

RIPON AND DISTRICT SCOUTS

England & Wales - Charity number 524790

Details

Other names RIPON AND DISTRICT BOY SCOUTS LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1964-10-05

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

Contact

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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: Our charity provides the human resources to give education and training , sport and recreation to children and young people.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** RIPON AND DISTRICT
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£59,543	£58,001	-	-
2024-03-31	£47,934	£50,779	-	-
2023-03-31	£62,537	£64,360	-	-
2022-03-31	£31,460	£32,637	-	-
2021-03-31	£25,808	£25,965	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrea Jane Taylor		2023-07-17
Donna Louice Fleming		2022-06-15
Ian Bardon		2017-05-23
John Robert Lockwood		2019-09-25
Jonathan Neil Goom		2014-09-24
MICHAEL JOHN COLLINS		2019-09-25
Matilda Law		2023-07-17
Samantha Mason		2025-07-07
Sarah Slade		2021-01-04

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Ripon & District Scout Council

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

Miller's Croft, Mill Lane

Boroughbridge

North Yorkshire

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	John Aubrey de Lavenu		
2	Ian Bardon		
3	Micheal Collins		
4	Donna Fleming		
5	Jonathan Goom		
6	Matilda Law		
7	John Lockwood	District Lead Volunteer	
8	Henry Morley		
9	Sarah Rands		
10	Sarah Slade	Treasurer	
11	Andrea Taylor		
12	Vacant	Secretary	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Calculated Ltd	

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

1 LT700001 (14 September 2024)

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

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

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

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

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

Policies and procedures adopted for:

- a) the induction and training of trustees;
- b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

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

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 6 Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees, and 2 co-opted Trustees) and meets every 3 or 6 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

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

Section B**Structure, governance and management (continued)****Risk and Internal Control**

The District Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to property and equipment. The District would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations.

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

Reduced income from capitation because of decreased membership. The District is primarily reliant upon income from capitation, but holds a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of capitation to increase income on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The District is aware that groups are totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the groups. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of a Group.

Financial Risk and Internal Control

The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments.

Section C**Objectives and activities****The Purpose of Scouting**

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Purpose of Scouting

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

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

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

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

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

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

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

The Scout Method

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

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

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Leaders in the District organise various activities which incorporate all District Groups to promote the values of Scouting.

A Cub Day was held in April where activities included looking to the skies via an inflatable Planetarium.

82 Scouts joined the Scout Camp at Barney Beck woods in June and enjoyed backwoods camping, rifle shooting and rafting.

The Beavers enjoyed a day at Gullivers Theme Park in September.

First Aid training was undertaken by 18 members in 2 training courses in November.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

Public benefit statement

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

Section D**Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Whilst the District and Groups continue to face challenges in terms of adult volunteer recruitment and retention, they have however, been able to provide the level of Scouting activities required to meet the purposes and objectives of the charity.

The January 2025 Census showed 575 Young People and this number has remained fairly consistent with the previous 2 years.

The District had 3 active Explorer Units: White Horse, Spitfire and Fountains and a new group, Herriot was opened in the year.

Section E**Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, currently circa £2K.

this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by a significant donation several years ago which has still to be utilised.

Quantify and explain any designations

Nine designated funds were held at the end of the year. Four relate to Explorer Groups who self-manage their income and expenditure within District guidelines. The other five funds are reviewed annually for their appropriateness and can be un-designated as required.

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional

The previous five years' accounts upto 31 March 2024 had shown a deficit where expenditure exceeded income and Reserves were used to cover the shortfall. In the current year, the Board focused on this and made some strategic decisions resulting in a small surplus of £1.5K.

Contributors to the surplus included a levy on the capitation fee, interest on an Investment Bond and surpluses generated by the Explorer Groups

information, where relevant, about:

• the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

• how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

• investment policy and objectives;

Investment Policy

The District does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The District has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash or a 1 Year Fixed Rate Bond using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Jon Goom	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Trustee	
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Date

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Ripon and District Scout Council
Year Ending 31st March 2025

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR-ENDING 31.03.25

Overall

The result of income less expenditure for the year is a surplus of £1,542.39 (last year deficit £2,844.50)
 Detailed comments are in the Notes on the I&E tab

The main contributors to the surplus were:

£2,567.72 bank interest
 £1,605.50 levy on capitation
 £803.93 Explorer units
 £680.04 badge sales

Explorers

Spitfire

A surplus of £455.75 for the year increased their funds to £2,316.43. Funds are held in their own bank account

White Horse

A surplus of £110.85 for the year increased their funds to £1,833.75. Funds are held in their own bank account

Fountains

A surplus of £120.46 for the year increased their funds to £537.93
 £408.66 in cash held by Fountains and £129.27 held within the District bank account

Herriot (newly formed in the year)

A surplus of £116.87 for the year. Funds are held in their own bank account

Badge income & expense

The result of income less expenditure was a surplus of £680.04
 This includes £156.60 for St Georges Day badges issued FOC

Badge stock

Badge stock decreased from £3,200 to £2,538 (26% decrease)

Badge stock includes old stock of £901.08 (1,234 badges not moved in last 2 years at least)
 Propose to write this old stock off against the provision. It is still available to be sold but will no longer included in the badge stock figure and so will not required to be counted each year

This would reduce the obsolescence provision to £1098.92. To be reviewed and possibly released next year if felt not required

Agreed to write-off obsolete stock at on-line meeting of Trustees 28.04.25

Bank Interest and Charges

£2,459.73 interest received on the Skipton BS account. The interest rate: 5.25%
 (Rate decreases to 4.35% from 12.09.24)
 £107.99 interest received on the Lloyds savings account

District Events

See attached sheet

Receipts and Payments account

	Receipts 2025	Receipts 2024	Payments 2025	Payments 2024	Notes on 2025 receipts & payments
Beavers	1,260.00	586.50	1,200.00	488.95	Beaver Day at Gullivers 29 Sep 24
Cubs	860.00	0.00	1,023.00	0.00	District Cub Day 20 Apr 24
Scouts	0.00	334.50	391.40	287.63	St Georges Day event
Explorers	12,922.75	8,436.84	12,118.82	7,136.54	
DAS	0.00	0.00	0.00	65.00	
District Camps	1,230.00	2,430.00	1,043.00	1,783.67	Scout Camp 14-16 Jun24 (82 scouts)
Badges	4,624.52	4,000.18	3,944.48	4,432.72	Surplus £680.04
Training	725.00	300.00	2,255.85	997.04	First Aid courses x 3, Tomahawk x 2, Safety & Rescue & SUP Instructor
Rebates	0.00	0.00	870.91	1,611.21	Rebates on-hold from Dec24 ie no more claims can be made
Grants & Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
District Equipment			540.05	573.46	
Insurance			94.00	94.00	
Expenses claimed			0.00	35.37	
Hall hire			119.00	0.00	
Storage rent			500.00	500.00	
Postage & Stationery			5.70	10.00	
IT costs			56.39	79.13	
Bank Interest & charges	2,567.72	1,017.00	0.00	66.80	Interest from Skipton B/S Bond & Lloyds savings account
Sundries	0.00	100.00	90.50	83.00	
AGM costs			0.00	60.00	
Gift Aid	461.02	254.32	461.02	254.32	
Capitation	34,892.00	30,475.00	33,286.50	29,820.00	2025 Census received & paid Mar25. £2.50 levy applied
Capitation rebate		0.00	0.00	0.00	
Jamboree				2,400.00	
	59,543.01	47,934.34	58,000.62	50,778.84	
LESS Payments	(58,000.62)	(50,778.84)			
Surplus/(deficit)	<u>1,542.39</u>	<u>(2,844.50)</u>			

Total Reserves as at 31.03.25

b/fwd reserves at 01.04.24	65,536.08
Surplus/(deficit)	1,542.39
Reserves as at 31.03.25	<u>67,078.47</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31.03.25

		31.03.25	31.03.24
		£	£
Current Assets			
Cash	Petty Cash - Fountains ESU	408.66	288.20
Bank	Lloyds - District ...760	5,003.34	5,014.24
	Lloyds - District Savings ...563	8,208.14	10,100.15
	Lloyds - White Horse ESU	1,833.75	1,722.90
	Lloyds - Herriot ESU	116.87	
	HSBC - Spitfire ESU	2,316.43	1,860.68
	HSBC - Fountains (within a/c ...801) £129.27 at 31.03.24		
Credit Card	Soldo A/c Used for badge purchase	-	-
Building Society	Skipton BS	49,269.89	46,810.16
Badge Stock		1,637.49	3,200.52
Less Badge stock obsolescence provision		(1,098.92)	(2,000.00)
Other debtors		-	-
Prepayments		-	-
Total Current Assets		67,695.65	66,996.85
Total Assets		67,695.65	66,996.85
Current Liabilities			
Other Creditors	Badge Floats	572.18	1,185.77
	Deposit L Priest paid in error to District. Xfer to 6th Ripon APR	45.00	275.00
Total Current Liabilities		617.18	1,460.77
Total Assets less Liabilities		67,078.47	65,536.08
Reserves			
Surplus b/fwd		65,536.08	68,380.58
Adj:			
Surplus/(deficit) (Current Year)		1,542.39	(2,844.50)
		67,078.47	65,536.08
Difference		-	-

Reserves Allocation

		31.03.25	31.03.24
General Account		6,099.25	3,713.07
Adult Support & Training	Designated	5,491.11	7,021.96
International Fund	Designated	3,800.00	3,800.00
Explorer Fund	Designated	3,500.00	3,500.00
Development Fund	Designated	2,500.00	2,500.00
Activity Centre Fund	Designated	41,000.00	41,000.00
White Horse ESU - (Lloyds a/c)	Designated	1,833.75	1,722.90
Spitfire Fund ESU (HSBC a/c)	Designated	2,316.43	1,860.68
Fountains ESU Fund	Designated	537.93	417.47
Herriot ESU Fund	Designated	116.87	
		67,078.47	65,536.08

Reserves and Designated Funds movement

	31.03.24	Receipts	Payments	31.03.25
General Account	3,713.07	49,515.26	(47,129.08)	6,099.25
Adult Support & Training	7,021.96	725.00	(2,255.85)	5,491.11
International Fund	3,800.00			3,800.00
Explorer Fund	3,500.00			3,500.00
Development Fund	2,500.00			2,500.00
Activity Centre Fund	41,000.00			41,000.00
White Horse Fund ESU - (Lloyds)	1,722.90	2,574.80	(2,463.95)	1,833.75
Spitfire Fund ESU (HSBC)	1,860.68	6,222.95	(5,767.20)	2,316.43
Fountains Fund ESU (within District bank + cash)	417.47	505.00	(384.54)	537.93
Herriot Fund ESU (Lloyds)		3,620.00	(3,503.13)	116.87
	65,536.08	59,543.01	(58,000.62)	67,078.47

Explorer unit accounts

Period: 01.04.24-31.03.25

White Horse explorer unit

Receipts	2,574.80	
LESS Payments	<u>(2,463.95)</u>	
Surplus for the year	110.85	
Balance brought forward	1,722.90	
Balance carried forward	<u>1,833.75</u>	bank statement 31.03.25

Fountains explorer unit

Lloyds Bank (within District account)

Balance brought forward	129.27	
Balance carried forward	<u>129.27</u>	

Petty Cash

Receipts	505.00	
LESS Payments	<u>(384.54)</u>	
Surplus for the year	120.46	
Balance brought forward	288.20	
	<u>408.66</u>	

Total	<u>537.93</u>	
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Spitfire explorer unit

Receipts	6,222.95	
LESS Payments	<u>(5,767.20)</u>	
Surplus for the year	455.75	
Balance brought forward	1,860.68	
Balance carried forward	<u>2,316.43</u>	bank statement 31.03.25

Herriot explorer unit

Receipts	3,620.00	
LESS Payments	<u>(3,503.13)</u>	
Surplus for the year	116.87	
Balance brought forward	.00	
Balance carried forward	<u>116.87</u>	bank statement 31.03.25

Template 2: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing accruals accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ripon and District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ripon and District for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Ripon and District as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns. Any queries arising from my examination of the accounts have been satisfactorily answered and I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 
Neil Mercer (Jun 21, 2025 10:42 GMT+1)

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Date: 21/6/2025






Ripons and District Scouts Examiners Report 2025

Final Audit Report

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Accounts

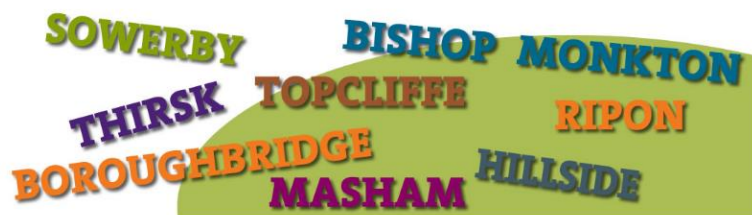


Ripon & District Scout Council

Annual General Meeting

7pm Monday 24th June 2024
(Hillside Scout HQ, Knayton)

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RIPON & DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Annual General Meeting

24TH JUNE 2024 7PM
Hillside Scout HQ, Knayton

AGENDA

- 1. Introduction and welcome**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17th July 2023
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - c. Note the District's financial year
 - a. 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025
 - d. Approve appointed and community members of the District Scout Council
 - e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
 - a. Proposed: 12
 - f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
 - a. Proposed: meetings of the Scout Council: 15 Members
 - b. Proposed: meetings of any sub-Committees: 3 Members
- 4. Review of the previous year**
 - a. The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in Ripon & District
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
- 5. Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint the District Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
 - a. Position Vacant – Acting Chair
 - b. Appoint the District Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
 - a. Position Vacant- Acting Secretary
 - c. Appoint members of the District Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board

- d. (Re-)appoint District President and/or Vice Presidents
 - a. Honorary President: John McGrath
 - b. Honorary Vice President; Marjorie McGrath
 - c. Honorary Vice President; Eric Fell
 - d. Honorary Vice President; Shirley Fell
 - e. Honorary Vice President; Tim Jones
- e. Appoint Independent Examiner
 - a. Proposed: Claire Mercer – Calculated Ltd
 - i. Proposed by Sarah Slade, Seconded by Matt Rea
- f. Nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council
 - a. Ian Bardon: Proposed by Jon Goom, seconded by John Lockwood

6. Awards- DC John Lockwood

7. Closing remarks- Chair of the Trustees



Ripon and District Scout Council

Annual General Meeting 2023

7pm on Monday 17th July 2023 (Hillside Scout HQ, Knayton)

Minutes of the AGM

- Item 1: *Welcome & District Chair's Opening Remarks.***
Chair Matt Rea opened the meeting and welcomed the assembled attendees.
- Item 2: *Apologies for Absence.***
Apologies received from;
David Forster, Martin Renton, John & Majorie McGrath, Eric Campbell
- Item 3: *Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2022.***
Proposed by: Ian Bardon
Seconded by: Sarah Slade, Jon Goom and a show of hands
- Item 4: *Undertake governance oversight***
- *Adopt the constitution of Ripon & District Scout Council*
- The constitution was unanimously agreed
 - *Agree date of Ripon & District Scout Council financial year: 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024*
- The date was unanimously agreed
 - *Agree number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board: 4-6.*
- The number of members was unanimously agreed
- Item 5: *Agreed quorum of members for each:***
- *meetings of the Scout Council: 15 Members*
 - *meetings of the Trustee Board: 8 Members*
 - *meetings of any sub-Committees: 3 Members*
- The quorum members were unanimously agreed
- Item 6: *Receive & Consider The District Annual Report & Statement of Accounts for 2022-2023.***
-Proposed by Jon Goom
-Seconded by Sarah Slade – no questions all unanimously agreed

Item 7: Election and Appointment of Ex-Officio Members to the District Trustee Board for 2023-2024.

