

**SCARBOROUGH & DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

**Charity Commission Number: 524690**

**Receipts and Payments Account**

**for the year ended**

**31 December 2022**

2022

2021

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
Birch Hall Camp	£22,132		£22,132	£5,614
Birch Hall Camp COVID-19 Grants	£5,334		£5,334	£16,097
Activities	£3,949		£3,949	£1,833
Explorers	£1,443		£1,443	£357
Explorers and young leaders subscriptions	£2,749		£2,749	£1,839
Membership fees received (net)	£2,096		£2,096	£1,059
County Camp	£366		£366	£220
Explorer Camp	£2,709		£2,709	£300
Fundraising	£1,183		£1,183	£46
Donations and Gift Aid	£3,465		£3,465	£59,692
Filey COVID-19 Grants	£0		£0	£6,666
Robin Hood's Bay COVID-19 Grants	£0		£0	£8,383
Bank Interest	£128		£128	£257
Training Income	£100		£100	£170
Uniform and Badges	£876		£876	£69
Robin Hood's Bay	£1,000		£1,000	£450
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>£47,530</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£47,530</b>	<b>£103,052</b>

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<b>Payments</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
Birch Hall Camp	£10,089		£10,089	£7,998
Activities	£3,690		£3,690	£1,810
Explorers	£3,665		£3,665	£1,516
Explorer Camp	£3,918		£3,918	£591
St George's Day	£40		£40	£0
Gifts and Contributions	£0		£0	£54
Administration	£192		£192	£310
Uniform and Badges	£1,470		£1,470	£530
Training	£544		£544	£168
Robin Hood's Bay	£746		£746	£510
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>£24,354</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£24,354</b>	<b>£13,486</b>
<b>Asset and Investment Purchases</b>				
Scouting Equipment	£0		£0	£0
Birch Hall Development	£6,744	£50,000	£56,744	£49,985
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£31,098</b>	<b>£50,000</b>	<b>£81,098</b>	<b>£63,471</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>£16,432</b>	<b>-£50,000</b>	<b>-£33,568</b>	<b>£39,581</b>
<b>Cash Funds Last year End</b>	<b>£63,584</b>	<b>£50,000</b>	<b>£113,584</b>	<b>£74,003</b>
<b>Transfers between Funds</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>Cash Funds this Year End</b>	<b>£80,016</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£80,016</b>	<b>£113,584</b>

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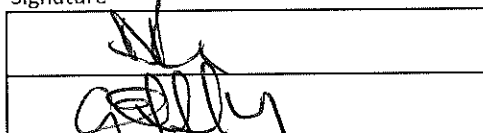
2022

2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
<b>Cash Funds</b>				
Cash at Bank	£79,639		£79,639	£112,830
Cash on Hand	£377		£377	£754
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>£80,016</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£80,016</b>	<b>£113,584</b>
<b>Non-monetary Assets</b>				
Scouting Equipment	£1,320		£1,320	£1,320
Birch Hall Development	£230,820		£230,820	£174,076
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£232,140</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£232,140</b>	<b>£175,396</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Liabilities due now	£0	£0	£0	£0
Payable in the future	£0	£0	£0	£0
	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 18th April 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Signature



David Ruston

Chair

Graeme Jeffrey

Treasurer



# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
SCARBOROUGH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Charity no  
(if any) 524690

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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

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

Independent  
examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:

Date:

02/05/2023

Name:

Lee Jones

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

Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) (2004).  
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) (2009).

Address:

17 Sea View Close  
Scarborough  
North Yorkshire  
YO11 3JB

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

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

# **SCARBOROUGH & DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**16<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**7.30pm**

**Scarborough Cricket Club**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

# **SCARBOROUGH & DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**16<sup>TH</sup> May 2023**

**Scarborough Cricket Club, 7.30PM**

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and opening devotion
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the last meeting
- 4. Governance Oversight**
  - a. Adoption of the Constitution
  - b. Note the dates of the financial year
  - c. Agree the number of Trustees that may be elected to the Trustee Board
  - d. Agree the quorum for meetings of the District Scout Council, Trustee Board and sub-Committees
- 5. Review of 2022/23**
  - a. Receive and consider the annual report 2022/23
  - b. Treasurers report and accounts 2022
- 6. Appointments**
  - a. Approve DC nomination of Chair of the Trustees Board
  - b. Election of Secretary to the Trustees Board
  - c. Election of Treasurer to the Trustees Board
  - d. Election of Trustees to the Trustee Board
  - e. Approve DC nominations of Trustees to the Trustees Board
  - f. Approve the re-appointment of the President
  - g. Appointment of Independent Examiner
  - h. Nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council
7. County Representative
8. Any other business
9. Close of business
10. Presentations

