

ANGLESEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

District Commissioners Report

I was appointed as DC for the island nearly five years ago, July 2018 and I am retiring from this role (not Scouting)! in the next month or two – I will be 65 and I am a great believer in not having old people hanging round, getting in the way!

Beth (Area Commissioner) will be starting the search for a new District Lead Volunteer (as the role will be called) and if you are interested, I would encourage you to seriously consider applying. Have a chat with Beth or me and we will tell you what's involved, warts and all!

I am pleased to report that I will be leaving the district in good shape.

When I started, youth membership was 227, its now 310 and overall membership has increased from 317 to 430. *(Which a great result of either dedicated teamwork or better counting during the census!)*

Seriously, it is mostly due the efforts of the team! Noel looking after the finances, Dave as Secretary and Carol and Malcolm on Appointments and Training compliance which has become almost a small industry. Not to mention the support given by the members of the District Trustee Board, The Appointments Panel, and people like Adrian on Nights Away.

We are a small District, but we do our best to provide our members with good Scouting and we are fortunate in having a great group of GSL's who manage each of our six Scout Groups. Group membership wax and wane over the years but the credit for keeping these groups active and successful goes to those GSLs and their teams of dedicated volunteers. And let's not forget our Explorers in Menai Bridge and Holyhead – Alys, Clare, and Tony.

Membership recovered and grew after the pandemic with all groups except Valley reopening. *(We all miss our friend Egryn who was a great supporter).*

Highlights of 2022, we had District events (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts) which were the first for many years. We open two Squirrel Drays. We ran a SOWA Discovery Weekend – first in Wales and we have helped people through their awards. We have had quite a few CSA and our first KSA is in the process and people have earned their Wood Badge which is great.

We have secured several grants for important things like supporting families with low incomes take part in Scouting. And, to help develop our wonderful campsite. Thanks, must be recorded to Adrian and the whole team who have continued to develop the site into a fantastic asset. If you have visited our composting toilets, you are in for treat but please use them responsibly.

I only have one regret – despite our best efforts – we have still not managed to secure a long-term lease for the site, but we are not giving up! On behalf of myself and more importantly all the kids you provide Scouting for, thank you once again for all your support.

Stephen P Buckley
District Commissioner

Annual Statement of Accounts and Commentary

The District Treasurer presented the accounts and made the following comments:

- ☐ Last year through 31st March 2023 was a rather average year with many of the usual incomes and expenditures taking place
- ☐ The major expense was once again on the infrastructure of the Talwyn Campsite. *In previous years we built the timber shelter*
- ☐ This year we continued to kit it out and started the build of the composting toilets and composting bins. This included buying the toilets, bins, digging drainage and providing a hard standing
- ☐ Hopefully this will allow us to remove the need for hiring Porta loos
- ☐ We also added, benches, tables, security cameras, signage, etc. to the general site
- ☐ We paid for general mowing, cutting and bailing, trimming, pothole filling and a tree site survey of the site. *The tree survey is important from a H&S and insurance perspective.*
- ☐ Hopefully, all the above will add to the attractiveness and useability of the campsite and allow us to gain increased revenue.
- ☐ We have continued to maintain a website and other management software. This year we started to use a professional to manage the website. We have continued to provide other on-line scout management software for the District and Groups.
- ☐ We provided First Aid training, Woodland Skills training and some specialist watercraft training for individuals. I understand the tomahawk throwing went down well!
- ☐ We made small grants for rucksacks, an Oven for Holyhead, etc.
- ☐ We also contributed to the costs of sending Scouts to the World Scout Jamboree in Korea.
- ☐ After several years of lapse, due to COVID, we re-joined the National Trust with Educational Group membership status.
- ☐ Rhiannon handed over the Badge Account this year, which has been absorbed back into the District Current account.
- ☐ Through the efforts of Annie Simmonite, we received a major grant from Tesco's towards the campsite.
- ☐ We also received an Anglesey Community grant for Welsh language courses, translations, printing etc
- ☐ Other fund raising has resulted in donations from Hanwell Health Centre and others, whom Adrian seems adept at steering towards us.
- ☐ The latest Annual Capitation has now been paid, post March 2023 and all except Amlwch Capitation has been received. *(This awaiting change of bank account signatures, SPB)*

The Campsite has raised funds by hosting campers from:

- ☐ 1st Beaumaris

- ☐ 1st Amlwch
- ☐ 1st Llanfairpwll
- ☐ 2nd Monkspath
- ☐ 16th Wyre Forest
- ☐ Cambridge Group
- ☐ Penyffordd Cubs
- ☐ Adult Learning Wales
- ☐ Llangollen Dragon Explorers.

Accounts summary
Isle of Anglesey District Scout Council

Period from	01/04/2022
Period to	31/03/2023

Opening Balances	
Cash Account	£2.53
Current Account	£11,009.86
MM Account	£51,005.19
Equals	£96.27
Total	£62,113.85

Income	
District Membership Fees	£4,100.00
Tyn Talwrn	
Camping / Visit fees	£1,377.50
Other income	
Grants	£8,056.47
Donations	£2,729.70
Transfer from MM Acc	£13,010.73
Badge Account	£1,634.26
Bank Interest MM Acc	£151.50
Total Income	£31,060.16

Spend	
Area Capitation fees	£13,250.00
Tyn Talwrn Campsite	
Maintenance	£5,522.60
Equipment	£2,571.57
Composting Toilets	£5,274.01
Firewood	£642.50
Toilet servicing	£204.00
Adult External Training	£1,818.82
Badge Account	£2,659.62
Clothing/Neckers/Uniforms	£288.00
Room hire	£16.00
Insurance	
Helpers Personal Accident	
Property and Equipment	£274.33

Expenses paid	
Stationery	£403.20
Printing	
Postage	£37.11
Mileage	£42.93
Parking	
Books	
Equipment	£201.69
Other	£136.79
Bank Charges	£72.80
Equals Cards	£2,000.00
National Trust Educational Group Membership	£106.85
Grants Jamboree	£1,000.00
Grant 2 nd Holyhead Oven	£500.00
IT	
Web site and hosting	£698.37
Management Software (Online Scout Manager)	£1,828.80
Total Spend	£39,549.99

Excess Income v Spend

-£8,489.83

Closing Balances	
Cash Account	£2.53
Current Account	£2,368.53
Reserve Account	£38,145.96
Equals	£200.55
Total	£40,717.57

Debitors	
1 st Amlwch Scouts	£3,141.50
1 st Beaumaris Sea Scouts	£1,287.50
1 st Llanfairpwll Scouts	£3,193.00
2 nd Holyhead Scouts	£1,802.50
1 st Menai Bridge Scouts	£4,686.50
DeMon Explorers	£927.00
Holyhead Explorers	£360.50
Creditors	
Area Capitation fees	£15,400.00
Closing Balances	
Cash Account	£2.53
Current Account	£2,367.03
Reserve Account	£38,145.96
Equals	£200.55
Total	£40,716.07