- District Chair: **Matt Rea**
 - District Commissioner: **John Lockwood**
 - District Youth Commissioner: **Henry Morley**
 - District Secretary: **David Forster**
 - District Treasurer: **Sarah Slade**
 - District Explorer Scout Commissioner: **Roz Bardon (Acting)**
 - District Network Commissioner: **Adam Dickson**
 - District Badge Secretary: **Andrea Taylor**
- All Unanimously agreed

Item 8: Election and Appointment of members to the District Trustee Board for 2023-2024.

Elected Members. Nominations (or self-nominated):

- **Ian Bardon** Seconded by John Lockwood
 - **Aimée Rea** seconded by Jon Goom.
 - **Donna Fleming** seconded by Matt Rea.
 - **John Aubrey de Lavenu** Seconded by John Lockwood.
 - **Tilly Law** Seconded by Martin Renton
 - **Tessa Danby** Seconded by John Lockwood
- All Unanimously agreed

Nominated Members.

Nominated by the District Commissioner in consultation with the District Chair.

- **Jon Goom**
 - **Mike Collins**
 - **Anne Collins**
 - **Sarah Rands**
- All Unanimously agreed

Item 9:

Appointment of President & Vice Presidents

- Honorary President: **John McGrath**
 - Honorary Vice President; **Marjorie McGrath**
 - Honorary Vice President; **Eric Fell**
 - Honorary Vice President; **Shirley Fell**
 - Honorary Vice President; **Tim Jones**
- All Unanimously agreed

Appointment of an auditor, independent examiner for 2023-2024

- Item 10:**
- **Clare Mercer:** Proposed by Sarah Slade, Seconded by Matt Rea

- This was unanimously agreed

Item 11: *Election of the Representative to the North Yorkshire County Scout Council for 2023-24.*

- **Jon Goom:** *Proposed by John Lockwood, seconded by Martin Renton. The council was advised by David Forster that this was no longer required.*

Item 12: *Presentation of David Burnett award.*

Lead by DC John Lockwood. Presented to River Beacon from 6th Ripon via Ian Bardon as River was not able to make it to AGM.

Item 13: *County Representative.*

No County representative was present

Item 14: *Closing Remarks.*

Lead by DC John Lockwood and Chair Matt Rea. General thanks to all present tonight, the Trustee Board, all GSLs and Section Leaders, Volunteers & Helpers and Young People who partake in Scouting in Ripon & District

Those present at the AGM: Tilly Law, Jon Goom, Harry Goom, Connor Bryne, Stephen Spencer, Joanne Mays, Oliver Mays, Ian Bardon, Eric Fell, Shirley Fell, Andrea Taylor, John Lockwood, Iris De Wet, Donna Hays, Sarah Rands, Steve Hall, Liz Hall, Mike Colins, Anne Collins, Tessa Danby, Adam Dickson, Jon Aubrey de Lavenu, Brian Hams, Sarah Slade, Matt Rea, Aimée Rea, John Roberts

District Chair's Report 2024

As another year ends, we can reflect on another full programme of activity across the District. In addition to Group and Section events this year has seen District Activity ranging from both Cub and Scout Camps, a District Beaver Day and a memorable St George's day event that saw the entire District assemble on Sutton Bank to renew our Scout promises. Events like are not possible without leaders across the District giving up their time to organise and run the events; for which I offer sincere thanks.

The District Trustee Board continues to oversee District matters. Many thanks to them all for their time and assistance this year. The board is looking to appoint a new chair, as I will be vacating the position after the AGM, as well as a new secretary so if you are interested in being appointed to either position then please get in touch.

Finally; I would once again like to say a big thanks to John Lockwood for continuing to serve as District Commissioner, now known as District Lead Volunteer, as well as the ADC team and all the leaders and DAS members in the district who do a fantastic job of running Scouting in Ripon & District.

Matt Rea

District Chair

District Commissioner's Report

We have seen growth in all our sections from our Squirrel's to our Explorers with most groups now reporting full sections and waiting lists as well.

As a voluntary organisation our appeal to young people is second to none and we meet and deliver a program and activities for the expectations of all our members in this current time.

We are in a year of transformation, a lot of changes are occurring both in the full view of all our members and quietly behind the scenes to improve and rejuvenate our organisation.

Our young members have been busy gaining their badges and higher awards, we are without a doubt one of the highest achievers of these awards in the county and considering the time it takes to gain some of the awards, its no small achievement.

The district came together for our St Georges day celebration above the White Horse in Kilburn where we had a short service and renewed our promises before parading around Sutton bank to the visitors centre. Many thanks to 1st Thirsk for organising the event.

The leaders have been busy renewing their permits and training for new permits, the more we can do in this respect the better the experience we can give our young people.

A lot more of the leader training is online, but if there is a specific course that will benefit our young people and the district then I encourage leaders to speak to their Group scout leaders or contact me directly. Some of our scouts and explorers have gained their personal water permits and some will be using them towards their Silver DofE expeditions, well done to all of them.

We still have a challenging year ahead of us, we need to recruit more uniformed leaders and I hope some of the parents of our young people will help us achieve this along with encouraging others to be more active. We are looking for members for specific roles on the executive, so if you know a parent or person who would like to help please let me know. We have seen new rules come in over this last year especially around governance and new ways of doing things and there are still more, probably, to come, but I am sure we will meet these challenges as we always do.

I would like to say a very big THANK YOU to you all for the hard work and dedication that you give to Scouting.

Have a great summer and a well earned holiday.

Yours in Scouting

John Lockwood.

District Commissioner

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR-ENDING 31.03.24

Overall

The result of income less expenditure for the year is a deficit of (£2,844.50)
Income of £47,934 (2023: £62,537) and Expenditure of £50,779 (2023: £64,360)
NB 2023 income & expenditure included £16K related to the Jamboree income & expenditure

Detailed comments are in the Notes on the I&E tab

Explorers

Spitfire

A surplus of £1,240.39 for the year increased their funds to £1,860.68 All held in their own bank account

White Horse

A deficit of (£135.56) for the year decreased their funds to £1,722.90. All held in their own bank account

An historic balance of (£366.48) deficit within the District bank account (ie owed from WH to District) was written off in the year as agreed by the Trustees

Fountains

A surplus of £327.47 for the year increased their funds to £417.47
£288.20 in cash held by Fountains and £129.27 held within the District bank account

Badge income & expense

The result of income less expenditure was a deficit of £432.54
This includes £820 for Jubilee badges issued FOC

Badge stock

Badge stock decreased from £3,375 to £3,201 (5% decrease)

The obsolescence provision remains at £2,000. To be reviewed next year if the stock value decreases

Bank Interest and Charges

£1,004.50 interest received on the Skipton BS account. The interest rate: 1.8%
(Rate increased to 5.25% from 12.09.23)
£12.35 interest received on the HSBC savings account

£66.80 bank charges incurred with HSBC until the account was transferred in September 2023 to Lloyds bank and the HSBC account closed
Lloyds bank do not currently apply bank charges

District Events

See attached sheet
5 events held in the year

Receipts and Payments account

	Receipts		Payments		Notes on 2024 receipts & payments
	2024	2023	2024	2023	
Storage Rent			500.00	500.00	
Expenses Claimed			35.37	0.00	Leaders planning & District Challenge refreshments
Hall/Room Hire			0.00	117.00	
Equipment rebates			1,611.21	330.47	Trailer, grill, tables, shelter gutter, paddleboards, tents
Beavers	586.50	297.50	488.95	835.07	Includes District Beaver Day 14 Oct 2023 (pumpkin event)
Cubs	0.00	0.00	0.00	218.82	
Scouts	334.50	0.00	287.63	0.00	Includes Scout Hike Challenge
Explorers	8,436.84	7,869.80	7,136.54	7,334.55	
DAS	0.00	48.00	65.00	0.00	DAS uniform necker badges
Training	300.00	0.00	997.04	185.00	First Aid course, rifle shooting, bell-boating, tomahawk
Insurance	0.00	0.00	94.00	84.00	
Jamboree	0.00	16,136.00	2,400.00	16,171.30	8 x £300 agreed contribution re Jamboree 2023 entrants
AGM Costs	0.00	0.00	60.00	20.58	
Badges	4,000.18	4,105.33	4,432.72	3,513.46	
District Camps	2,430.00	2,550.00	1,783.67	1,993.31	Cub Camp & Scout Camp
Grants/donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	348.84	
Ducks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
DASQUEST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Postage & Stationery	0.00	0.00	10.00	67.21	
Capital	0.00	0.00	573.46	2,779.72	£365.42 Throwing Angels & £208.04 hammocks - cords, dry bag, bungees
Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
District Website	0.00	0.00	79.13	62.39	
Capitation Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.00	
Capitation	30,475.00	30,840.80	29,820.00	28,264.50	
Gift Aid (HMRC)	254.32	381.01	254.32	381.01	
Sundries	100.00	.00	83.00	189.85	£63 N Trust membership, £20 Remembrance Day wreath
Bank Interest/Fees	1,017.00	308.89	66.80	155.16	
	<u>47,934.34</u>	<u>62,537.33</u>	<u>50,778.84</u>	<u>64,360.24</u>	
LESS Payments					
Surplus/(deficit)	<u>(50,778.84)</u>	<u>(64,360.24)</u>			
	<u>(2,844.50)</u>	<u>(1,822.91)</u>			
Total Reserves as at 31.03.24					
b/ftwd reserves at 01.04.23			68,380.58		
Surplus/(deficit)			(2,844.50)		
Reserves as at 31.03.24			<u>65,536.08</u>		

Balance Sheet as at 31.03.24

		31.03.24	31.03.23
		£	£
Current Assets			
Cash	Petty Cash - Fountains ESU	288.20	
	Petty Cash - White Horse ESU	-	-
	Petty Cash - Spitfire ESU	-	16.06
	Petty Cash - Badge account	.00	.00
Bank	HSBC ... 801	.00	2,552.28
	HSBC Trip A/c ...856	0.0	6,778.15
	Lloyds ...760	5,014.24	
	Lloyds - Savings ...563	10,100.15	
	Lloyds - White Horse ESU	1,722.90	1,858.46
	HSBC - Spitfire ESU	1,860.68	604.23
	Lloyds- Fountains (within a/c ...760)	£129.27 at 31.03.24	
Credit Card	Soldo A/c Used for badge purchase	-	533.15
Building Society	Skipton BS	46,810.16	55,805.66
Badge Stock		3,200.52	3,375.23
Less Badge stock obsolescence provision		(2,000.00)	(2,000.00)
Other debtors		-	-
Prepayments		-	-
Total Current Assets		66,996.85	69,523.22
Total Assets		66,996.85	69,523.22
Current Liabilities			
Other Creditors	Badge Floats	1,185.77	1,142.64
	Deposit 1st Aid Training 8-10 Apr24	275.00	
Total Current Liabilities		1,460.77	1,142.64
Total Assets less Liabilities		65,536.08	68,380.58
Reserves			
Surplus b/fwd		68,380.58	70,203.49
Surplus/(deficit) (Current Year)		(2,844.50)	(1,822.91)
		65,536.08	68,380.58
Difference		-	-

Reserves Allocation

		31.03.24	31.03.23
General Account		3,713.07	7,659.31
Adult Support & Training	Designated	7,021.96	7,719.00
International Fund	Designated	3,800.00	3,800.00
Explorer Fund	Designated	3,500.00	3,500.00
Equipment Fund	Designated	-	-
Development Fund	Designated	2,500.00	2,500.00
Activity Centre Fund	Designated	41,000.00	41,000.00
White Horse Fund ESU	Designated	.00	(366.48)
White Horse ESU - (Lloyds a/c)	Designated	1,722.90	1,858.46
Spitfire Fund ESU (HSBC a/c)	Designated	1,860.68	620.29
Fountains ESU Fund	Designated	417.47	90.00
		65,536.08	68,380.58

Reserves and Designated Funds movement

	31.03.23	Receipts	Payments	31.03.24
General Account	7,659.31	38,801.77	(42,748.01)	3,713.07
Adult Support & Training	7,719.00	300.00	(997.04)	7,021.96
International Fund	3,800.00			3,800.00
Explorer Fund	3,500.00			3,500.00
Equipment Fund	-			-
Development Fund	2,500.00			2,500.00
Activity Centre Fund	41,000.00			41,000.00
White Horse Fund ESU (within D	(366.48)		366.48	.00
White Horse Fund ESU - (Lloyds	1,858.46	2,994.00	(3,129.56)	1,722.90
Spitfire Fund ESU (HSBC bank)	620.29	4,743.57	(3,503.18)	1,860.68
Fountains Fund ESU (within Dist	90.00	1,095.00	(767.53)	417.47
	68,380.58	47,934.34	(50,778.84)	65,536.08

Explorer unit accounts

Period: 01.04.23-31.03.24

White Horse explorer unit

Receipts	2,994.00	
LESS Payments	(3,129.56)	
Deficit for the year	<u>(135.56)</u>	
Balance brought forward	1,858.46	
Balance carried forward	<u>1,722.90</u>	bank statement 31.03.24

Fountains explorer unit

Lloyds Bank (within District account)

Receipts	435.00	
LESS Payments	(395.73)	
Surplus for the year	<u>39.27</u>	
Balance brought forward	90.00	
Balance carried forward	<u>129.27</u>	

Petty Cash

Receipts	660.00	
LESS Payments	(371.80)	
Surplus for the year	<u>288.20</u>	
Balance brought forward	.00	
	<u>288.20</u>	

Total	<u>417.47</u>	
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Spitfire explorer unit

Receipts	4,656.50	
LESS Payments	(3,400.05)	
Surplus for the year	<u>1,256.45</u>	
Balance brought forward	604.23	
Balance carried forward	<u>1,860.68</u>	bank statement 31.03.24

Petty Cash

Receipts	87.07	
LESS Payments	(103.13)	
Deficit for the year	<u>(16.06)</u>	
Balance brought forward	16.06	
	<u>.00</u>	

Independent Examiners Report 2023/2024

LT700006 - Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees (July 2019)

Template 2: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing accruals accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ripon and District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ripon and District for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Ripon and District as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:



Name: Neil Mercer FCCA

Address: Holly House
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YO7 4NJ

Date: 19/6/2024

RIPON AND DISTRICT SCOUTS

England & Wales - Charity number 524790

Accounts

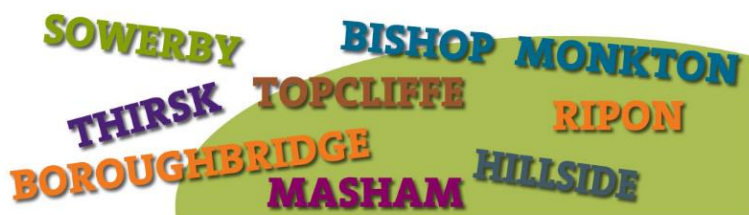


Ripon & District Scout Council

Annual General Meeting

7pm Monday 17th July 2023
(Hillside Scout HQ, Knayton)

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Ripon and District Scout Council

Annual General Meeting 2023

7pm on Monday 17th July 2023 (Hillside Scout HQ, Knatyton)

Agenda

- Item 1: Welcome & District Chair's Opening Remarks.**
- Item 2: Apologies for Absence.**
- Item 3: Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2022.**
- Item 4: Undertake governance oversight**
- Adopt the constitution of Ripon & District Scout Council
 - Agree date of Ripon & District Scout Council financial year: 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024
 - Agree number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board: 4-6.
- Item 5: Agreed quorum of members for each:**
- meetings of the Scout Council: **15 Members**
 - meetings of the Trustee Board: **8 Members**
 - meetings of any sub-Committees: **3 Members**
- Item 6: Receive & Consider The District Annual Report & Statement of Accounts for 2022-2023.**
- Item 7: Election and Appointment of Ex-Officio Members to the District Trustee Board for 2023-2024.**
- District Chair: **Matt Rea**
 - District Commissioner: **John Lockwood**
 - District Youth Commissioner: **Henry Morley**
 - District Secretary: **David Forster**
 - District Treasurer: **Sarah Slade**
 - District Explorer Scout Commissioner: **Roz Bardon (Acting)**
 - District Network Commissioner: **Adam Dickson**
 - District Badge Secretary: **Andrea Taylor**
- Item 8: Election and Appointment of members to the District Trustee Board for 2023-2024.**

Elected Members. Nominations (or self-nominated):

- **Ian Bardon** Seconded by John Lockwood
- **Aimée Rea** seconded by Jon Goom.
- **Donna Fleming** seconded by Matt Rea.
- **John Aubrey de Lavenu** Seconded by John Lockwood.
- **Tilly Law** Seconded by Martin Renton
- **Tessa Danby** Seconded by John Lockwood

Nominated Members.