## **DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

It has been an incredibly eventful year since the last AGM. Following the celebration of the Queen's platinum jubilee we then sadly had to mourn her death not long afterwards. The Queen had been our Patron for as long as most people in Scouting had been alive, even just changing our promise was quite a wrench.

Scarborough District showed our renowned ability to pull together events, and in this case at short notice, to organise a celebration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's life and to join the nation in a moment of silence. Thank you to everybody who helped pull together a packed service at Westborough Church which was both moving and at times light-hearted. Digby Forster, one of the town's first Queen's Scouts (many decades ago), asked everybody to recite the Scout Promise with the word Queen in it for the very last time before we all renewed our new promise to the King. It proved to be a very fitting goodbye to Her Majesty.

I was delighted to welcome this year Steven Broadbent as a second Deputy District Commissioner. Steven is concentrating on growth and development as well as overseeing some other District activities. His enthusiasm and drive is very welcome and I'm sure he'll have a long future ahead in the District team. Many thanks to Steven, Trev Daniel and Andy Jennings for all the support they offer me in my role as District Commissioner.

Our District President, Bonnie Purchon MBE has represented the District with distinction and pride during the year, helping at various events and being a beacon of stability.

After several years of steady growth our youth membership numbers within the District last year saw a disappointing drop. It would have been easy to blame Covid for this but as every other District in the County saw growth it probably wouldn't be a reasonable explanation. The truth of the matter is we were hit by two large Groups suffering an exceptional drop in numbers. The good news is that since the census we have attracted over 100 new youth members to Scouting in Scarborough: well done to all the Groups for redoubling your efforts to attract young people to the Movement. I'm sure last year was a blip and we will return steadily to our pre-Covid highs. It may take a little longer in Whitby, but Janine and her team are valiantly keeping the Group going and there are some early signs of a turnaround.

Last year it was pleasing to report on the opening of two new Squirrel sections at 42<sup>nd</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup>. This year I can do the same again, with 2<sup>nd</sup> ELO and First Scarborough both opening new Squirrel sections over the coming weeks/months. This new section has proved to be a resounding success. Well done to the existing two Squirrel Dreys and good luck to the new ones which are opening. ADC Squirrels Lesley Usher is also managing to run a Drey herself, so thanks to her and all the other Squirrel leaders.



In recent weeks we have celebrated 40 years of Beaver Scouting in Scarborough with the St. George's Day Parade and Service being dedicated to this birthday. Many thanks to ADC Beavers Beryl Lewis for leading up the celebrations and for delivering an exciting programme of District Beaver events.

All of the other District sections also continue to provide many exciting and challenging competitions and events at District level. Thanks are due to ADC Cubs Ian Marshall assisted by Colin Adamson, ADC Scouts John Tindall and District Explorer Scout Commissioner Chris Blogg for all of their continued dedication and service. Colin also does a wonderful job of organising the annual Carol Celebration and St. George's Day.

The District Team is blessed with several other important members. Sam Peate continues to ensure the Nights Away scheme is implemented with professionalism. We can be assured that children and young people are safe and well looked after on residential experiences. Gill MacCallaugh has not only grown the number of adults assisting in Scout Active Support, but she also presides over an ever increasing demand for their services. It is so helpful for sections, Groups and the District to be able to call on Gill and her experienced team of adults.

Adult training in Scarborough is back to its best with Alan and Liz Burnham really producing the goods with regular delivery of modules and also ensuring that mandatory ongoing training is complied with. Liz, along with Debbie Burnham, have also re-instigated Young Leader training for Explorer Scouts helping in younger sections.

