

GLAMORGAN WEST AREA SCOUT COUNCIL

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Activities

Objects: UNIT OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION.

Activities: To provide leadership, advice and support for all Scout Groups, Explorer Scout Units and Active Support Units situated within the City & County of Swansea and the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot local authority areas.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- City Of Swansea
- Neath Port Talbot

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£180,577	£204,625	-	-
2024-03-31	£190,621	£194,745	-	-
2023-03-31	£86,149	£107,711	-	-
2022-03-31	£252,587	£196,598	-	-
2021-03-31	£117,706	£18,359	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Diane Taylor		2019-03-14
Graham Peter Rees-Evans		
Mr Steve Jones		2012-10-11
Paula Morris		2016-09-03
Roger Rees-Evans		2018-09-05

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Area Chairs Report

I want to take a moment to say a huge thank you to all our incredible volunteers across Glamorgan West Scouts. From our Squirrel Dreys to Beaver Colonies, Cub Packs, Scout Troops, and Explorer Units—across all three districts—our young people are enjoying exciting, enriching activities week in and week out, and that's entirely down to the dedication of our local leaders.

Another big thank you also goes to our Trustee Board, its members, supporters, trainers, and everyone in our area teams who work tirelessly behind the scenes to support our frontline volunteers.

2025 has been a fantastic one. Our area camp down in Oxwich brought together nearly 1,000 people—a powerful reminder of the scale and spirit of our Scouting community and the first time we have restarted this event since before Covid. More young people than ever are getting out on the water thanks to our brilliant water activities team, and many of our groups across the area are seeing real growth in numbers. Our groups have been busy taking part in a wide range of activities—from walks and DofE expeditions to climbing, archery, shooting, and camps—all while many are working towards the prestigious King's Scout Award. There's been no shortage of adventure and achievement!

In March, young people from our area took part in the UK Youth Forum—a fantastic opportunity to share their voices on the future of Scouting in the UK. They brought exciting ideas, made meaningful contributions, and connected with fellow Scouts from across the country.

Of course, our journey hasn't been without its challenges. From section level to group to area, we know more support is needed. That's why I'm passionate about encouraging a team-based approach—so that by working together, we can better support our leaders and deliver even more for our young people. I am looking to drive our area forward with more events and activities for all sections and am looking for passionate individuals who can spare a little or a lot more time if willing to support with events locally, providing exciting activities on your doorstep to compliment your existing group-based programmes. Information coming to your email boxes and the Facebook page shortly.

Internationally, our area has proudly been represented in Kandersteg, at the World Scout Moot in Portugal, and on an Explorer Belt expedition in Bavaria—experiences that show how far Scouting can take you. With the World Scout Jamboree application due to launch this week, as well as further Scouting trips to Bavaria, Ireland and Canada, I'm keen to support members in our area to put their name forward and dream big!

Our three campsites continue to play a vital role in helping young people experience the magic of camping. A big thank you to the teams who keep those sites running and ready.

Looking ahead to 2026 and beyond, we have some incredible opportunities on the horizon. With the energy, commitment, and teamwork that define Glamorgan West, I know we'll continue to grow, thrive, and deliver even more amazing adventures for our young people.

Thank you for everything you do.

Area Lead Volunteer Report

See report from Acting Area Chair above.

Area Youth Lead Report

Position vacant

Treasurer Report

Overall, the finances of the Area and related subsidiary groups remain stable, even after allowing for the purchase, finally, of the Gorseinon property.

Net income was up (after ignoring prepayments for both Census and Insurance), due in part to closure of some scout accounts (£10k) and increase bookings for the minibus.

Our major expenditure was the purchase, as I said, of the Gorseinon property at a total cost circa £55k, including fees.

Silvercross who previously required short term assistance have fully repaid the loan.

Assistance was given to 8th Port Talbot group pending change of signatories which has been fully repaid.

A new-ish 2nd hand trailer was purchased at a cost of £1600.

No explorers/scouts applied for grants toward their overseas camps.

We continue to hold funds for Moorlakes at the agreed amount of £40000 should they require additional assistance in its development. These funds have been placed in a 95 day notice account with Lloyds Bank.

Closing balances for the main Area accounts/investments as at 31/3/2025 are:-

Main.....	£1,000
Savings.....	£195,196
95 Day notice.....	£40,000
Investments.....	£51,291

The final spreadsheet of I&E for Area and subsidiaries are available on request from the Area Secretary.

Gareth Killa
Area Treasurer

Activity Team Report

No report received

Events Team Report

No report received

Training Report

What a year! Transformation arrived!!

Training and validations were in high demand prior to September, due to the new learning modules being introduced after transformation. Leaders who were working towards their Wood Badge were contacted and encouraged to check and hopefully complete their training.

The trainers and training advisers tried to support and assist by holding regular workshops to help with validations and direction to complete Wood Badge training.

After transformation in November, mandatory learning became the priority for the UK due to the PFD report and all volunteers being urged to complete the new mandatory safety learning.

First Response training is being run monthly when possible, and volunteers directed to the blended learning when attendance on weekends is not suitable. Consequently, the compliance is at a very acceptable level

There have been 20 Wood Badges presented during the period Apr 24-Mar 25. Congratulations and thank you to them all for their achievement and their continued support to the young people and Scouting in the Area. But we need more please!!!