Nominated by the District Commissioner in consultation with the District Chair.

- **Jon Goom**
- **Mike Collins**
- **Anne Collins**
- **Sarah Rands**

Item 9: Appointment of President & Vice Presidents

- Honorary President: **John McGrath**
- Honorary Vice President; **Marjorie McGrath**
- Honorary Vice President; **Eric Fell**
- Honorary Vice President; **Shirley Fell**
- Honorary Vice President; **Tim Jones**
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Item 10: Appointment of an auditor, independent examiner for 2023-2024

- **Clare Mercer:** Proposed by Sarah Slade, Seconded by Matt Rea

Item 11: Election of the Representative to the North Yorkshire County Scout Council for 2023-24.

- **Jon Goom:** Proposed by John Lockwood, seconded by Martin Renton.

Item 12: Presentation of David Burnett award.

Item 13: County Representative.

Item 14: Closing Remarks.



RIPON AND DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15 June 2022 at The Golden Fleece, Thirsk

1. Welcome and District Chair's opening remarks. The Chair, Jon Goom, opened the meeting. He welcomed Cllr David Whitfield, The Mayor of Thirsk David Jackson, Deputy County Youth Commissioner James Porter and County Secretary David Forster, and other attendees, and thanked everyone for attending.

2. Apologies for Absence.

Anne Collins, Adam Dickson, Aimée Dubiel, Liz Hall, Brian Hawthornthwaite, Chris Heywood, John Helliwell, Tim Jones, Marjorie McGrath, Cath McMorland, Mayor of Ripon Cllr Eamon Parkin, John Roberts, Sarah Slade, Toni Vauvert

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2021. These had been circulated prior to the AGM, and the Chair said that there had been no outstanding actions. The minutes were proposed by Ian Bardon and seconded by John McGrath and approved by the attendees.

4. Receive and consider the District Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for 2021-2022. The Report and Accounts had been circulated prior to the AGM. The Statement of Accounts had been prepared by Sarah Slade and independently examined by Neil Mercer, and approved by the District Executive. Thanks were given to Sarah Slade who had not been able to attend the meeting.

The Chair recapped on the information in his report, and said that youth numbers had bounced back well from Covid, but they were still struggling for leaders. The Chair had attended County Cub camp, which had been an enjoyable event. Thanks were given to the District Executive members and other supporters, and all the outstanding district leaders were thanked.

The District Commissioner's (DC) report had been circulated in advance, and he recapped on this. Numbers were about 15% higher than at Census. Changes were coming from HQ that would be met. If anyone had any ideas for fundraising for the Jamboree, these would be welcome.

5. Appointment and Election of District Administrators and Advisers for 2022-23.

5.1 District Chair – In discussion with two applicants, and it was envisaged that there would be a new Chair in place by September 2022. Jon Goom would continue until September. Ian Bardon suggested that, if a candidate could not be found, a name generation was held by the Executive.

5.2 District Treasurer – Sarah Slade. Proposed by the Chair

5.3 District Secretary – Alex Whitfield. Proposed by DC

5.4 District Badge Secretary – Cath McMorland. Proposed by the Chair. There may be someone for this post, and Cath would continue until the end of 2022.

5.5 District Independent Examiner – Claire Mercer. Proposed by Sarah Slade

5.6 Keeper of the District Trophies – Eric Campbell. Proposed by DC

5.7 District Youth Commissioner – Henry Morley. Proposed by DC

5.8 District Network Commissioner – Adam Dickson. Proposed by DC. A successor was being sought as Adam would be leaving the post at the end of 2022.

5.9 District Explorer Scout Commissioner – This position was vacant and someone was being sought.

Someone to take on the position Assistant District Commissioner (ADC) for Scouts was also needed.

Sarah Rands had moved into the position as ADC for Beavers.

The above were elected on block by the attendees.

6. Election and Appointment of the District Executive Committee for 2022-23

Nominated Elected Members:

Jon Aubrey de Lavenu
Ian Bardon
Trish Beadle
Terry Hodgson

Members nominated by the DC:

Mike Collins
Anne Collins
Aimée Dubiel
Donna Fleming

The nominations for membership of the District Executive were carried by a show of hands.

It was agreed that further members could be co-opted at the next meeting. Ian Bardon requested that David Day be co-opted on to the committee, and any other requests should be made to the Chair before the next Executive meeting.

7. Election and appointment of the District Representative to the North Yorkshire County Scout Council for 2022-23. Jon Goom nominated by DC and seconded by Martin Renton. No objections, so this was approved.

8. James Porter – Deputy Youth Commissioner

James was representing the County Commissioner, who was shown on the printed information.

James gave his thanks for the invitation, and said that for a small district, Ripon and District were very active and a strong district in the County. James thanked everyone for all their time, and thanked John Lockwood for being the DC.

James spoke about change, and that this always happened, and there was change coming over the next 5 years. This had started with the fantastic addition of the Squirrels section.

The DC had been requested by the County Commissioner to add an extra item to the agenda and present an award. The DC presented Roz Bardon with the Silver Acorn.

9. Closing remarks. The Chair thanked everyone who made Scouting happen.

Advance notice was given that the 2023 AGM would be held on Wednesday 14th June.

The district calendar would be changing to run from September to September.

Attendees: 29 in total

David Baker
Ian and Roz Bardon
Peter Bardon
Stuart Carter
Mike Collins
Hanna Cook
Tessa Danby
David Day
Eric and Shirley Fell
Donna Fleming
David Forster
Jon Goom
Stephen Hall
Chris, Nicola and Terry Hodgson

David Jackson
Jon Aubrey de Lavenu
John Lockwood
John McGrath
Henry Morley
Martin Renton
James Porter
Sarah Rands
Iris de Wet
Alex Whitfield
David Whitfield

District Chair's Report 2023

With the pandemic now firmly in the rear-view mirror this last year has seen Scouting across the District return to normal levels of activity. Being able to conduct this without the need for distancing or events being held virtually has enabled young people to get back to something that resembles Scouting prior to 2020.

We have held five District events this year, including a District Camp in July and a particularly memorable sleepover at the Deep, all of which were resounding successes and continued the good work of reinvigorating Scouting and energising the young people in our District. None of these would have been possible without leaders across the District giving up their time to organise and run the events for which I offer sincere thanks.

The District Executive, now entitled the District Trustee Board, continues to oversee District matters. Many thanks to them all for their time and assistance this year. The board is still looking to appoint a secretary so if you are interested in being appointed to the position then please get in touch.

Finally I must say a big thanks to John Lockwood for continuing to serve as District Commissioner as well as the ADC team and all the leaders and DAS members in the district who do a fantastic job of running Scouting in Ripon & District.

Matt Rea
District Chair

District Commissioner's Report

Hello and a warm welcome to all the members of Ripon & District Scout Council. We have seen excellent growth in all our sections from our Squirrel's, through to our Explorers with most groups reporting full sections and waiting lists for some as well. I find it remarkable that as a voluntary organisation we are not only appealing to new members but we can meet and deliver the expectations of all our existing members in these challenging times.

Our scouting has had a year that we will all remember in different ways, we have gained members and sadly lost members including our patron Her Majesty the Queen. Through all of this we have the resolve to keep on delivering a fantastic, engaging programme and activities that will give our young people a lifetime of memories and experiences.

We have a contingent of Explorers who are going to the World Jamboree in South Korea, they have worked hard fundraising and attending training camps so when the time comes they can get the most from this unique experience and we wish them all the best for their adventure. We had young members go on a trip to 'Sleep at the Deep' this was an amazing experience for adults and young members, although I think the adults / Leaders were looking forward to catching up on their sleep afterwards.

The District Cub camp, which hasn't been run for a while until this year, was by all accounts a great hit with the Cubs and the Leaders, some of whom went back out the following weekend for the District scout camp, well done to everyone involved in planning, running and making these camps a big success. Some of the Beavers are going to the county Damboree, some of whom will never have camped before so I wish them a fabulous time.

The new Squirrel section is blossoming and have a waiting list to get going with their first steps in scouting. Our explorers have been getting in their camping and overnights as well as working towards their Higher awards which will see some of them achieving their Kings Scout award.

We have a challenging year ahead of us, we need to recruit more uniformed leaders and I hope some of the parents of our young people will help us achieve this along with encouraging others to be more active. We are seeing new rules coming in over this coming year and new ways of doing things, but I am sure we will meet these challenges head on and overcome them.

So it just leaves me to say a massive THANK YOU to you all for the outstanding work that you do & wish you all a restful summer when it comes in July.

John Lockwood.
District Commissioner

ADC Beavers Report

Beavers have had a great 12 months; and we have managed to meet on three separate occasions as a District; each time with around 100 participants. The first was the Big Beaver Splash in July 2022; on a beautifully hot sunny day. As billed; we all got wet! A big thank you to the WHESU and Topcliffe Scouts who came to help out on the day.

Our second event was of course the sleepover at The Deep, which had been previously postponed due to COVID. After opening it up to Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, we had two separate fantastic nights there; and lots of really positive comments from the young people who came.

The most recent event was the Luck of the Irish day in March 2023; which included Irish themed games and a ceilidh. The first round was a bit tricky; but after some leader participation and demonstration round two went much better! Another big thank you to WHESU and Fountains ESU for their help and good humour on the day.

A final thank you goes to DAS for organising their DASQuest for Beavers this year; it is always an enjoyable event and offers somewhere new to explore.

Looking forward, the County Damboree is coming up in 5 weeks which some of our District colonies are attending; and there will be at least one further District Beaver event before the end of 2023.

Sarah Rands
ADC Beavers

ADC Cubs Report

What a year we have had with in the cub groups over the district. We have had so much fun from Orienteering at Cundall Manor School, to taking part in a district sleepover trip to the Deep at Hull, Scrambling at Brimham rocks, and to finish the year a district camp at Clothholme Farm. These opportunities have allowed the cubs attending to experience new activities, learn new skills and make new friendships within the District, bringing all of the groups together.

The District Cub Leaders and myself are currently planning some more amazing and thrill seeking activities for this next coming year.

Well done to all of the cubs that have achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award within their time at cubs, this is down to the individual Section and Assistant leaders. This takes me onto thanking all of the leaders within the



district for their continued support and efforts of making each and every cub enjoy their time within their sections.

Tessa Danby
ADC Cubs

1st Boroughbridge Report

After the reduction in members and fewer activities over the past two years, this year we returned to full strength. Although we had lost some youngsters, when we returned to normal meetings we had others eager to join who had never been involved before. We also benefitted from Explorers who became 18 and were able to join as Leaders, and a whole Scouting family who relocated from Cornwall.



The Cubs enjoyed their camping experience at the County Camp at Pateley Bridge, it was a four day camp over the Queen's Platinum Jubilee holiday. They put a lot of energy into taking part in all the activities, so school on Monday would have been a chance for a rest.

They also joined in with the Beavers and Scouts on an overnight stay at The Deep. Thanks to Sarah and Donna for organising it, and congratulations for managing to 'sleep' there for two nights.

The Beavers also took part in a water day at Hillside, luckily it was warm as they got soaked.

Another great activity where leaders were glad not to carry participants in their cars was the Total Warrior event at Bramham. The Cubs and Scouts made their way around a very muddy and wet course – our photos only show them starting off, as no-one could recognise which mud ball was from 1st Boroughbridge at the end. They must have liked it as many have signed up for this year's repeat.

Many Scouts have again signed up for this year's County 'Ignite' having enjoyed spending the weekend on a queue-and-do activity mega event in Dalby Forest.

It was great to get back to our regular December programme including the Boroughbridge Christmas Tree Festival in which the youth section was won by the Scouts entry. Roasting Chestnuts, Santa's Sleigh, a visit to the Panto, and filling shoe boxes all made a comeback.



The Cubs and Scouts even managed a trip to the climbing wall. The Scouts were able to add an extra camp when the older ones went to Thornthwaite for the Winter Camp (-6°C).

Mike Collins
Group Scout Leader

1st Topcliffe Scout Group Report

All our sections have grown in strength and attainment, due to the varied sessions we plan & hold for all our young people. This includes Caving, Backwoods Cooking & trying new skills with food & tastes, Knot learning, Hikes, First Aid, Visit to Studfold & having visitors in to help with new skills. Then of course the important days like St David's day & Christmas Parties which included an online Panto. All sections have camped multiple times in the last year except Squirrels who have only been allowed since January this year but are planning a camp for later in the term.

This is shown in the amount of badges our sections have awarded and the Chief Scout awards that our young people have earned.

We have awarded 764 badges in the last year 1st June 2022 to 21st May 2023. These are Challenge, Activity & staged badges for all sections.

This includes the 1 Chief Scout Gold Award, 5 Chief Scout Silver Awards, 8 Chief Scout Bronze Awards & 3 Chief Scout Acorn Awards.

This is down to the amazing team of leaders & volunteers that is 1st Topcliffe Scout Group. Our young people move up into our sections except our Squirrels who we have fed into other groups within the district with almost a 100% retention.

We have attended all of the district events except the Christmas one and been active within our community from litter picks to covering water bottle stations for the Thirsk 10 Run & Bags 2 school collections.

This wouldn't have all been possible without our outstanding & supportive GSL Stuart Carter who sadly passed away in March this year, He managed to clock up over 40

years in scouting as a leader & the support shown at his funeral was truly remarkable and Stuarts family & ourselves at 1st Topcliffe Scout Group would like to Thank all that attended for this.



Donna Fleming
Deputy Group Scout Leader

Hillside Scout Group Report

Having weathered the traumas of the pandemic the wonderful Hillside Scout Group Leaders and Members have risen to the task of enabling the Group to return to pre-Covid membership levels and high quality programmes. Well done all of you.

In the early 2023 Census there were 26 Beaver Scouts, 36 Cub Scouts and 17 Scouts. Sporting activities such as athletics, swimming, ice skating and cricket have unfortunately taken a few members from the Scout Section but we wish them well in their chosen activities.

Beavers gained 11 Bronze Chief Scout Awards and a total of 421 Badges over the year. 11 Cubs were awarded their Silver Chief Scout Award and 519 badges were awarded in total. 3 Scouts are close to gaining their Chief Scout Gold Awards and will hopefully gain them with their expedition this summer. 163 badges were awarded to the Troop.

Junior Warrior at Bramham Park, a wet and muddy event was a huge success in 2022 and most of our Cubs and Scouts will be going again in 2023.

Scouts took part in IGNITE, a County event in Dalby Forest and also a District Camp at Pybus near Kirkby in Cleveland. This year they are preparing for an expedition to Hag Dyke in the Dales near Kettlewell. Initially this was planned pre Covid and we have had a change of Leadership since then!