Since awarding the District Commissioner's trophy to the Birch Hall development and service team last year, work at the site has continued at a similar pace with working parties on Tuesdays and Saturdays. I won't list all the thank you's which I did last year; I think everyone knows who is putting the work in at Langdale End and I'm sure everybody appreciates the herculean efforts which have been made to transform the site. Neil Thompson is busier than ever, with demand for the site being the highest it's been for four years. So thanks to Neil, his knowledge and dedication is legendary. This demand has meant that Carols Tindall's calm and methodical approach to her booking secretary role has paid dividends. Thanks to Carol for the excellent job she does.

Chris Tolley and his band of archery instructors have provided exciting target sports opportunities for children of all ages in the District over the last year. He also organised archery instructors for various visiting Groups to Birch Hall. I'm pleased to report that Jamie Broadbent and Jamie Trigg are now fully trained in delivery of air rifle activities and will soon be rolling out a full programme of competitions and events.

The District Executive committee will cease to exist after this AGM and be replaced by a Board of Trustees. All being well, Chairman Dave Ruston, Secretary Ang McKie and Treasurer Graeme Jeffrey will continue as Trustees. All three have been outstanding during the last twelve months. Beyond that we're not entirely sure what will happen with the Board of Trustees. It will be smaller and more focused than in the past and this will also be replicated at Group Boards of Trustees. Thank you to all Executive members for that service during the last year and previous years.

Bernard Smaller continues as Appointments Chairman at a time when the appointments process is going through some change; again we're not entirely sure how that will end up. Thanks to Bernard and his team of Appointments Advisory Panel members for their service in the last year.

Groups and sections remain the lifeblood of Scouting and I'd like to personally thank all Group Scout Leaders for the work they do in delivering Scouting to children and young people in Scarborough District. It's important we recognise the work of every single volunteer leader in the District without which Scouting wouldn't exist; you have my sincere thanks. This thanks also extends to every Group helper, Executive members, fundraisers and all the unsung heroes in the background.

Despite my best efforts and asking more than one 18 to 25 year old, I have so far remained unsuccessful in recruiting a Youth Commissioner for Scarborough District but the search continues.

Huge congratulations to those Scouters whose service was recognised by the Chief Scout in the last 12 months and have been awarded any of the national awards.

We now look forward to another exciting year ahead in Scarborough District with so many opportunities to give more children and young people the chance to experience everything that Scouting has to offer.

So thank you to you all, whatever your role in Scouting in Scarborough is. Be it in District or Group, uniform or lay, you all contribute to making the Scouting family in Scarborough happy and successful. This means that hundreds of children and young people can, and everything that makes it the greatest youth movement on the planet... and that is down to all of you. Thank you!

Happy Scouting!

**Graeme Young**  
**District Commissioner**

## **FINANCE REPORT 2022**

The annual accounts have been published and approved. They have been inspected by Lee Jones in accordance with the requirements of P.O.R. and the Charity Commission.

2022 was my second full year as District Treasurer and my first with regular Scouting across the District, uninterrupted in the most part by COVID-19. The District Executive continues to manage the organisation's finances very well and the increased usage of the Birch Hall Campsite by both local and national Groups as well as outside parties has helped support the ongoing refurbishment of the lodges without compromising the District's reserves.

- 1) The District levy was increased to £4 for 2022. Overall member numbers increased by 4%
- 2) The District currently has just a little over £36,000 in the Charity Bond reserved for Capital Expenditure.
- 3) There was still a small amount of support from the local government in terms of COVID grants.
- 4) The legacy payment of £50,000, received in 2021 and left for the benefit of the Birch Hall development has now been used to refurbish Troutdale Lodge and bring it up to the same standard as the others. General work on the Birch Hall site also continued throughout the year with a total expenditure of £56,744 including the £50,000 legacy.
- 5) The Birch Hall Campsite has proved extremely popular since reopening to groups and more than quadrupled its income for 2022, going from £5,614 to £22,132 and generating a surplus of over £10,000 to be reinvested in the continued development of the site.
- 6) I would like to place on record my thanks to Lee Jones for his assistance in compiling and inspecting the Annual Accounts.

**Graeme Jeffrey**  
**District Treasurer**

## **SQUIRREL SCOUT SECTION REPORT**

The very first District Squirrel report!

