which had sometimes felt too much to bear.) For this I am so grateful and will never forget your care and compassion.

Even though this report is for 2020 – 2021, I just want to make a comment on the loss of one of our wonderful cub district leaders, cub leader and part of SASU Kibb, Paul Wilkinson. As you all know Paul was one of my dearest friends, as he was to so many, and his loss will be felt for a long time, if not forever, to me and within the Cubs section. He was a fantastic scouter and often had a little moan (usually at me) but would always do whatever he could in order to support, aid and encourage anyone in any way he could. To me, he will always be a true scouter. As the Cub Law says "he always thought of others before himself". He will be greatly missed by so many.

Laura Boyles
ADC Beavers

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District Network Scout Report - 2020

Membership of the section has remained stable despite the pandemic, as most of the members are volunteers within Groups.

The challenge of getting the section together has always been difficult and therefore has not been affected as have the other sections by the lockdowns and other restrictions placed on us by the virus.

Several members are still working towards their top awards and as always, I will continue to support as required.

I am optimistic that Scouting will return to a more normal situation shortly and as always am looking forward to meeting and assisting members.

Dave Gray

District Network Commissioner.

Active Support Unit (ASU) Report - 2020

This could well be the shortest ASU report that I have ever written like all other sections of the movement we have been subject to HQ Covid rules and have not had face to face meetings. Most of the members of the ASU did keep in touch with the aid of a WhatsApp Group which served the unit well to communicate and share information. Newcastle District Active Support Unit continues to remain a strong ASU and our membership number at is present 24.

When Scouting finely gets back to normal what ever that may be we all look forward to once again being able to help where we can in the District, so if in the future you have an event or an activity on a Beaver, Cub Or Scout night, you think we may be able to help with please get in touch with me. The worst that can happen is we may have to say we can't help on that occasion

As always we enjoy serving Scouting in Newcastle, but can only be of service if you the Scouters of the District involve us in your activities and invite us to help you and the young people in your care.

M J Deakin

Newcastle District Active Support Unit Manager

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Summary of the main achievements during the period

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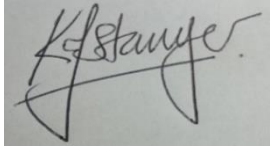
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Main Risks

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

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Signed

Date 29/06/2021

Kevin Stanyer
District Treasurer

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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Signed

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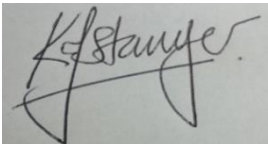
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Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership Subscriptions		38,130	-	38,130	38,393
Less membership subscriptions paid on		(32,905)	-	(32,905)	(30,322)
Net membership subscriptions retained		5,225	-	5,225	8,071
Donations	2	2,082	-	2,082	403
Grants					
Castle Capers		4,063	-	4,063	-
Other grants	2	10,400	-	10,400	623
Fundraising		1,230	-	1,230	760
Activities					
Activities, trips, badges etc		45	-	45	1,801
Camp		637	-	637	19,654
Canada trip		-	-	-	1,770
Jamboree		-	-	-	9,985
Gang show		-	-	-	-
Investment Income					
Bank and Building Society Interest		30	7	37	73
Miscellaneous Income		2,615	-	2,615	1,561
Total Receipts		26,327	7	26,334	44,701
Payments					
Activities, support and training		1,043	-	1,043	6,627
Camp		468	-	468	18,919
Donations		3,573	-	3,573	1,250
Canada trip		-	1,774	1,774	100
Jamboree		-	-	-	9,750
Gang Show		6,847	-	6,847	-
Sponsorship, donations and subs		-	-	-	-
Room hire (district, storage and events)		1,048	-	1,048	1,279
Insurance		500	-	500	607
Accountancy		840	-	840	834
Postage, stationery and printing		207	-	207	131
Repairs and consumable equipment		4,274	-	4,274	1,672
Sundry expenses		739	-	739	743
Total Payments		19,539	1,774	21,313	41,912
Net Receipts/(Payments)		6,788	(1,767)	5,021	2,789
Transfers between funds		(1,767)	1,767	-	-
Cash funds at start of this period		85,694	8,924	94,618	91,829
Cash funds at end of this period	3	90,715	8,924	99,639	94,618

Newcastle-under-Lyme District Scout Council
Statement of assets and liabilities
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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 £	2019 £
Cash assets				
Cash at Bank	90,000	8,924	98,924	94,060
Cash held by Units	615	-	615	458
Appointment Secretary's Float	100	-	100	100
	90,715	8,924	99,639	94,618
Liabilities				
	£	£	£	£
Accruals	834	-	834	834
	834	-	834	834

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed 

Date 29/06/2021

Kevin Stanyer
District Treasurer

Newcastle-under-Lyme District Scout Council
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1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
General Donations	2,082	-	2,082	403
Other Grants	10,400	-	10,400	623
	<u>12,482</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,482</u>	<u>1,026</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds					
Canada trip	-	-	(1,774)	1774	-
Jamboree fund	7	-	-	(7)	-
Derek Hollinshead Fund	8,917	7	-	-	8,924
Staffordshire County Council Local Community Fund - Outdoor Activity Programme	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>8,924</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>(1,774)</u>	<u>1,767</u>	<u>8,924</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	73,653	26,317	(19,539)	(1,767)	78,664
Designated fund: Margaret Schofield Jamboree fund	12,041	10	-	-	12,051
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Total funds	<u>94,618</u>	<u>26,334</u>	<u>(21,313)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,639</u>

4. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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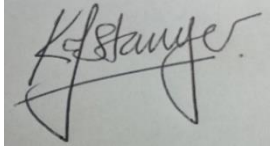
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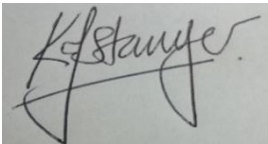
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Transfers between funds		(1,767)	1,767	-	-
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Cash funds at end of this period	3	90,715	8,924	99,639	94,618

Newcastle-under-Lyme District Scout Council
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 £	2019 £
Cash assets				
Cash at Bank	90,000	8,924	98,924	94,060
Cash held by Units	615	-	615	458
Appointment Secretary's Float	100	-	100	100
	90,715	8,924	99,639	94,618
Liabilities				
	£	£	£	£
Accruals	834	-	834	834
	834	-	834	834

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed 

Date 29/06/2021

Kevin Stanyer
District Treasurer

Newcastle-under-Lyme District Scout Council
Notes to the accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2020

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
General Donations	2,082	-	2,082	403
Other Grants	10,400	-	10,400	623
	<u>12,482</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,482</u>	<u>1,026</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds					
Canada trip	-	-	(1,774)	1774	-
Jamboree fund	7	-	-	(7)	-
Derek Hollinshead Fund	8,917	7	-	-	8,924
Staffordshire County Council Local Community Fund - Outdoor Activity Programme	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>8,924</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>(1,774)</u>	<u>1,767</u>	<u>8,924</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	73,653	26,317	(19,539)	(1,767)	78,664
Designated fund: Margaret Schofield Jamboree fund	12,041	10	-	-	12,051
	<u>85,694</u>	<u>26,327</u>	<u>(19,539)</u>	<u>(1,767)</u>	<u>90,715</u>
Total funds	<u>94,618</u>	<u>26,334</u>	<u>(21,313)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,639</u>

4. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

Trustees received no remuneration or expenses in this period (2019: £nil).