Both Cubs and Scouts continue to take an active role in deciding what they wish to do during their sessions, their favourites appearing to be camping, water activities, mountain biking and climbing as well as cooking and eating their own food. Congratulations to the Scout Teams who excelled at the District Cooking Competition.

Leader succession is always at the back of our minds and whilst we have been fortunate in recruiting a few new leaders who have been willing to work towards getting a warrant and quite a few Occasional Helpers to help out at Camps and some evening meetings we are acutely aware that there is a need to increase the number of adult leaders to share and ease the workload of our long-standing stalwarts. To that end we plan a recruitment drive at Borrowby Show when we are hiring a climbing wall and will plan to show people our HQ as well as helping the Show Committee sell programmes.

Iris de Wet
Group Scout Leader

1st Sowerby Scout Group Report

Its been another great year at Sowerby Scout group, back to full steam after the last couple of years of disjointed Scouting.

We have been involved in a number of district activities running the Scout Backwoods Day & the outdoor patrol challenges for both Cubs and Scouts. We have organised an orienteering day for the cubs at Cundall manor and enjoyed the Irish dancing at the district beaver day. We've awarded lots of badges...too many to list but it goes to show the commitment inside and outside of meeting by the young people of the group.

The Beavers raised some money for the Guide Dogs For The Blind, after a visit from a puppy walker, learnt about money, enjoyed some cooking and basic scouting skills amongst many other things.

The Cubs have enjoyed learning circus skills, cycling and completing the chef badge. At Christmas we visited the local care home and sang to the residents who have requested we make it an annual event, its great to see the interaction between the Cubs and residents. The Cubs also attended the District Cub camp and orienteering at Brimham rocks and have Bellboating in the programme for this summer.

The Scout section have visited the Mountain Rescue team at RAF Leeming where they were shown around the unit and firestation. They have run a really full programme including glass engraving, mapping, pioneering, backwoods cooking to name a few. We enjoyed a hammock camp in the woods at Clotherholme farm at the start of the year and also had our summer camp at Clotherholme farm where the scouts went off on a 2 day expedition.

We have been working to assist members of the White Horse ESU and Sowerby Scouts with some fundraising for the World Scout Jamboree this summer. We are all looking forward to hearing their adventures upon their return.

We have had some leader awards this year too with Long service awards for Lindsay for 5 years, Aimée for 15 years service and Jon 30 years service. Martin was also

awarded the Commissioners Commendation and we are proud to say that Martin was awarded the Chief Scouts Award for Meritorious Conduct after saving someone's life in June 2022.

Massive thanks as always to the leaders, committee members and parents who assist in keeping the group running, especially over the last year.



Jon Goom
Group Scout Leader

6th Ripon (Cathedral) Scout Group Report

2022 / 2023 has proved to be an interesting year with many members still suffering from the COVID pandemic both in terms of their social skills and their willingness to spend weekends away.

Beavers and Cubs have both seen a significant rise in numbers on the January census with the Scouts remaining fairly static, however the indications are that numbers will continue to rise.

The Group held its traditional Group weekend away at Watson Scout Centre, where walking, crafting, and playing activities were undertaken including a great campfire wholly led and run by our Young Leaders. The scouts and cubs went away again in March, unfortunately the scouts were unable to camp as snow was still on the ground,

but it did make great weather for snowman building! The scouts also did a hike totally planned by one of their members – well done Tom

The Beaver section remains short of a permanent leader; however, it has regular leaders / young leaders in Ian Bardon, Richard Midgley, Sam Wolloms and Carrie Chapman. It is still offering a fantastic program of activities including river dipping, visit to see the historic silver, Chinese New Year; Night Hiking; attendance at the District Irish afternoon and games and more games.

The Cub Section continues to be led by Kim, ably assisted by Trish undertaking a myriad of exciting activities and both indoors and out including County Cub camp, line dancing, Taekwondo, Street Orienteering, Diwali & science evening, to name but a few

Roz Bardon continues to lead the Scout Troop supported by Craig, Simon, Sam, Adam & Ian. Roz seems to be able to manage her team of leaders very effectively, even when she is away looking after her mum in the Southeast. Scouts' highlights included the District Camp at Pybus, rafting and a one-week water camp at Great Givendale

Our Leadership Team has remained static this year, however additional activity training has been undertaken with two Stand up Paddle board Permits and one Terrain One walking Permit obtained. We are hopeful of further permits being obtained so more activities can be offered safely to our young people.

The number top awards have remained the same at thirteen, with five Chief Scout Bronze, four Silver & four Gold Awards - well done everyone.



Ian Bardon
Group Scout Leader



4th Ripon Scout Group

Since September the Group has grown in all Sections.

Our Beavers are nearly bursting their dam. They have enjoyed taking part in canal boat trips in Ripon, the District Beaver Irish Day, and joining in for the day doing Cub activities at Group camp. Sam along with Nikki and Val give the Beavers an exciting and challenging programme.

Our Cubs have also increased in numbers too. Enjoying a programme that again is challenging with plenty of outdoor activities being the top of the youngsters most want to do list. They have been on camp and joined in activities within in the District that give them an even wider programme that as a Group we may not be able to prove. Tessa is helped by David, Liz and myself on meeting nights as well as Luke and Anita on transport and cooking at Camp.

Our Scouts have been joined by new leaders, Dave and Hannah, in September 2022. They have been on a winter camp at Thornthwaite, a very cold and frosty experience. Numbers have increased and now there are 3 Patrols. They have taken part in the District Scout Challenge and again lots of outdoor activities. Dave and Hannah was also joined by Joe who helps on meeting nights.

All these wonderful experiences for the young people in the Group is thanks to our super leaders who have lots of experience and knowledge and we thank them all for passing their expertise on to them.

Toni Vauvert
Group Scout Leader

1st Thirsk Scout Group

There has been some changes in our leader team at 1st Thirsk. Chris and Nicola Hodgson have both left the group for now however may return later in the year.

Andrew McKay is having some time off after the birth of his son. He will return in September of this year. Ed March Shawcross has been appointed as the Scout leader. We have 3 other leaders ploughing through the leader process. Hopefully complete within the coming months.

We presently only have 3 spaces left in the group 1 at scouts and 2 at beavers. However, those will be filled shortly. The plan will be to increase our numbers of the 24 once we have the leaders in place to cope.

The future:

We embark on our first Group Camp to take place in September at Snowball in York: This will take place in late June and Project Scout Hall is the Groups aspiration to add an Annex to the building, long ongoing goal.

Terry Hodgson
Group Scout Leader

Fountains -ESU

This started in January to have regular meeting nights on a Wednesday. There are 6 young people to date and is overseen by Tessa and Oliver. The Explorers have planned their programme and take it in turns to run the evening. Cooking nights are a favourite with pioneering running close second.

It is hoped that this Unit will grow from strength to strength.

Toni Vauvert.
GSL

White Horse Explorer Scout Unit Report

Its been another busy year for White horse explorers. We have seen our Explorer numbers increase and gained a new leader, Henry Morley an ex-explorer. We have also said goodbye to Eddie Fearnside who stepped in with myself to keep the section afloat in 2019. Eddie is off to live in Scotland so the commute for Explorers would be a bit of a struggle, thanks for your hard work and assistance with the section over the last few years Eddie, you will be missed.

We've had numerous camps this year and a number of Explorer meetings with spitfore and Fountains which have been great fun. We are looking to get our Explorer committee re-established with our lastest influx of Explorers which will play a big part in organising the Explorers activities in the coming year.

We are attending Ignite again this year which the Explorers are looking forward too. We've also had some of our Explorers working on their Bronze DofE award with assistance from Roz Bardon which is great. Good times ahead at WHESU!

Jon Goom

Explorer Scout Leader

Spitfire Explorer Scout Unit Report

Spitfire Explorers have had a successful year with 6 new members joining and 4 ageing out, 2 of which have gone on to become adult leaders. This now brings us to a total of 14 members, with meeting attendance regularly reaching 10.

A total of 3 Platinum awards and 2 Diamond awards were achieved, with many more close to completion. 7 Members are also active Young leaders within 6th Ripon Scouts with 4 being awarded their Young Leader Belt.

2 Dofe Silver awards have been achieved with 8 Gold Dofe participants close to completion having completed their expedition April 2022. Spitfire ESU are also spearheading a new District DofE group, with many young people keen to undertake the award.

We have maintained an active programme, 13 nights away have been made available this year plus Young Leaders assisting with the nights away of other sections. The '12 Nights in 12 Months' challenge was thrown down for all district explorers to attempt ideally doing one a month. This ties in well with the drive to work with the 2 other Explorer units in the district, with 2 weekends away and various joint meeting nights having taken place with more planned for future, including a canoe cruise in early May.

We have 4 members attending the Jamboree in various capacities and have assisted them with fundraising including tree planting, litter picking and collecting for santa's sleigh. Other activities we have done include go-karting, fire evenings, cycling, rafting and a visit to the cathedral bell tower. 8 members also attended a 16 hour outdoor first aid course.

Leadership is a combination of Sam Wolloms and Roz Bardon, Being assisted by Ian Bardon and other 6th Ripon leaders where required. Parent help has generally been forthcoming when requested.

Sam Wolloms

Explorer Scout Leader

District Active Support Report



Ripon & District Active Support Unit (DAS) is a section within the District for adults who enjoy supporting Scouting and its young people. The Unit currently has 40 members with a range of talents and expertise: some are current leaders and Scouting personnel in a variety of roles within Groups, the District and North Yorkshire, whilst others have held such roles in the past and have a wealth of experience and expertise to share; we also enjoy the company of younger adults who want to keep in touch with Scouting whilst their current life circumstances may not allow a regular role and others are local people who simply want to support youngsters in whatever way they can.

As well as responding to calls from individual units for assistance, DAS members are also invaluable for helping with District activities and can be found at most events, running bases at Activity Days, being scorers and judges, as well as, inevitably, being on hand for administrative roles and producing refreshments. Each member does as much as he or she feels they can do on each occasion and DAS usually manages to fulfil most requests for support. DAS also organises an annual dinner to which all District leaders are invited, although our other social activities are usually just for members and families to enjoy time together (we now have several 'associate' youngsters within the section!), with bell boating, spring walks, treasure hunts and the annual Barbecue having featured in recent programmes.

DAS also organises and runs DASQUEST each year. This 2023 Quest is for the Beaver (and Squirrel) sections within the District, in the form of a treasure hunt with all route details, risk assessments, questions and answers provided. Last year's DASQUEST was for Cubs and next year's will be too. Those who have taken part can be identified by the distinctive DASQUEST badge worn on their uniform sleeves.

DAS always welcomes new members whatever their age and background as everyone has unique skills and expertise to share with the younger members of Scouting in the District.

Anne Collins
District Active Support Unit Manager

The last twelve months have been a time of immense change for Ripon and District Network.

Last summer saw the ageing out of the majority of our membership, however I am pleased that they all remain active within the district. This left a vacuum with only three members. Despite that initial apprehension of having to rebuild a unit from scratch, Ripon and District Network continues to grow with regular events and opportunities to get to know their fellow 'older scouts.'

As we move into the next year, a recruitment campaign will focus on the middle range of explorer scouts (16-17 year olds), picking them up at least 12 months before they are due to leave explorers so they can assess and process the the various opportunities available to them as adult members of the scouting family.

I am also pleased to include two Gold DofE Awards into the list of top awards from Network this year and I hope with time, that number will grow.

As ever, I am pleased with the resilience of Ripon and District Scout Network. It is a challenging age period both in scouting and in life and I welcome the exciting opportunities that the next year will bring.

Adam Dickson

District Scout Network Commissioner

District St Georges Day 2023

Thanks to 1st Thirsk for organising a great service and parade this year.



Statement of Accounts & Independent Examiner's Report
for the Financial Year ending 31 March 2023

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Ripon and District Scout Council
Year Ending 31st March 2023

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR-ENDING 31.03.23

Overall

The result of income less expenditure for the year is a deficit of (£1,823)

Detailed comments are in the Notes on the I&E tab

Explorers

Spitfire

A deficit of £225.93 for the year decreased their funds to £620.29 All held in their own bank account/petty cash

White Horse

A surplus of 761 for the year increased their funds to £1,858. All held in their own bank account

There remains an historic balance of (£366) deficit within the District bank account (ie owed from WH to District). This is shown as a separate line in the Balance Sheet Reserves

Black Stallion

The movement in the year related to the 2023 census (£300 received less £300 paid)

Balance of £90 at 31.03.23

4th Ripon manage the Income & Expenditure in the year. Balance at 31.03.23 TBC (liaising with new Treasurer to confirm). Any adjustments to process next year (expect minimal)

Badge income & expense

The result of income less expenditure was a surplus of £592

Badge stock

Badge stock reduced from £3,816 to £3,375 (12% decrease)

The obsolescence provision remains at £2,000. To be reviewed next year if the stock value decreases

Bank Interest and Charges

£277.64 interest received on the Skipton BS account. The interest rate: 0.5%
(Rate increases to 1.8% from 12.09.22)

£31.25 interest received on the HSBC savings account

From January 2022, HSBC started charging monthly fees on the current account
£101.73 of bank charges were applied to the HSBC account in the year

The Soldo credit card incurred bank charges of £53.43 in the year

District Events

See attached sheet

6 events held in the year. Overall a surplus of £96.33 contribution to District funds
£76.50 still due from Thirsk related to the 25 Mar23 event

	Receipts and Payments account		Notes on 2023 receipts & payments	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Storage Rent			500.00	500.00
Expenses Claimed			0.00	0.00
Hall/Room Hire			117.00	38.00
Equipment rebates	0.00	0.00	330.47	454.94 £74 Dutch ovens, £138 tents & shelters, £74 gas burners, £46 stoves
Beavers	297.50	0.00	835.07	£835 payment includes £456 to cover loss on The Deep event, £297 income relates to 25 Mar23 event -> income & expense being processed through the District accounts
Cubs	0.00	0.00	218.82	0.00 Includes £119 for badges -> cubs Birnham Rocks event
Scouts	48.00	0.00	0.00	44.79 £48 Backwoods cooking event surplus (£13.03.22 event)
Explorers	7,899.80	5,049.28	7,334.55	3,141.10
DAS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Training	0.00	0.00	185.00	0.00
Insurance	0.00	0.00	94.00	0.00
Jamboree	16,136.00	75.00	16,171.30	0.00 Includes £35.30 Jamboree kit for fundraising
AGM Costs	0.00	0.00	20.58	0.00
Badges	4,105.33	3,222.18	3,513.46	3,444.50 £592 overall surplus (£4,105 less £3,513)
District Camp	2,550.00	0.00	1,993.31	0.00
Grants/donations	0.00	0.00	348.84	55.00 £184 microbit computers, £165 tents & stoves
Ducks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DASQUEST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage & Stationery	0.00	0.00	67.21	90.35
Capital	0.00	0.00	2,779.72	0.00 Hammocks x 25 & kit for storing them
Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
District Website	0.00	0.00	62.39	24.00
Capitation Refunds	0.00	0.00	808.00	682.00 £808 census refunds re 2022 census
Capitation	30,840.80	22,808.40	28,284.50	24,091.20 £30,840.80 includes £2,290.80 from 2022 census received Apr22
Gift Aid (HMRC)	391.01		391.01	£391.01 relates to Spifire Explorers (received from HMRC & paid over to group)
Sundries (includes stationery)	.00	.00	189.85	£85 N Trust membership, £37 flowers Badge Sec retirement, £28 Remembrance Day wreath, £40 S Carter's family
Bank Interest/Fees	308.89	304.64	155.16	73.00
	62,537.33	31,456.50	64,380.24	32,636.88
LESS Payments		(64,380.24)		(32,636.88)
Surplus/(deficit)		(1,822.91)		(1,177.38)
Total Reserves as at 31.03.23				
b/fwd reserves at 01.04.22			70,203.49	
Surplus/(deficit)			(1,822.91)	
Reserves as at 31.03.23			<u>68,380.58</u>	