At the moment we have two Dreys running in Scarborough - 42<sup>nd</sup> St Mark's and 46<sup>th</sup> Westborough. Both have full and active programmes with some joint activities planned. 46<sup>th</sup> have found a couple of Assistant Leaders which they have been in need of for a while (many thanks to all the Leaders from other sections and Groups and particularly SAS who have supported 46<sup>th</sup> in running their Squirrels section). 42<sup>nd</sup>

are happy with their current Leadership team. Both Dreys are running at near full capacity with minimal waiting lists (mainly of those who are not yet 4 years old).

A handful of Squirrels attended the Carol service at Peasholm Park.

Both Dreys attended the St. George's Day Parade and Service. Both of the flag bearers and all of the Squirrels were impeccably behaved and we were very proud of them. They certainly brightened up the Parade in their bright red uniforms.

The first Chief Scout's Acorn Awards went to four Squirrels from 46<sup>th</sup> Westborough.

Our first District event is planned for May 13<sup>th</sup> at Birch Hall when the Squirrels and some Beavers are attending an Adventure Day which will result in attendees gaining their 'All About Adventure' Challenge award. Lots of exciting activities to attempt, organised by the Beaver Leaders – special thanks to Beryl Lewis (ADC Beavers) for her hard work, organising skills and trying to keep me on track!

It is great news that 2<sup>nd</sup> ELO are starting their Squirrel Drey in a few weeks and that First Scarborough are opening theirs in September. Looking forward to an explosion of Squirrels over the coming year!

**Lesley Usher**  
**A.D.C. (Squirrels)**

### **BEAVER SCOUT SECTION REPORT**

It only seems like yesterday when I was writing the 2022 report for Beaver Scouts. How time flies when you are having fun!

Fun has certainly been to the fore in 2022, with all the Colonies in the District putting on some fun activities for their Beaver Scouts. I am proud to say that I have visited, or been invited, to all the Colonies at least twice in the last year, whether it has been in their headquarters or on outside activities.

More so than ever have I noticed my nickname being used when passing young people in the street, some of Beaver age or older. The smiles on their faces when they introduce me to their parents says it all and makes me realise that I must be doing something right.

We invited all the Beavers to last year's Cub Link Day as all the Beavers had not been to Birch Hall due to the pandemic. Thanks, as ever, go to Ian and Colin and the Cub leaders who do a wonderful job giving the Beavers an insight into what to expect when they are of an age to join Cubs. Their first visit to Birch Hall must be one of the great memories they carry for life. This would not be possible but for the

dedication of the development team, who over the past five years have changed the campsite beyond recognition. From all the Beaver leaders a huge thanks to the team and carry on with the good work.

In 2022 we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in style at Birch Hall during June. The weather could not have been better for going around all the bases with a Royal theme. We held a street party on the parade ground, where hot food was served followed by the Jubilee Trifle. There was a team of Explorers doing their Duke of Edinburgh award on site with us and they finished off all the food and washed up their pots. They asked us to let them know when we were there again so they could book and help us eat the food! After the meal the Beavers changed into shorts and T shirts and enjoyed water based games on the field. Some Beavers elected to go home at 8 o'clock but we filled all the beds on site and had a sleepover with more fun and games. There is now a time capsule hidden on site with lots of interesting things inside from 2022. A tree was also planted to celebrate the life of the Queen complete with memorial plaque.

We look forward to our 40th Birthday this year and are proud to wear our badge designed by Mason from 49<sup>th</sup> Eastfield, judged by Linda Comins who opened the first Beaver Colony back in 1983 and was our first ADC.

We have a trip to Whitby booked in June, a 40 themed day and sleepover at Birch Hall in September, and a Birthday party/Christmas Party at the end of November. A busy year ahead for all the Beaver Scouts in the District!

**Beryl M. Lewis**  
**A.D.C. (Beavers)**

### **CUB SCOUT SECTION REPORT**

We are pleased to present the report for the Cub Scout section of the District to the Annual General Meeting.

There are ten active Packs in the District. We are sorry that the Whitby Pack has still not been able to re-open following being closed during the pandemic, mainly owing to the lack of a leadership team. All the other Packs are doing well, although there is a great range in the numbers in the Packs. There continues to be leadership changes in some Packs, but we continue to be thankful for the valued work done by all the Leaders in all the Packs.

The Hilda Smith Trophy for 2021/22 was won by 42<sup>nd</sup>. Scarborough (St. Mark's) and the joint runners-up were 46<sup>th</sup>. Westborough (Panthers) and Derwent Valley (Cougars).