Balance Sheet as at 31.03.23

		31.03.23	31.03.22
		£	£
Current Assets			
Cash	Petty Cash - Fountains ESU		
	Petty Cash - White Horse ESU	-	-
	Petty Cash - Spittire ESU	16.06	
	Petty Cash - Badge account	.00	17.21
Bank	HSBC ...801	2,552.28	4,530.47
	HSBC Trip A/c ...856	6,778.15	6,746.90
	Lloyds bank - White Horse ESU	1,858.46	1,097.28
	HSBC - Spittire ESU	604.23	846.22
	HSBC - Fountains (within a/c ...801)	£90 at 31.03.23	
Credit Card	Soldo A/c Used for badge purchase	533.15	340.72
Building Society	Skipton BS	55,805.66	55,528.02
Badge Stock		3,375.23	3,815.70
Less Badge stock obsolescence provision		(2,000.00)	(2,000.00)
Other debtors		-	-
Prepayments	scout camp deposit used for District camp Ju22	-	160.00
Total Current Assets		68,623.22	71,082.62
Total Assets		68,623.22	71,082.62
Current Liabilities			
Other Creditors	Badge Floats	1,142.64	879.03
Total Current Liabilities		1,142.64	879.03
Total Assets less Liabilities		68,380.58	70,203.49
Reserves			
Surplus b/fwd		70,203.49	71,380.87
Surplus(deficit) (Current Year)		(1,822.91)	(1,177.38)
		68,380.58	70,203.49
Difference		-	-

Reserves Allocation

		31.03.23	31.03.22
General Account		7,659.31	7,451.02
Adult Support & Training	Designated	7,719.00	7,719.00
International Fund	Designated	3,800.00	3,800.00
Explorer Fund	Designated	3,500.00	3,500.00
Equipment Fund	Designated	-	2,566.45
Development Fund	Designated	2,500.00	2,500.00
Activity Centre Fund	Designated	41,000.00	41,000.00
White Horse Fund ESU	Designated	(366.48)	(366.48)
White Horse ESU - (Lloyds a/c)	Designated	1,858.46	1,097.28
Spittire Fund ESU (HSBC a/c)	Designated	620.29	846.22
Fountains ESU Fund	Designated	90.00	90.00
		68,380.58	70,203.49

Reserves and Designated Funds movement

	31.03.22	Receipts	Payments	31.03.23
General Account	7,451.02	54,667.53	(54,459.24)	7,659.31
Adult Support & Training	7,719.00			7,719.00
International Fund	3,800.00			3,800.00
Explorer Fund	3,500.00			3,500.00
Equipment Fund	2,566.45		(2,566.45)	-
Development Fund	2,500.00			2,500.00
Activity Centre Fund	41,000.00			41,000.00
White Horse Fund ESU (within Di	(366.48)			(366.48)
White Horse Fund ESU - (Lloyds	1,097.28	3,534.94	(2,773.76)	1,858.46
Spittire Fund ESU (HSBC bank)	846.22	4,034.86	(4,260.79)	620.29
Fountains Fund ESU (within Dist)	90.00	300.00	(300.00)	90.00
	70,203.49	62,637.33	(64,380.24)	68,380.58

Explorer unit accounts

Period: 01.04.21-31.03.22

White Horse explorer unit

Receipts	3,534.94
LESS Payments	<u>(2,773.76)</u>
Surplus for the year	761.18
Balance brought forward	1,097.28
Balance carried forward	<u><u>1,858.46</u></u>

Spitfire explorer unit**HSBC**

Receipts	3,879.86
LESS Payments	<u>(4,121.85)</u>
Deficit for the year	(241.99)
Balance brought forward	846.22
Balance carried forward	<u><u>604.23</u></u>

Petty Cash

Receipts	155.00
LESS Payments	<u>(138.94)</u>
Surplus for the year	16.06
Balance brought forward	.00
	<u><u>16.06</u></u>

Fountains explorer unit

Receipts	300.00
LESS Payments	<u>(300.00)</u>
Surplus for the year	.00
Balance brought forward	90.00
Balance carried forward	<u><u>90.00</u></u>

Template 2: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing accruals accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ripon and District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ripon and District for the year ended 31 March 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Ripon and District as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed: C. Williams
C. Williams (Jun 9, 2023 16:48 GMT+1)

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RIPON AND DISTRICT SCOUTS

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Ripon & District Scout Council

Annual General Meeting

730pm Wednesday 15th June 2022
(The Golden Fleece, Market Place, Thirsk)

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Ripon and District County Scout Council

Annual General Meeting 2022

730pm on Wednesday 15th June 2022 (The Golden Fleece, Thirsk)

Agenda

- Item 1: Welcome & District Chair's Opening Remarks.
- Item 2: Apologies for Absence.
- Item 3: Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2021.
- Item 4: Receive & Consider The District Annual Report & Statement of Accounts for 2021-22.
- Item 5: Appointment and Election of District Administrators & Advisers for 2022-23.
- 5.1 District Chair. Nominee - Vacant position- Jon Goom – Acting Chair
 - 5.2 District Treasurer. Nominee: **Sarah Slade**. Proposed by Jon Goom.
 - 5.3 District Secretary. Nominee: **Alex Whitfield** Proposed by DC
 - 5.4 District Badge Secretary. Nominee **Cath McMorland** Proposed by Jon Goom
(7 month position) Successor needed before Jan 2023
 - 5.5 District Independent Examiner. Nominee: **Clare Mercer**, proposed by **Sarah Slade**
 - 5.6 Keeper of the District Trophies: Nominee: **Eric Campbell** Proposed by DC
 - 5.7 District Youth Commissioner: Nominee: **Henry Morley** Proposed by DC
 - 5.8 District Network Commissioner: Nominee: **Adam Dickson** Proposed by DC
(7 month position) Successor needed before Jan 2023
 - 5.9 District Explorer Scout Commissioner: Position vacant- to be advised
- Item 6: Election and Appointment of the District Executive Committee for 2022-23.
- Elected Members. Nominations (or self-nominated):*
- Aimée Dubiel** seconded by Jon Goom.
 - Donna Flemming** seconded by Sarah Rands.
 - John Aubrey de Lavenu** Seconded by Jon Goom
 - Ian Bardon** Seconded by Jon Goom
 - Trish Beadle** Seconded by Martin Renton
 - Terry Hodgson** proposed by Ed March Shawcross, seconded Nicola Hodgson
- Nominated Members. Nominated by the District Commissioner in consultation with the District Chair.*
- Mike Collins**
 - Anne Collins**
 - Sarah Rands**
- Item 7: Election of the Representative to the North Yorkshire County Scout Council for 2022-23.
- Nomination:
- Jon Goom**: proposed by John Lockwood, seconded by Martin Renton.
- Item 8: County Commissioner.
- Item 9: Closing Remarks.



Ripon & District Scout Council

Annual General Meeting 2021

Date: 12th May 2021

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Attendees

- Attendees listed in appendix #1

Minutes

Item 1

Welcome & District Chair's Opening Remarks

- Jon Goom Chair opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Jon welcomed/introduced Mark Edwards County Commissioner. Jon advised that the meeting would be recorded to allow minutes to be made due to the current lack of secretary.

Item 2

Apologies for Absence

- Brian Hawthornthwaite, Terry Hodgson, John Raper, Chris Cheyworth, Adam Dickson

Item 3

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2020

- These were circulated prior to the AGM.
- No comments/queries or objections were formally raised so they are considered as approved by consent and were duly signed by Jon Goom as Chair.

Item 4

Receive & Consider the District Annual Report & Statement of Accounts for 2020-21

- This was circulated prior to the AGM. The Chair gave an overview of the last year and thanked the district groups/sections for their input into the District Annual Report.

District Commissioner- John Lockwood addressed the meeting.

- John thanked all the leaders for their hard work over the last year.
- John thanked Jon Goom for his help this year as Chair.
- Numbers of young people were down by 30% but these are bouncing back phenomenally.
- Training- John Helliwell has kept us on track and worked hard under difficult circumstances.
- Compliance- John thanked Mike, David & John H for their hard work getting us compliant.
- John is hoping to organise a district event later in the year.

- There was no comments/queries or objections raised prior to the AGM so the report is considered as approved by consent.

Item 5

Appointment and Election of District Administrators & Advisers for 2021-22.

- District Chair. Nominee: Jon Goom. Proposed by District Commissioner.

- District Treasurer. Nominee: Sarah Slade. Proposed by Jon Goom.
- District Secretary. Currently Vacant- No Nominations received
- District Badge Secretary. Nominee: Cath McMorland. Proposed by Jon Goom.

District Independent Examiner

- Nominee: Clare Mercer. Proposed by Sarah Slade
- There were no objections raised prior to the AGM so all the above nominations are considered as approved by consent.

Item 6

Election and Appointment of the District Executive Committee for 2021-22.

Elected Members. Nominations (self-nominated):

- Dave Baker: seconded by Stuart Carter.
- Ian Bardon: seconded by Jon Goom.
- Trish Beadle: seconded by Jon Goom.
- Mike Collins: seconded by Iris de Wet.
- Anne Collins: seconded by Eric Fell.
- Dawn Drummond: seconded by Jon Goom.

Nominated Members. Nominated by the District Commissioner in consultation with the District Chair.

- Roz Bardon
- Tessa Danby
- David Day
- Adam Dickson
- There were no objections raised prior to the AGM so all the above nominations are considered as approved by consent.

Item 7

Election of the Representative to the North Yorkshire County Scout Council for 2021-22.

- Nomination: Jon Goom: proposed by John Lockwood, seconded by Dave Baker.
- There were no objections raised prior to the AGM so the above nomination is considered as approved by consent.

Item 8

County Commissioner - Mark Edwards addressed the meeting.

- Mark said many thanks to "Team Ripon" and commented on the district's improvements in the last 18 months.
- Mark commented that Ripon is a "Shining light within the county, a leading light and a trailblazer".
- Our non-compliance is 0.8% (the national rate is 2%) and the 0.8% is actually only one person so we are nearly at 0%. There are only 15 districts at that level in whole region.
- Mark thanked John Helliwell for creating a "go to district" for training for people from across the county.
- Mark was confident young people numbers would be back to pre-pandemic levels relatively quickly.
- County has decided there will be no big events until 2022.
- The county's priority is to support the groups this year.
- Nationally there will be changes to training and roles.
- Mark announced the start of Squirrels within the district, 15 groups across the district.
- Marks's priority is to galvanise the "youth lead" side of the county before his departure next

year.

- Finally huge thanks to everyone within the district, Mark is proud of us all.

Item 9

Closing Remarks

Chair Jon Goom said thanks to those who have made scouting happen in Ripon and district.

AOB

- Jon Goom confirmed the next AGM would be Wednesday the 11th of May 2022.
- Jon also advised there is a great calendar of events planned for 2022.

Jon Goom thanked everyone for coming to the AGM and closed the meeting at 2024hrs.

Appendix #1- AGM Attendees

26 Attendees in total;

Colin & Cath McMorland

Dave Baker

David & Elaine Day

Eric & Shirley Fell

Ian & Dawn Drummond

Ian & Roz Bardon

John Helliwell

John Lockwood

John McGrath

John Roberts

Jon Goom

Mark Edwards

Martin Renton

Mike & Anne Collins

Peter Bardon

Sarah Slade

Steve & Liz Hall

Stuart carter

Trish Beadle

District Chair's Report 2022

After 2 online AGM's it is nice to finally be planning a face to face AGM. I think we can all reflect on how challenging life has been for the last 2 years but what an amazing job the leaders of the district have done to support the young people in our area.

We have seen district events back on the calendar, the Beaver day at Flamingoland and Scout backwoods skills day at Clotherhome farm were both a great successes. We also had the district leader skills training day at Clotherholme Farm, which was well attended and a great day for learning. DAS have been busy organising Das Quest for the Cubs and various face to face events. Its also great to read the Group reports which certainly show that Ripon Scouting has burst back into life after the unprecedented times we have all been living in lately.

I must thank Mike Collins & John Helliwell for their continued work on getting the compliance up to date/sorted and assisting the GSL's in ensuring they are compliant within their own groups.

Liz & David and their team have kept the appointments rolling through, we have also increased the numbers on the committee this year, thanks to those who have joined the ranks. Its always great to see new leaders joining the district but recruitment is still a challenge. Cath McMorland has done a great job with managing the badge orders as always and has committed to stay on as badge secretary until January 2023. So we are on the hunt for a new Badge secretary if you or someone you know is interested in assisting it would be good to have an overlap with Cath so they can learn the ropes .

The District Executive has as ever been keeping a watchful eye over district matters, many thanks to them all for their time and assistance. If you would like to join the team please get in touch.

Finally I must say a big thanks to John Lockwood and his ADC team along with all the leaders and DAS members in the district who do an awesome job of ensuring Scouting in Ripon & District is kept running smoothly.

Jon Goom
District Chair

District Commissioner's Report

This last year has seen us come out of Covid19 pandemic restrictions and back to our normal face to face scouting. While our membership dropped by around 30% we are now seeing a resurgence of young people and adult leaders wanting to be part of Scouting and what we stand for.

We have a complete new section, 'Squirrels' and their 'Drey' has seen real positive interest with them enjoying the start of their Scouting journey. The beavers have been having fun and been to the Zoo amongst other things, our Cubs and Scouts have been very busy with their group programmes and are both looking forward to Summer camps coming up. The Explorers have been very busy with their programme, Duke of Edinburgh awards and higher national Scouting awards. Well done to all our sections.

All of our young members are supported, encouraged and cajoled along by their leaders, whose passion and commitment to Scouting is truly fantastic and who are supported by the parents and Group Executives. Our District Executive and Team have been kept busy making sure we are all up to date with training, keeping us compliant with the latest rule changes cascaded down from headquarters, making sure our finances are kept in in order, planning our District events and supporting the work of all our groups, young members and the Scouting organisation.

So what's in the future, our numbers are growing as more young people want to be involved in Scouting. We have a great young member contingent from the District who along with their International Service Team will be representing us along with North Yorkshire and the UK at the World Jamboree in Korea next year. Our best wishes and support go with them. We are looking to go to events across the county and further that will give our young members truly memorable experiences as well as some of the leaders too, Leaders are planning on getting permits to give our young members more adventurous times, more badges / awards for our young members to achieve and most of all fun to be had by all.

So it leaves me as District Commissioner to say a massive *THANK YOU* to you all for the outstanding work that you do.

John Lockwood.
District Commissioner

ADC Beavers Report

This past year saw 35 years of Beavers; and the District Beavers were set the challenge of undertaking 35 different activities to earn themselves a special birthday badge. This was then due to culminate in a celebration at the District day in October. Unfortunately this was cancelled as the consensus across the District was that colonies preferred to celebrate it within their own group rather than all together. Beavers at both 1st Topcliffe and 4th Ripon did take part in the challenge; and incorporated them into their own celebrations; and so gained their special badges.

Moving into 2022, March saw a fantastic day out at Flamingoland Zoo; with 94 Beavers and Squirrels joining together for a District day out, with groups from 1st Boroughbridge, 1st Sowerby, 1st Topcliffe, 4th Ripon and 6th Ripon attending. The weather was kind to us, so we picnicked in the sun. All groups enjoyed a tour of the zoo, a workshop; and lots of freetime to play and explore further before heading home tired and happy. A big shout out to all the leaders and parents who attended and made the day possible; I had some great feedback from families and groups. All of the children attending received a goody bag and a commemorative camp blanket badge. My sincere apologies to all the leaders who attended; next time I will order badges for the leaders too! After all expenses, there was £60.72 left; which will be used towards the next day planned for July.

Plans are already coming together for the next two events; a water activity afternoon in July; and a sleepover at The Deep in November.

Sarah Rands
ADC Beavers

1st Boroughbridge Scout Group Report

The Group has recovered well from the difficulties of recent times, sections having kept in contact through weekly newsletters and activities and then Zoom, but everyone was glad to return to real meetings again and enjoy both indoor and outdoor programmes. There has been great enthusiasm for Scouting around Boroughbridge with a ceaseless flow of youngsters wanting to come and share the experience.

The two Beaver colonies have been busy, helping young ones to regain confidence and enjoy the out-of-doors. They have been learning to work together, gaining basic skills - and running off steam after intensive days at school! Many of them met other Beavers from the District when they had a great day at Flamingoland.



Cubs have benefitted from new leaders who have completed Wood Badge training and during a weekend at Thornthwaite Activity Centre were able to gain the Photographer Activity Badge whilst exploring the beautiful surroundings. They have been involved with 'Brighter

Boroughbridge', helping with litter-picks and enjoyed visiting the local Fire Station.

Meanwhile, the Scout Section is currently running with 40+ members, several new to the movement. Many are needing to learn, or brush-up on, basic skills, particularly for hiking, camping and other outdoor pursuits. As well as enjoying an introduction to fencing and various team-building challenges, Scouts have had opportunities to take part in map-reading training and both indoor and outdoor Nights Away experiences at weekends and walk on the Cleveland Way. Despite having fewer opportunities in their early days as Scouts, several have, nonetheless, gained the Gold Chief Scouts Award before moving on.



As in previous years, the Group has been involved with Rotary International in filling shoeboxes for those in need in other countries. The appeal this time filled 72 boxes and Scouts were able to present them to the local representative.

Mike Collins
Group Scout Leader

1st Topcliffe Scout Group Report

This last year we have welcomed Squirrels to our group, they are delightful characters who have blended in well with the rest of the group, we have had some already move onto Beavers these young people have earned they Chief Scout Acorn award with some extra input from home. The Drey is currently at 16 young people, which is a comfortable number for their age. We have a waiting list for Squirrels and Cubs.

Our group have carried on with using all 3 sites we use and even managed many trips out, Hikes & camping, All sections which allow camping have had at least 1 night away this last year which was wonderful to see since the last few years have being a little challenging.

Awards & badges have carried on being worked on & we have awarded 4 Acorn Awards, 9 Bronze, 2 Silver. We have many young people close to their top awards, which they will have earned by end of the term.

The leaders have again found time to organise fundraising events for the group & Topcliffe Village Hall. I would like to give a wholehearted Thank You to ALL leaders, Helpers and committee and our families for supporting the group in all that the sections do.

1st Topcliffe Leaders on behalf of Stuart Carter Group Scout Leader

Hillside Scout Group Report

A year with lots of variety as a result of Covid. Zoom meetings, outdoor meetings and home studies along with Badges being delivered through letter boxes by Leaders. Thank goodness things are getting back to a sort of normality with face to face meetings, outings and camps all able to take place again.

Numbers are almost back to pre-pandemic levels with a full Beaver Colony and Cub Pack. Scout numbers are growing steadily although we are lacking older members. Total youth membership at the time of writing is 91.

Leadership numbers have increased with no losses as a result of the Pandemic. Our AGM has been re-scheduled for July 13th and the Scout Cooking Competition is due to take place on 12th June.

Members will be participating in a wide variety of County, District and Group events over the Summer months, culminating we hope in the Scout expedition to Hag Dyke before Autumn sets in. This was originally booked for 2020.

As well as receiving Covid Rate Relief during the Pandemic the Group successfully bid for £2000 from the Hambleton District Council Making a Difference Grant to provide floor covering for the new annexe and toilet area. Our gratitude is extended to the Government, District Council and members of the public for enabling this financial aid.

On top of this, external bookings for the hall have remained buoyant so the Group's finances remain sound, in spite of us not charging membership fees for much of the Pandemic.

Iris deWet
Group Scout Leader

1st Sowerby Scout Group Report

Its safe to say this has been a year like no other for us in Scouting. Due to the global pandemic we were forced to find different way to meet and run activities engaging Zoom to meet online and getting our HQ updated to be able to meet safely inside/outside. Our numbers dwindled slightly (understandable as online meetings are not everyone's cup of tea) but are now back up to strength. As we own a HQ (jointly with the local Guides) we were able to claim the government grants which has allowed us to reduce fees and create a financially stable future for the group.

All the sections are running well, highlights for the Beavers have been visiting the firestation, Backwoods cooking, Den building, litterpicking with the Hambleton Wombles, making bug hotels and of course the District Beaver Day at Flamingoland.

The Cubs gained a new leader early in 2021 when Aston joined myself and Aimée in the leader team. We managed to meet outside on the field behind our HQ when we were allowed to with a full programme including Backwoods cooking, astronomy, pioneering, a trip to the Army camp and Cundall manor to do some axe throwing.

The Scouts have also had a busy time, we purchased some hammocks (partly with assistance from Linden homes £500 grant) and camped for a weekend in November which the scouts loved. We have also been to the North Yorkshire Waterpark for paddleboarding and waterpark fun, visited the Warhammer shop in Harrogate and the Lime Tree Observatory (with new planetarium) which all complemented our weekly base scouting activities. We've also helped the Nidderdale Game Keepers with some woodland management and run the successful district backwoods skills day in Ripon. Lastly we are proud to have one of our scouts, William, attending the World scout Jamboree in Korea 2023 so we are busy helping him with some fundraising to achieve his goal.

Massive thanks as always to the leaders, committee members and parents who assist in keeping the group running, especially over the last year.

Jon Goom
Group Scout Leader



6th Ripon (Cathedral) Scout Group Report

2021 / 2022 has proved to be a different year, with Scouting slowly coming back to face-to-face meetings and young people and leaders actually meeting each other after many months on Zoom.

Beavers saw a very slight reduction in numbers at the January census, with other sections remaining static, however the indications are, that now we are back to full face-to-face meetings numbers are on the rise.

The Group held its traditional Group weekend away at Watson Scout Centre, where walking, crafting, playing activities were undertaken including a great campfire wholly led and run by our Young Leaders.

The Beaver section is short of a permanent leader; however, it is still offering a fantastic programme of activities from learning about how to care for animals; what they can and what they cannot re-cycle; making illuminated bugs and flying spaceships; feeding a support dog carrot; pushing a wheelchair around Sainsburys; Chinese New Year; Night Hiking; Pancake racing, Camp fire & Mud Kitchen and games and more games.

The Cub Section continues to be led by Kim, ably assisted by Trish undertaking a myriad of exciting activities and both indoors and out

Roz Bardon continues to lead the Scout Troop supported by Craig, Simon, Adam & Ian. Roz seems to be able to manage her team of leaders very effectively, even when she is away looking after her mum in the Southeast.

6th Ripon has continued its now tradition of planting another 400 trees / bushes, from the Woodland Trust.

Our Leadership Team has remained static this year, however additional activity training is already planned to ensure that further permits are obtained and more activities can be offered safely to our young people.

The number top awards have increased with three Chief Scout Bronze, seven Silver & three Gold Awards. Thirteen in total – well done everyone



Ian Bardon
Group Scout Leader



4th Ripon Scout Group

I have been in post since September 2021. As usual you volunteer to help and hey presto, you're in a role.

The Sections have wonderful leaders and assistants who plan very exciting programmes for the young people to enjoy and have coped tremendously with the safety and hygiene regulations of meetings post Covid-19.

I would like to thank Tessa, Sam, Nicki and Val, David and Liz for all their help with the Group and the 2 young leaders, Kovu and Joseph who help with Cubs and Scouts. We are trying to recruit a Scout Leader but in order for the Scouts to continue to meet all the leaders have come together to help run the meetings. A big Thank You to you all.

The Cubs and Scouts are looking forward to attending the camps that have been organised by the County and District and the Beavers can't wait for their next District Event.

Thanks to all the District Team for their continued support to the Groups.
Let's get Scouting up and running again.

Toni Vauvert
Group Scout Leader



White Horse Explorer Scout Unit Report

Its been a busy year at WHESU, we worked hard to get things in place to start meeting face2face early April 2021 and it was great to get back to some kind of normality. Our 2 new leaders (Ian & Dawn) took the helm and we had an exciting programme throughout the year.

Our numbers bolstered after dropping slightly (due mainly to online only sessions) and we ran a mixture of Explorer lead evenings and outdoor events such as scavenger photo hunts, hikes, cycle hikes, Adventure water park visits & widegames.

In the summer we unfortunately had the news that Ian & Dawn would be moving south (due to Ian's redundancy) but they stayed with us until January and Eddie became more involved to assist with day to day running of the unit.

Over the winter/spring period we had robot wars, quiz evenings, creative & art evenings, crazy pop party, pioneering and a 3 week Chef badge programme that ended with a show stopper bake off with some amazing results.

We have just welcomed a few new explorers and with a few more due before the summer we will be back up to over 20 explorers soon. On the leader front I have now committed to stay at the unit as leader with Eddie and a new leader in the pipeline soon. Thanks to all the people involved in making the unit successful, it's a crazy mix sometimes but it works well, we were swimming in the North Sea at Redcar last week (mid may) and having fun on the beach & cooking hotdogs, fun times 😊

Jon Goom

Explorer Scout Leader



District Active Support Report



The Active Support Unit has kept in touch during the difficulties of the last two years and members were keen to start meeting up again, with consideration as to how to do so safely. Whilst there have been few opportunities for supporting District activities, nevertheless, members have been asked to do particular tasks such as running meetings when leaders were unavailable and providing staff for county events.

Social activities have been resumed, with the annual Barbecue last summer taking place on a beautiful day and this year's currently being planned. There was an opportunity to get together in the autumn for a meal and convivial evening at The Blue Bell in Kirby Hill and the annual January dinner, to which all district leaders and executive members are invited, took place at The Bay Horse in Rainton. Each occasion has been an opportunity for particular members to be presented with well-deserved prestigious Scouting awards.



DASQUEST in 2021 involved a visit for Beavers to Studley Park and this year, Cubs are involved with a treasure hunt in Thirsk, all those taking part proudly wearing the special DASQUEST badge.

A visit to High Batts Nature Reserve is eagerly awaited with DAS member Colin Slator, founder of the reserve, leading us round.... and of course, tea to follow!

Of our current 38 members, many hold at least one other current role in Scouting, as leaders with units, administrative posts or with county activity teams; most have been actively involved in past years and offer a wealth of experience and expertise to today's young people. All adults are very welcome to join the Unit which provides back-up support to Scouting in the District as well as opportunities for social activities with friends old and new.

Anne Collins
District Active Support Unit Manager

Scout Network Report

As I enter my final AGM cycle as Ripon and District Scout Network Commissioner, I have been able to reflect on the successes that members have achieved in the last year.

Scouting in a post-Covid environment has proved challenging for everyone, especially those Network members juggling adult life, education, work, scouting... and now babies. I am proud of the resilience our adult members have displayed in these trying times.

As always, Network members have been very busy in their sections acting as leaders and I am sure you will all agree that without volunteers, scouting simply cannot run. I am a firm believer that everyone has a place in scouting and that was visible during lockdown one, two and three; with regular zoom quizzes and virtual activities to keep us connected. Now we are back to face to face meetings, it is great to see a large Network turnout for both district and county events, with a number of members involved in county cub camp next month. I am also particularly proud of James Porter for securing his leadership role for the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea, where he will supervise a team of scouts from our region.

This year has also seen an impressive increase in the higher awards, with two members achieving their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award and three Queen's Scouts. Perhaps the highest award of all however, is that of fatherhood and I extend my warmest congratulations to Sam and Anna on the arrival of their gorgeous little boy.

2022 will also be a very sombre year for the Scout Network in the district, as the majority of our membership who are all original members from 2016 are ageing out and will join the ranks of DAS in the Autumn term. It has been a pleasure to scout along side them for 20 years and wish them all the best in their future endeavours. This leaves a rather large opportunity for recruitment and conversations have already begun with explorers in the district surrounding next steps and their plans for the future.

Finally, as this will be the last district report I write in my current role, I wanted to say thank you. The last six and a half years have taught me a great deal about myself, scouting and the life long friends I have met along the way... as well as lessons such as NOT volunteering for everything people ask you to do (haha)!! I have very much valued and enjoyed my time as Ripon and District Scout Network Commissioner and have no doubts that you will continue to see me on many occasions.

Adam Dickson
District Scout Network Commissioner

Statement of Accounts & Independent Examiner's Report
for the Financial Year ending 31 March 2022

Ripon and District Scout Council
Year Ending 31st March 2022

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	Receipts and Payments account		Payments		Notes on 2022 receipts & payments
	Receipts 2022	Receipts 2021	Payments 2022	Payments 2021	
Storage Rent			500.00	1,000.00	£500 rent for 2022
Expenses Claimed			0.00	0.00	
Hall Hire			36.00	48.00	
Equipment rebates	0.00	0.00	454.94	171.00	£454.94 (WH Explorers)
Beavers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Cubs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Scouts	0.00	0.00	44.79	0.00	District Scout Challenge event
Explorers	5,049.28	4,078.96	3,141.10	5,450.48	
DAS	0.00	9.00	0.00	0.00	
Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Jamboree	75.00	1,890.00	0.00	0.00	£75 Jamboree refund (final amount)
AGM Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Badges	3,222.18	928.63	3,444.50	546.80	£223 overall deficit (£3,222 less £3,445). Includes £675 Jubilee badges issued FOC & £82 loss on Beaver Bear Hunt (£140 income less £222 cost)
District Camp	0.00	0.00	0.00	522.00	
Grants/donations	0.00	400.00	55.00	0.00	Duke of Edinburgh training course grant (6th Ripon)
Ducks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
DASQUEST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Postage & Stationery	0.00	0.00	90.35	251.19	
Capital	0.00	0.00	0.00	359.96	
Printing			0.00	0.00	
District Website	0.00	0.00	24.00	48.00	
Capitation Refunds	0.00	576.00	682.00	529.00	
Capitation	22,808.40	17,158.00	24,091.20	17,158.00	2 unpaid at 31.03.22: BM £448.20 & Thirsk £1,842.60
Sundries (includes stationery)	.00	(.04)	.00	(152.97)	
Bank Interest/Fees	304.64	767.01	73.00	33.52	£23 HSBC bank charges & £50 Solido account mthly fees
	31,459.50	25,807.56	32,636.88	25,964.98	
LESS Payments		(32,636.88)		(25,964.98)	
Surplus/(deficit)		(1,177.38)		(157.42)	
Total Reserves as at 31.03.22					
b/fwd reserves at 01.04.21			71,380.87		
Surplus/(deficit)			(1,177.38)		
Reserves as at 31.03.22			<u>70,203.49</u>		

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Balance Sheet as at 31.03.22