This last year has seen a full programme of District Competitions and Events.

The Cooking Competition was held at Derwent Valley Headquarters in November. Four Packs entered and cooked a meal of burgers, boiled potatoes (mashed) and baked beans; swiss roll and custard (made with milk) and a drink of tea or coffee. The winners were 46<sup>th</sup>. Westborough (Panthers) and the runners-up were First Scarborough. The Irton Garden Centre Trophy, awarded to the Cub Scout who made the best individual effort was won by Harry Young, a Cub Scout from 46<sup>th</sup>. Westborough (Panthers). The competition was judged by Mrs. Valerie Rowntree and Mrs. Breda Tyrer.

The next event was the Quiz held at First Scarborough in November, when six Packs entered. The winners were 42<sup>nd</sup>. St. Mark's and the runners-up were 46<sup>th</sup>. Westborough (Panthers). There were questions on Scouting, General Knowledge, Science & Nature, Sport and History & Geography.

This was closely followed by the Swimming Gala, held on a Saturday evening in November at the Sports Village Pool. Six Packs participated. The overall winners for the individual events, the 4 x 25 metres freestyle relay and the 3 x 25 metres medley relay were 42<sup>nd</sup>. St. Mark's, with 46<sup>th</sup>. Westborough (Cobras) and First Scarborough (x2) the respective runners-up. The 4 x 25 metres freestyle relay for the Combined Trophy was won by 42<sup>nd</sup>. St. Mark's with Derwent Valley as runners-up.

The Sixer and Secunder Christmas event at the end of November was a variety of games, followed by a three-course traditional Christmas Dinner served to forty-three older Cub Scouts and eleven leaders from seven Packs.

The Carol Service was held in Peasholm Park, and a separate report is given by the A.D.C. (Faiths & Beliefs).

Each uniformed member was invited to contribute a toiletry gift in advance of the Carol Service and then either before the service or the following day a very small group of Leaders took 225 gifts to seven nursing and care homes in the South Cliff area plus a couple of additional homes and a few individuals owing to the good response with gifts. Grateful thanks to the District President, Mrs. Bonnie Purchon M.B.E. for again organising this good turn event which was the thirty-eighth year visiting homes on South Cliff. There was also a Christmas card competition across the sections with a good number of entries and a card going with each gift.

The New Year saw the Five-A-Side Football competition at the Hawkes Fitness Centre. Six Packs participated with 46<sup>th</sup>. Westborough (Panthers) as winners and 46<sup>th</sup>. Westborough (Cobras) as runners-up. Grateful thanks to Mr. John Rayner and Mr. Jamie Broadbent who were the referees.

The Sixer and Seconded Activity Day saw forty Cub Scouts and thirteen leaders from eight Packs travel by coach to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park near Doncaster. The day was interesting and enjoyable.

The Beaver Link Day organised by the Cub Scout section for the older Beaver Scouts was held in March. Forty-nine Beaver Scouts from seven Colonies participated in a blindfold trail, cooking, crafts, knotting, a skills challenge and tent pitching.

Immediately following the above event there was a Cub Link event, organised by the Scout section in which thirty-one Cub Scouts participated, supported by eight leaders. There was a hike, a campfire and bases incorporating Scout section skills. Grateful thanks to John Tindall and his team of Leaders and Scouts for the event.

The Cross-Country competition was held in April at Scarborough Rugby Union Football Club. There were twenty-two runners from five Packs. The winners were 46<sup>th</sup>. Westborough (Panthers) with 42<sup>nd</sup>. St. Mark's runners-up. George Hillier from 46<sup>th</sup>. Westborough (Panthers) was the first runner back.

All active Packs have good programmes with a wide range of activities both indoor and outdoor, about which reports are received at the bi-monthly meetings.

Grateful thanks are expressed to the District Commissioner Mr. Graeme Young, members of the District Team, Scout Active Support for all their interest and support, to the Cub Scout Leaders, the Assistant Cub Scout Leaders, Young Leaders, Pack Helpers and all Cub Scouts for their involvement and participation during the year.