		31.03.22	31.03.21
		£	£
Current Assets			
Cash	Petty Cash - Black Stallion		49.26
	Petty Cash - White Horse	-	-
	Petty Cash - Badge account	17.21	47.56
Bank	HSBC ...801	4,530.47	5,311.81
	HSBC Trip A/c ...856	6,746.90	6,745.99
	Lloyds bank - White Horse	1,097.28	(119.48)
	HSBC - Spitfire	846.22	195.54
	HSBC - Black Stallion (within a/c ...801) £90 at 31.03.22		
Credit Card	Soldo A/c Used for badge purchase	340.72	167.02
Building Society	Skipton BS	55,528.02	55,224.29
Badge Stock		3,815.70	3,837.82
Less Badge stock obsolescence provision		(2,000.00)	(2,000.00)
Other debtors	White Horse Exp - camping kit (repaid 2022)	-	2,813.46
Prepayments	scout camp deposit refund due	160.00	160.00
Total Current Assets		71,082.52	72,433.27
Total Assets		71,082.52	72,433.27
Current Liabilities			
Other Creditors	Badge Floats	879.03	1,052.40
Total Current Liabilities		879.03	1,052.40
Total Assets less Liabilities		70,203.49	71,380.87
Reserves			
Surplus b/fwd		71,380.87	71,538.29
Surplus(deficit) (Current Year)		(1,177.38)	(157.42)
		70,203.49	71,380.87
Difference		-	-

Reserves Allocation

		31.03.22	31.03.21
General Account		7,451.02	10,246.58
Adult Support & Training	Designated	7,719.00	7,719.00
International Fund	Designated	3,800.00	3,800.00
Explorer Fund	Designated	3,500.00	3,500.00
Equipment Fund	Designated	2,566.45	2,566.45
Development Fund	Designated	2,500.00	2,500.00
Activity Centre Fund	Designated	41,000.00	41,000.00
White Horse Fund	Designated	(366.48)	(76.48)
White Horse - (Lloyds a/c)	Designated	1,097.28	(119.48)
Spitfire Fund (HSBC a/c)	Designated	846.22	195.54
Black Stallion Fund	Designated	90.00	49.26
		70,203.49	71,380.87

Reserves and Designated Funds movement

	31.03.21	Receipts	Payments	31.03.22
General Account	10,246.58	26,410.22	(29,205.78)	7,451.02
Adult Support & Training	7,719.00			7,719.00
International Fund	3,800.00			3,800.00
Explorer Fund	3,500.00			3,500.00
Equipment Fund	2,566.45			2,566.45
Development Fund	2,500.00			2,500.00
Activity Centre Fund	41,000.00			41,000.00
White Horse Fund (within District)	(76.48)		(290.00)	(366.48)
White Horse Fund - (Lloyds bank)	(119.48)	2,492.00	(1,275.24)	1,097.28
Spitfire Fund (HSBC bank)	195.54	2,516.54	(1,865.86)	846.22
Black Stallion Fund (witin District)	49.26	40.74		90.00
	71,380.87	31,459.50	(32,636.88)	70,203.49

Explorer unit accounts

Period: 01.04.21-31.03.22

White Horse explorer unit

Receipts	2,492.00
LESS Payments	<u>(1,275.24)</u>
Surplus for the year	1,216.76
Balance brought forward	(119.48)
Balance carried forward	<u><u>1,097.28</u></u>

Spitfire explorer unit

Receipts	2,516.54
LESS Payments	<u>(1,865.86)</u>
Surplus for the year	650.68
Balance brought forward	195.54
Balance carried forward	<u><u>846.22</u></u>

Black Stallion explorer unit

Receipts	30.74
Census 2021 rebate allocation	10.00
LESS Payments	<u>.00</u>
Surplus for the year	40.74
Balance brought forward	49.26
Balance carried forward	<u><u>90.00</u></u>

Template 2: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing accruals accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ripon and District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **Ripon and District** for the year ended **31 March 2022**

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the **Ripon and District** as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

N. Moore

Name:

Nell Moore

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

ACCA

Address:

HOLT BARN, CALTON MINIST, THIRSK. YO7 4DJ.

Date:

16/05/2022

RIPON AND DISTRICT SCOUTS

England & Wales - Charity number 524790

Accounts



Ripon & District Scout Council

Annual General Meeting

8pm Wednesday 12th May 2021
(online via Zoom)

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Ripon and District County Scout Council

Annual General Meeting 2021

8pm on Wednesday 12th May 2021 (online via Zoom)

Agenda

- Item 1: Welcome & District Chair's Opening Remarks.
- Item 2: Apologies for Absence.
- Item 3: Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2020.
- Item 4: Receive & Consider The District Annual Report & Statement of Accounts for 2020-21.
- Item 5: Appointment and Election of District Administrators & Advisers for 2021-22.
- 5.1 District Chair. Nominee: **Jon Goom**. Proposed by District Commissioner.
 - 5.2 District Treasurer. Nominee: **Sarah Slade**. Proposed by Jon Goom.
 - 5.3 District Secretary.
 - 5.4 District Badge Secretary. Nominee: **Cath McMorland**. Proposed by Jon Goom.
 - 5.5 District Independent Examiner. Nominee: **Clare Mercer**, proposed by **Sarah Slade**.
- Item 6: Election and Appointment of the District Executive Committee for 2021-22.
- Elected Members. Nominations (self-nominated):
- Dave Baker**: seconded by Stuart Carter.
 - Ian Bardon**: seconded by Jon Goom.
 - Trish Beadle**: seconded by Jon Goom.
 - Mike Collins**: seconded by Iris deWet.
 - Anne Collins**: seconded by Eric Fell.
 - Dawn Drummond**: seconded by Jon Goom.
- Nominated Members. Nominated by the District Commissioner in consultation with the District Chair.
- Roz Bardon, Tessa Danby, David Day, Adam Dickson.**
- Item 7: Election of the Representative to the North Yorkshire County Scout Council for 2021-22.
- Nomination:
- Jon Goom**: proposed by John Lockwood, seconded by Dave Baker.
- Item 8: County Commissioner.
- Item 9: Closing Remarks.



Ripon & District Scout Council

Annual General Meeting 2020

Date: 21st October 2020

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Attendees

- Attendees listed in appendix #1

Minutes

Item 1

Welcome & Acting District Chair's Opening Remarks

- Jon Goom Acting Chair opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Jon welcomed/introduced Mark Edwards County Commissioner and Linda Cartwright ACC Growth. Jon advised that the meeting would be recorded to allow minutes to be made due to the current lack of secretary.

Item 2

Apologies for Absence

- Brian Hawthornthwaite, Sarah Rands, Cath McMorland, John Helliwell, Fiona Warrington, Stuart Carter

Item 3

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2019

- These were circulated prior to the AGM.
- No comments/queries or objections were formally raised so they are considered as approved by consent and were duly signed by Jon Goom as Acting Chair.

Item 4

Receive & Consider The District Annual Report & Statement of Accounts for 2019-20

- This was circulated prior to the AGM. The Acting Chair gave an overview of the last year (notes in Appendix #2) and thanked the district groups/sections for their input into the District Annual Report.
- There was no comments/queries or objections raised prior to the AGM so the report is considered as approved by consent.

Item 5

Appointment and Election of District Administrators & Advisers for 2020-21.

- District Chair. Nominee: Jon Goom. Proposed by District Commissioner.
- District Treasurer. Currently Vacant- No Nominations received
- District Secretary. Currently Vacant- No Nominations received
- District Badge Secretary. Nominee: Cath McMorland. Proposed by Jon Goom.

District Independent Examiner

Nominee: Claire Newcombe, proposed by Jon Goom

- There was no objections raised prior to the AGM so all the above nominations are considered as approved by consent

Item 6

Election and Appointment of the District Executive Committee for 2020-21.

Elected Members. Nominations (self-nominated):

- Dave Baker: seconded by Stuart Carter.
- Ian Bardon: seconded by Jon Goom.
- Trish Beadle: seconded by Jon Goom.
- Mike Collins: seconded by Iris deWet.
- Anne Collins: seconded by Eric Fell.
- Dawn Drummond: seconded by Jon Goom.

Nominated Members. Nominated by the District Commissioner in consultation with the District Chair.

- Roz Bardon
 - Tessa Danby
 - David Day
 - Adam Dickson
- There was no objections raised prior to the AGM so all the above nominations are considered as approved by consent

Item 7

Election of the Representative to the North Yorkshire County Scout Council for 2020-21

- Nomination: Jon Goom: proposed by John Lockwood, seconded by Dave Baker.
- There was no objections raised prior to the AGM so the above nomination is considered as approved by consent.

Item 8

County Commissioner - Mark Edwards addressed the meeting;

- Huge thanks to all involved in the district in these unprecedented times for the work done day in and day out to support the young people of the district.
- He thanked the leaders in the district and Jon Goom for stepping up as acting chair to help get the district through these difficult times.
- He thanked Toni Vauvert for her support as district secretary.
- Mark also thanked John Lockwood for taking on the district commissioner role and asked the district to support John in the future.
- Mark talked about the mental health training available for all leaders and the importance of mental health training in the district. There is online training available for the next two years
- He re-iterated the importance of the safety and safeguarding training and that they must be kept up to date
- Mark commented on the County day to be held on the 20th December after the success of the summer event and is looking for ideas or activities and advised there is a badge competition
- Mark finalised by saying we must look after ourselves and that he appreciates what we can do but also that there are things that we can't do. Mark said not to get hung up by members leaving because this is a global pandemic and scouting in Ripon & District will survive when we return to a green status.

Deputy County Commissioner for Growth- Linda Cartwright addressed the meeting;

- Linda was impressed with the district report, she said that she is here if we need her so feel free to contact her about any executive vacancies, leader vacancies or young people numbers. she thanked the district leaders for their hard work and also the parents for their parental support. Linda finished by saying that if anybody needed any help to get in touch with her dccgrowth@nys.org.uk

- **District Commissioner- John Lockwood addressed the meeting;**
 - Many thanks to Jon Goom and the district executive for their support over the last few months with building the district and keeping it strong.
 - John also presented Tony Vauvert and Jon Goom with commissioner's commendation awards

Item 9

Closing Remarks

Chair Jon Goom said thanks to those who have made scouting happen in Ripon and district. Special thanks to Tony Vauvert for her help over the last four years as secretary of the district executive. Jon presented Tony "virtually" with a vase and Flowers that had been dropped off with her earlier in the day. Jon also summed up Tony's long service with Cubs prior to her position as secretary and added that hopefully she will still be involved with the district in some way.

AOB

- Jon Goom confirmed the next AGM would be Wednesday the 12th May 2021
- Jon also advised there is a calendar of events planned for 2021 in the district and Mike Collins will be issuing it imminently.

Jon Goom thanked everyone for coming to the AGM and closed the meeting at 2032hrs

District Chair's Report 2021

As we head towards our second online AGM, only 6 months since our last due to Covid 19, I think we can all reflect on how challenging life has been for the last year but what an amazing job the leaders of the district have done to support the young people in our area.

Zoom has been fun and I'm sure a steep learning curve for us all, but the support and shared knowledge within the district has been great to see. Also the County Scout team have put together some super online events to keep the engagement going and our ADC Beavers, Sarah Rands, organised a county wide Bear Hunt sleepovers & activities which ran superbly. Having said all that it is great to see many groups meeting back face to face and others planning to do so imminently.

To make the F2F restart possible there has been lots of work going on behind the scenes, the GSL's and Section leaders have had to work on a multitude of Risk Assessments which have then been checked/amended signed off by John Lockwood and the risk Assessment team. Many thanks to John, Roz, Sara & Tessa for their work on getting the RA's through the system swiftly.

I must also thank John Lockwood, John Helliwell & Mike Collins for their work on getting the compliance up to date/sorted and assisting the GSL's in ensuring they are compliant within their own groups. The legacy work involved was substantial but we are now in a good position for the future.

John Helliwell has been working on new ways of training within the district and has used Zoom to his advantage, I'm sure the fluid situation regarding training has been challenging for John but I am grateful we have him on our side to ensure our leaders have access to the training they require.

Liz & David and their team have also kept the appointments rolling through and great to see new leaders joining the district while we are in these challenging times. Cath McMorland has kept on top of the badge orders and has seen an influx in the last couple of months which goes to show the engagement & enthusiasm of our young people is still very active within the district.

The District Executive has as ever been keeping a watchful eye over district matters, many thanks to them all for their time and assistance. A special thanks must go to Sarah Slade as Treasurer who had done an immense job of getting the accounts sorted out for this year. Sarah is new to scouting but has gained a good understanding of the district finances and has set up a great financial framework for the future of the district. We are still hunting for a district secretary so if you know anyone who may be interested please get in touch.

Finally I must say a big thanks to John Lockwood and his ADC team along with all the leaders and DAS members in the district who do an awesome job of ensuring Scouting in Ripon & District is very much still alive and kicking !

Jon Goom
District Chair

District Commissioner's Report

Its been a difficult year for scouting across our district the Covid pandemic has certainly taken its toll on scouting in our area. There has been considerable stress and strain on our young members, parents and our leaders.

I am so enormously proud of everyone involved in scouting in our district, our leaders have gone above and beyond to deliver programs in ways unimaginable 18 months ago, from the weekly on line Zoom sessions, to keeping in touch with our young members through other ways, to our District executive and management teams for their support and running of this district, not the easiest of tasks especially when HQ tasked us with compliance, safety and safeguarding during all of this. My sincere thanks to parents of our young members who encouraged them to keep scouting, when it was so easy to get discouraged. And thanks to our young members who have and will continue to benefit from everything scouting has to offer. Please pass on my thanks to them all.

We are starting, dare I say it, to see light at the end of this tunnel, we have been given an Amber light to start more normal face to face meetings again, the leaders, ADC's and groups are planning programs and adventures for the coming months ahead.

And as hoped and predicted we are seeing our numbers rising with new parents contacting us because their young people want to be involved in scouting, we are getting adults who are wanting to get more involved and be uniformed leaders and parents offering help. It may take a little time to get back to the numbers we were at, but we will be back there soon.

I for one am looking forward to when we can get back to normal scouting, to be able to come out and start meeting up with you all at district and group events, to come along to your camps and have fun.

So we look to the past and learn from history and look to the future to see the friendships we will make and the fun we will have.

John Lockwood.

District Commissioner

1st Boroughbridge Scout Group Report

This year's Scouting is going to stay in everyone's mind for a long time. Our leadership team had to be quick on their feet and very adaptable to keep up with the regulations, advice and what could be done with a computer.

We started off the year by sending out weekly newsletters for each section with activities and fun things to do. As the weeks went on, we introduced elements from the Activity and Challenge Awards which resulted in a plethora of badges.

These were presented when we returned to F2F Scouting outdoors from September onwards.



We were fortunate to be able to make good use of our shelter tents and the area around Coronation Hall, and with some new Group torches, even managed some craft activities, although the most popular evenings involved lighting fires to keep warm.

Then another opportunity to learn a new skill as we started back after Christmas using Zoom for our meetings. The first ones were rather quick until we were given

access to the system bought by The Scout Association and then we were able to extend our range of activities.

Cooking was very popular with Leaders doing the full Mary Berry type demonstration.



Again, this resulted in lots of badges which we can now award as we return to F2F.

Some of our members found the whole year quite difficult and drifted away, so that come census time, we had reduced numbers.

But now is the time to emerge from winter into spring and look towards summer and we have started 10 new Beavers, we are about to reduce our waiting list for Cubs and we have contacted all those who drifted away, some of whom have returned, so we can look forward to slowly resuming normal Scouting.

Mike Collins
Group Scout Leader

Hillside Scout Group Report

A challenging year with our membership numbers dropping slightly. Our percentage decrease in membership in the last year was 21.2%. This was a loss of 20 members across the Group - 2 Scouts moved on to Explorers and 2 to Air Cadets in order to start preparing for an Airforce career and 3 children emigrated to New Zealand.

There was sadness at the cancellation of all the exciting challenges that we had planned and even in the three sessions of clearing food stores that were nearing their use by dates.

Zoom was a Godsend but nothing can replace the positivity of face to face meetings and we are thankful that outdoor meetings have now resumed. We have permission to meet indoors but at this stage the Leaders prefer to meet outside. We are pleased to report that we are enrolling new members.