**Ian C. Marshall**  
**A.D.C. (Cub Scouts)**

**Colin T. Adamson**  
**District Cub Scout Leader**

### **SCOUT SECTION REPORT**

The last year seems to have flown by, with the District having all the usual and one new competition plus events throughout the year.

Numbers are generally really good, but unfortunately there are still a couple where this could be improved, though not for the want of trying by the leaders concerned.

All our usual competitions were held (except shooting) this time plus we had our first re-launched Inchipist.

The District Swimming again proved a difficult one for the Scout section, with low entry numbers, but those who attended really got into the spirit and had a great time.

Five-a-side this year had the best attendance seen for quite some time. All teams participated enthusiastically with a finish unheard of; we had two teams on the same points and goal difference so we had to have a play-off final, a very exciting end to our day. I would like to thank Jamie from 42<sup>nd</sup> for assisting with the refereeing and to Masie from First for scoring.

Our re-introduced Inchipist competition which was held at Birch Hall unfortunately only had three entries, but those who came had a fantastic weekend hopefully learning some new skills along the way to help them through their Scouting journey.

Kontiki was, as usual, held at Peasholm Park and yet again we were blessed with fine weather and enthusiastic teams. This remains a very popular competition, so much so that numbers had to be limited so we could fit everyone in! Yet again the Scouts did themselves proud and gave a fantastic portrayal to the general public of Scouting in Scarborough, who were keen to see the building and sailing of the rafts along with the cooking.

Our cooking competition was again held at the Whitby Scout HQ. One of the Scout leaders has contact with a chef who works for Andrew Pern, of the Star Inn, Harome, a Michelin starred restaurant, and he to come and judge for us, much to my amazement. On the day he could not have been more praiseworthy of the dishes that were produced with only a few points separating all the teams. The winners were presented with signed copies of Andrew Pern's recipe book which was a great gesture, here's hoping for again this year.

Archery was held again this year with most Groups entering a team. Thanks to the archery team for sorting this for us.

Shooting has still to be revived, but we now have two newly qualified instructors who seem very keen. A few things needed sorting with regards to the equipment so hopefully in the not too distant future we can again offer this as a Troop activity and District competition.

The night hike this year started in Forge Valley and was a circular route above Ayton and the mast above Throxenby Mere; again most Groups attended and we had good weather.

Our Cub/Scout Link day was again held at Birch Hall. Unfortunately not as many Groups attended as I was hoping for, but with a bit of help from some Cub leaders and the DC we managed to pull off another great weekend.



Programmes still seem to be both interesting and challenging to the Scouts in our District, so once again thanks to all the leaders and helpers that week by week give up their time so the Scouts can partake in all the varied activities.

Leader shortage is still an issue with a lot of Groups and doesn't seem to want to go away. I realise it's not only the Scout section but across the whole District, we just have to keep asking wherever possible.

**John Tindall**  
**A.D.C. (Scouts)**

### **EXPLORER SCOUT SECTION REPORT**

At last year's AGM the Thailand Jamboree trophy was presented to the Hawks Unit who had a successful year.

ESL at Eagulls, Iain Clarke, was awarded the Award for Merit at the St. George's Day presentations. Iain also gained a new AESL at the Eagulls Unit with Scott Napier taking out a warrant.

Just before the Summer break a Rounders competition was held at Northstead playing field. All Units who attended had a fun time.

In September we had numerous new leaders taking out warrants. Hawks had Oli Haire, Ali Trigg and Niamh Aspell. Pegasus had Francesca Floris and Albatrosses had Joshua Taylor join.

Also in September, Alisdair Rhodes ESL at Pegasus, travelled to London to represent North Yorkshire in Operation Feather, the lead up to the Queen's funeral.

Explorers from Hawks, Extreme and Pegasus entered the Swimming Gala. The team competition was won by the Pegasus Unit.

Units attended the Carol Service in December at Peasholm Park.

At the end of 2022 the Albatross Unit was paused due to Explorers becoming 18 and no new members moving up from the Scout section. Hopefully the Unit will reopen in the not too distant future.

In January we had two new leaders take out warrants at Phoenix. Cordelia Clark and Jo Sykes took over from Amy Mort who had her second child.

In January we had three teams enter the Five-a-side Football competition. This was the first time we had entries for many a year. The winning team was from the Extreme Unit.