We used part of our £10,000.00 from the Government to pay for member's capitation as we felt it was important to support our Scouting families.

We have been successful in gaining a share of Hambleton District Council's Making a Difference Grant which will be used for installing floor covering in the new annexe and toilet area.

Our Leadership Team and Executive Committee are fully compliant with training, barring one young assistant leader who is steadily working their way through the required modules and validations. The return of Training in a Basket will be an enormous help for future new leaders.

Thank you for the continuing support of our members, our Leadership team and Executive team and the District Team.

Iris deWet

Group Scout Leader

1st Bishop Monkton Scout Group Report

Despite the challenges of lockdown, 1st Bishop Monkton has, though still small, really flourished. We've enjoyed a varied programme of activities via zoom - from escape rooms to baking; and welcomed some brilliant guests, including a retired Lieutenant MBE, who joined us for Remembrance. His fascinating and varied background included overseeing military response and aid in ebola situations, which was particularly interesting in the current climate. We've welcomed some new members, both from Cubs and beyond, and we're just managing to put together a full exec committee again. It's rather extraordinary to say that we seem to be leaving 2020 stronger than we entered it!

God bless,

Paul Harford

Leader

1st Sowerby Scout Group Report

We will definitely not be forgetting Scouting in 2020/21 for a long time and I think there are elements that we will use to our advantage in the future. Zoom meetings have been great fun at times and also a struggle but they have fulfilled their purpose and helped us support our young people through these very weird times.

Our membership numbers dropped this year unfortunately, even though we gained a handful through the pandemic, but I'm happy to say that in the last few weeks we are now nearly back to capacity. The Scout section fared the best and is stronger than it has been for the last few years. Beavers saw the biggest fallout, I think Zoom was definitely the most challenging for them.

We have run a great online program across the sections, Pizza's & Cakes in a mug, Paracord Poppies for Remembrance day, Mapwork, Origami, Paper Rockets, Online Pictionary, Christmas Plays, Navigation, Online Monopoly Marathon and a great game of Cat N Mouse where we directed the Cat (William Renton) to catch the Mouse (Martin Renton) virtually in real time around Kirkby Malzeard.

We also benefitted from the government grants scheme so we have managed to refurbish the kitchen appliances and make some improvements to the HQ (sensor taps, sanitizer stations etc) in anticipation of getting back indoors with larger numbers of young people.

Our HQ management Committee & Group Executive are now all fully compliant with their training and have been great support over the last year.

We were also very proud to see that Eric Campbell has been awarded the Silver Acorn for specially distinguished service, 2022 will be Eric's 50th Year as a leader!

It has been great to get back face to face the last couple of weeks, the young people have been very respectful of social distancing and loved seeing each other again. It will be great when we can get back to camping and other more normal scouting activities, fingers crossed for the end of June.

Finally the support & dedication from the leaders at 1st Sowerby has been as strong as ever this year. Some have lost very close family members and battled extremely difficult home/ work situations but have still been there on Zoom for our young people. I am truly grateful to have such a good support network of leaders at Sowerby.

Jon Goom
Group Scout Leader

1st Thirsk Scout Group Report

Our numbers have changed little during the last year, we have 17 Scouts, 14 Cubs and unfortunately only 5 beavers at this time. On a more positive note I do have a further 4 youngest about to join as soon as we are back. 2 scouts, one cub and one beaver. I transferred two members to Sowerby on request as they both had friends there.

Leaders continues to be the major issue, I only have 4 Warranted leaders, hopefully two more to come online before Christmas. In beavers we rely heavily on a parent support network, which is very difficult at this time.

Executive committee, early this year I was down to 2 members with no Chairperson. However better news to report, I will have a strong Exec of 6 parents when we can resume Scouting.

Activities

The ACL Nicola Horwell has been sending out activities to compete at home and I have received several videos of our members completing badge work whilst in lock down.

Project Scout Hall

We have continued with the improvements to the Scout Hall and now have heating and hot water available to all areas. The plans to build an Annex to the Hall continue and we are hopeful to have received planning permission by mid Nov 20. This will allow us to remove the Refer container from the premises and generally tidy up the area.

The garden continues to be particularly useful with raised beds for use for growing Veg across all 3 sections. We have had success with Courgettes, peas and onions this year.

Future

Future, I hope to get sections back for outside activity only, possible weekends post ½ term, we will also take part in the Remembrance Day activities, of course social distanced.

As I stated on the leaders meeting, I plan to give those members that want it further time in their present section to finish the relevant Chief Scout award.

AGM

This document formed the basis for the AGM, sent out to all parents early in the year. AS you can see above there is know financial report which will be submitted later. This is due to the changeover of Treasurers.

Future

Due to the relaxation for the current lockdown, 1st Thirsk will start back on Thursday 6th May. This will be a Scouts evening.

The following week Beavers & Cubs on the 11th May. We will then rotate two weekly until the end of ½ term. From the week commencing 7th of June all sections will meet weekly. We will of course be observing social distancing rules at all times and events will be outside.

Programmes will be submitted to the DC and Risk assessments completed before each event.

Terry Hodgson

Group Scout Leader

1st Topcliffe Scout Group Report

Due to the uncertainty of the last year we have all had to adapt to new ways of running our Groups.

I am yet again amazed at the versatility of our leaders who have fluctuated between outdoor face to face, zoom and delivering packs of activities to the doorstep.

Guest speakers have been very popular with Beavers and Cubs on zoom while Scouts have been busy with quizzes competitions and badge work.

Face to Face meetings were held at Baldersby Park Deer sheds which were cleverly fitted with strip lights and spotlights all run on car batteries thanks to our Scout leader Chris, making it possible to meet every week come rain, hail or shine (literally) we carried on with adapted normal programmes inc. Halloween and Christmas parties.

All Sections completed their Astronomers Badge taking full advantage of being outside with very little light pollution and with the help of various telescopes they were able to see the night sky at its best with many star constellations.

Everyone really enjoyed having an inhouse clay pizza oven, used on more than one occasion where they made their own pizza's following Covid guidelines.

There have been 11 bronze and 4 silver badges awarded plus many other badges earned over the year which is an amazing effort under these unusual times.

On top of all this the Leaders have found time to organise 3 Fundraising events to help both the Scout Group and the Village Hall, thanks to Donna for organising these.

I would like to give a massive thank you to ALL our leaders, helpers and committee and also to our Parents for their positive feedback which greatly boosted the Leaders moral.

Stuart Carter
Group Scout Leader

6th Ripon Scout Group Report

2020 / 2021 has proved to be a very very different year, with a few changes both to the status-quo and how scouting has had to be delivered.

Beavers has continued to offer a fantastic programme of activities, with a mixture of badge work & fun activities. Xmas saw a change in personnel with Haylie and David, giving up as Leader and Section Assistant. Finding a suitable replacement was always going to be a challenge, however Richard Midgley, a former 6th Ripon Beaver, Cub, Scout & Young Leader agreed to step up and take on the challenge. Richard is proving a real hit with his Beaver meetings on Zoom

The Cub Section continues to be led by Kim and her leadership team has been strengthened with addition of Zoe Coates joining the team, Zoe has really thrown herself into her training and is an excellent addition to the Cub Team.

Roz Bardon continues to lead the Scout Troop supported by Craig, Simon, Adam & Ian. Roz seems to have covered miles on her bike delivering badges, map packs, mini pioneering equipment etc.

A strange consequence of the Corona Virus was that 6th Ripon had previously ordered 400 trees / bushes from the Woodland Trust, for the young people to plant. When they arrived in November we were in the middle of a lock down. So an “extended” Bardon family spent a full Saturday planting tree and bushes.

Our Leadership Team has had another good year with the Adam Dickson completing his wood badge training; and a Scout, Young Leader and two leaders attaining their Scout Power Boating permits.

The number top awards gained Chief Scout Bronze, Silver & Gold Awards was nine, three in each section, which given the circumstances is absolutely fantastic – well done everyone!



Ian Bardon
Group Scout Leader

Spitfire Explorer Scout Unit Report

Spitfire ESU has maintained its membership throughout the pandemic and run a flexible programme in accordance with the evolving situation. A mixture of online meetings complimented face to face events when allowed, mainly out walking in the countryside, including both Bronze and Silver DofE expeditions, with the expectation to move onto Gold when we can. Several members have gained their DofE Awards and are now working towards their Scouting higher awards.

Tom Parkin
Explorer Scout Leader

White Horse Explorer Scout Unit Report

Throughout the year we have run a weekly programme either online using Zoom or face to face wherever possible. We regularly had 9-12 Explorers attending virtually and maxed out at 15 for most of our face-to-face meetings. We have grown the unit during the pandemic with 25 Explorers currently on our books.

Key highlights for the year were: Getting back to face to face with three relaxed fire lighting & backwoods cooking evenings over the summer holidays, a fantastic What3Words orienteering hike around Thirsk & Sowerby and finishing the year with a socially distanced Christmas party. Online highlights have included escape rooms, mug & microwave cooking, & online games evenings.

We also managed to finally spend the money from Hambleton District Council's Making a Difference Grant on some Lightweight Camping Equipment.



We are planning a District Explorer's incident hike and look forward to being able to camp again as a unit in [2021](#) - fingers crossed!

Ian Drummond
Explorer Scout Leader

District Active Support Report



Many members of DAS also hold other positions both in Scouting and within their communities and so despite the restrictions on face-to-face Scouting over the last year, they have been busy in a variety of roles. Those who are also leaders with groups within the District have been on a fast-learning curve with holding Zoom meetings and other virtual activities as well as working through how to run 'real' meetings safely when rules have allowed. Others hold positions with District and County teams who have been keeping background activities running, the paperwork up to date and behind the scenes jobs like updating our District website and keeping badge supplies available: DAS members are to be found everywhere!

Although there were no calls for members to support District activities over the last year, members have kept in touch and been able to enjoy and share time together by courtesy of Zoom. A 'Cook a Real Curry' night resulted in a delicious evening meal and a Quiz Night had something at which everyone could be an expert! Members will be looking forward to meeting up for the social activities we usually enjoy such as walks and bell boating as well as a postponed visit to High Batts and our annual dinner.

The annual DASQUEST, a treasure hunt type activity organised by DAS, is already underway, and can be enjoyed by Beaver Colonies until the end of August, with special badges available to all participants who this year can enjoy exploring the outdoors at Studley Park.

Unlike the youth sectors, adult Scouting groups such as DAS, are currently still not able to meet face-to-face but will be looking forward to working with the young people of our District at the earliest opportunity and re-arranging our social calendar.

Anne Collins

District Active Support Unit Manager

Scout Network Report – 2020/2021

What a year of uncertainty we have all had, but luckily as the first step on the ladder of 'adult scouting,' the Ripon and District Network members have had many years' experience of being prepared. Since October 2020, we have increased our membership by a further six and we are all very excited for the return of face-to-face meetings and to welcome them with warmest scouting wishes.

The Scout Network in the district continues to see its members heavily involved in local sections, as well as in the leadership of the district. I am a firm believer that everyone has a place in scouting and that was visible during lockdown one, two and three; with regular zoom quizzes and virtual activities to keep us connected.

This year, I have been very proud to have been involved in the roll out of higher-level awards, with six Scout Network members currently undertaking their Queen's Scout Award and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, with a very successful practice expedition having taken place around Ripon in March. I am sure you join me in wishing them all the best on their QSA and DofE journeys in the months to come, now with added poignance following the sad news of the death of The Duke of Edinburgh at the beginning of April.

Adam Dickson

District Scout Network Commissioner

Statement of Accounts & Independent Examiner's Report
for the Financial Year ending 31 March 2021

Ripon and District Scout Council
Year Ending 31st March 2021

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Receipts and Payments account

	Receipts 2021	Receipts 2020	Payments 2021	Payments 2020
Storage Rent			1,000.00	500.00
Expenses Claimed			0.00	62.99
Hall Hire			48.00	307.58
Equipment rebates	0.00		171.00	
Beavers	0.00		0.00	
Cubs	0.00	45.00	0.00	34.85
Scouts	0.00	657.75	0.00	62.02
Explorers	4,078.96		5,450.48	
DAS	9.00		0.00	
Training	0.00		0.00	182.80
Insurance	0.00		0.00	
Jamboree	1,890.00	300.00	0.00	1,965.00
AGM Costs	0.00		0.00	8.60
Badges	928.63	3,701.99	546.80	3,872.40
District Camp	0.00		522.00	
Grants/donations	400.00		0.00	
Ducks	0.00	25.00	0.00	
DASQUEST	0.00		0.00	
Postage & Stationery	0.00		251.19	271.28
Capital	0.00		359.96	
Printing			0.00	
District Website	0.00		48.00	38.64
Capitation Refunds	576.00	428.80	529.00	2,000.80
Capitation	17,158.00	26,348.00	17,158.00	23,796.80
Sundries (includes stationery)	(.04)	0.00	(152.97)	129.00
Bank Interest/Fees	767.01	774.07	33.52	
	<u>25,807.56</u>	<u>32,280.61</u>	<u>25,964.98</u>	<u>33,232.76</u>
LESS Payments	<u>(25,964.98)</u>	<u>(33,232.76)</u>		
Surplus/(deficit)	<u>(157.42)</u>	<u>(952.15)</u>		

Total Reserves as at 31.03.21

b/fwd reserves at 01.04.20	71,538.29
Surplus/(deficit)	(157.42)
Reserves as at 31.03.21	<u>71,380.87</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31.03.21

		31.03.21	31.03.20
		€	€
Current Assets			
Cash	Petty Cash - Black Stallion	49.26	49.26
	Petty Cash - White Horse	-	-
	Petty Cash - Badge account	47.56	32.68
Bank	HSBC ...801	5,311.81	4,116.92
	HSBC Trip A/c ...856	6,745.99	10,741.49
	Lloyds bank - White Horse	(119.48)	745.00
	HSBC - Spitfire	195.54	553.54
Credit Card	Soldo A/c Used for badge purchase	167.02	
Building Society	Skipton BS	55,224.29	54,461.82
Badge Stock		3,837.82	
Less Badge stock obsolescence provision		(2,000.00)	
Other debtors	White Horse Exp - camping kit (to be repaid)	2,813.46	-
Prepayments	Debtors scout camp deposit refund due	160.00	160.00
Total Current Assets		72,433.27	70,860.71
Total Assets		72,433.27	70,860.71
Current Liabilities			
Other Creditors	Badge Floats	1,052.40	(677.58)
Total Current Liabilities		1,052.40	- 677.58
Total Assets less Liabilities		71,380.87	71,538.29
Reserves			
Surplus b/fwd		71,538.29	
Surplus(deficit) (Current Year)		(157.42)	
	General		9,181.52
	Designated		62,356.77
		71,380.87	71,538.29
Difference		-	-

Designated Funds movement

	31.03.20	Receipts	Payments	31.03.21
General Account	9,181.52	21,765.56	(20,700.50)	10,246.58
Adult Support & Training	7,719.00			7,719.00
International Fund	3,800.00			3,800.00
Explorer Fund	3,500.00			3,500.00
Equipment Fund	2,566.45			2,566.45
Development Fund	2,500.00			2,500.00
Activity Centre Fund	41,000.00			41,000.00
White Horse Fund	668.52	3,274.00	(4,138.48)	(195.96)
Spitfire Fund	553.54	768.00	(1,126.00)	195.54
Black Stallion Fund	49.26			49.26
	71,538.29	25,807.56	(25,964.98)	71,380.87

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ripon and District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ripon and District for the year ended 31 March 2021

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Ripon and District as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Signed:

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Date: 21/4/21