Early March was the annual DONUT competition. This was a successful and well attended competition with eight teams competing. The winners of the close-run event were from the Hawks Unit. Thanks go to Tony Barlow for organising the event and to all the leaders and Scout Active Support for running the checkpoints and catering.

The following Friday there was an excellent turnout again for the DONUT presentation and Explorer Quiz, held at Westborough Church. We had twelve teams competing. The Trophies were presented to Hawks who won DONUT and Eagulls who won the Quiz. Thanks to our hosts Westborough Scout Group and Dave and Andy for helping organise the quiz.

In March Alisdair Rhodes stepped down as ESL at Pegasus to pursue a new venture in Canada. We wish him the best of luck.

I would like to thank the leaders for their continued hard work in supporting their Units.

**Chris Blogg**  
**District Explorer Scout Commissioner**

### **SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT REPORT**

It seems hard to believe that another twelve months has come and gone!

We have helped at the usual District events including the District Swimming Gala, Cub Scout Quiz, District Carol Service, District Social and Explorers DONUT providing the soup stop. The raffle at the District Social raised £62.00 which we donated to S.A.L.T. We also helped at the Beaver Jubilee weekend last year, which was hard work but good fun.

As a Unit we entered a team in the DONUT Quiz at the presentation night, but we won't dwell on our performance!

I am very pleased to say that we have seen an increase in the requests for help from a number of Sections within various Groups in the District. This is what we are here for and we enjoy being asked to help. We particularly enjoyed helping 42<sup>nd</sup> St Marks at their Gang Show evening – it was a brilliant night.

A few of us have also been helping on a fairly regular basis at 46<sup>th</sup> Westborough Squirrels and although they are now more self-sufficient we still look forward to helping with the outdoor sessions where more adults are needed.

We continue to do a few cleaning days out at Birch Hall as and when needed, most recently to get Troutsdale Lodge ready to be used again for this season.

Often when we help at Groups it only involves 2 or 3 of us at a time, so we still like to hold social events so that we all have a chance to meet up. Last summer we went to play Footgolf at Killerby and had a meal at The Forge Valley pub. We went to York in November and did the Cat Trail, went back to Birch Hall for a games evening/overnight stay and Trev led a walk for us on the Sunday morning. We also had a very enjoyable evening at Trev's reminiscing with Fellowship/SAS photo books and the old Scarborough Evening News cuttings books (the books are now at Birch Hall).

Please remember if you have any Leaders who are leaving your Group but who may still want to be involved in Scouting, please point them in our direction.

I would like to thank all the members of the SAS Unit for their continued support over the last year.

**Gill MacCallaugh**  
**Scout Active Support Unit Manager**

### **A.D.C. (FAITHS AND BELIEFS) REPORT**

The two main areas to oversee and deliver continue to be the District Carol Service and the District St. George's Day Parade and Service.

Following the success of an open-air Carol Service in 2021, it was decided to repeat the idea in 2022. With grateful thanks, once again, to Scarborough Borough Council, the service was held in Peasholm Park. The evening was fine and dry, albeit very cold and a little slippery underfoot. All sections were represented, together with members of the District Team, the District Executive Committee and the Scout Active Support. The service was led by the A.D.C. (Faiths and Beliefs) and the talk given by Mr. Tom Clayton, the Methodist Lay Community Worker. An offering was taken and £211.27 given to Children Work at Scarborough Hospital. The District Good Turn of toiletry gifts and the Christmas Card competition were part of the event.

The St. George's Day Parade and Service followed a similar pattern to 2022. The Parade followed the same route as in previous years and the service was held at Albemarle Baptist Church. This year Beaver Scouting celebrates forty years. Therefore, the overall theme was a Celebration of Fun and Friends. Each Group in

the District gave a 'presentation' on the theme – song, poem, video. There was a good congregation present. An offering was taken and £206.47 given to Springhead School.

There was however an additional service during the last year. This was a Thanksgiving Service for the life of H.M. The Queen who had been Patron of Scouting throughout her reign. It was held at Westborough Methodist Church, on the eve of the State Funeral and was very well attended.

In addition to these two services, there are elements of the My Faith Activity Badges and the place of the Promise within the movement and I will be pleased to meet with sections and/or Groups if they wish to pursue these elements further.

**Colin T. Adamson**

**A.D.C. (Faiths and Beliefs)**