Charlotte Williams (CSL Afan Nedd)	Nathan Davies (BSL Afan Nedd)
Graham Rees-Evans (ALV Glamorgan West)	Rhiannon Phillips (CSL Afan Nedd)
Gemma Watts (ESL Glamorgan West)	Joann Hughes (Sql Swansea and Gower)
Jemma Withers (ACL Swansea and Gower)	Mark Bevan (ASL Cwm Newydd)
Natalie Whyte (ACL Swansea and Gower)	Angela Thomas (Sql Swansea and Gower)
Cayleigh Owen- Williams (BL Afan Nedd)	Stephen Champion (CL Afan Nedd)
Rebecca Thomas (GLV Cwm Newydd)	Paula Morris (ADLV Swansea and Gower)
Gwen Davies (ACL Swansea and Gower)	John Foster (ASL Cwm Newydd)
Jacob Freeman (CSL Afan Nedd)	Sarah Hughes (Sql Swansea and Gower)
Josh Caulton (CL Afan Nedd)	Emma Bemjamin (Sql Afan Nedd)

The new Learning only requires volunteers to complete the Growing Roots learning, but we encourage volunteers to try to achieve the Wood Badge learning. We shall continue to offer the required training, and a new calendar with the necessary modules will be available at the AGM in September

This is my last report as Area Training Manager, although training comes under my new remit as Volunteer Development Lead. I shall continue to organise training, workshops, skills events and first response training so please contact me for any questions, concerns or requests.

The Training adviser role no longer exists and is now replaced by Training Assessors, but due to the new self-assessing learning there is no need for as many. Myself, Sue Evans and Jen Aazem have agreed to take on the Training Assessor role, so please contact us if you need assistance to complete your Wood Badge.

My thanks go to the members of the training team for their support, commitment and friendship which has enabled us to achieve much during the 'transformation' year.

Pat Thomas
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Inclusion

No report received

Campsites and Activity Centres

Moorlakes Wood Scout Centre



It's hard to believe that 14 years have now passed since the site was bought by Area, using funds raised from the sale of the old Bishopston Scout Group land, and the Parc le Breos campsite Reserve Fund, which had been set up to buy a permanent presence on the Gower. A lot of hard work has gone into developing it and turning it into a now successful campsite. 39 acres of woodland does not manage itself, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who has helped out over the years, some of whom are sadly no longer with us. We always welcome 'newcomers' who can lend a hand, whether it be for a day, or even just a few hours. The dates for our monthly Work Party are set at the beginning of the year (normally the first Saturday of the month), so get in touch when you want to come along (there are usually doughnuts and biscuits!!).

Whereas in the early days, we relied on log sales for income, our main source now comes from camping fees – and that figure is rising annually. I have mentioned in previous years that we could let the site out to various community groups every week of the year, if we just wanted to raise money, but we are a Scout campsite and allocating space to our members will always be our priority. We are pleased that 10 groups from the Area have been with us this year, some of whom have been a few times, and some of whom meet up the site on a weekly basis during the summer and autumn terms. Our presence is also being recognised by members further afield, with groups from Reading and Cookham having had their annual camp with us last year, and others from Hucclecote, Bradford-on-Avon and Suffolk will be here shortly. If you want to bring your Section or Group up for a day, a weekend, or even a week, and we will do our best to fit you in.

If you are not already aware, we now have a mains water supply, which has proved to be a great asset to the site. We are also actively pursuing how we can get permanent toilets and showers

built on the site, which if we can get them, would mean a tremendous improvement. Compost toilets are not to everyone's liking, and in the interim, during very busy periods, we bring in portable toilets for the use of visitors. We have also been looking to expand our range of activities and have recently put in a new archery range. This can be used by anyone staying on the site, or by any day visitors. Contact us for further details.

Thanks go to those who turn up daily, weekly or monthly, or whenever, to help out. We couldn't do without you. Finally, I would like to mention Horst, a great contributor to the site over many years, who passed away recently. He was not a member of the Scouting family, nor one of our volunteers, but was one of the earliest users of the site, when he ran drum workshops. As a member of the 'drumming' family, he brought hundreds of visitors to the site over the years with his workshops and wellness events, but his main contribution was in sharing his skills and knowledge of the countryside with us and others. Without that knowledge, we would not have been able to build the roundhouse or any of the other structures on the site. Always a pleasure to talk to, he will be missed by us and by his friends.

If you too would like to get involved, more involved, book a camp, or book a visit, then please get in touch.

Follow us on Facebook: Moorlakes Wood Scout Centre
Bookings email: moorlakeswood@gmail.com

Allen Aldred

Neath Scout Campsite, Cadoxton



The last 12 months for Cadoxton has been busy and it continues to look busy into the back end of 2025.

We have continued to enjoy seeing lots of new groups due to use of Online Scout Manager with some repeat groups staying from previous years. Other than lots of Glamorgan West Groups we have had local guides, Swansea University Guides and Scouts Society, local conversation groups as well as various District events, training sessions and meetings.

The Scout shop continues to be a success and is down to a dedicated team of volunteers, we are still attracting customers from out of our area which is testament to the great history of the shop here in Cadoxton.

Financially the scout shop continues to be the largest part of our financial turnover which raises a significant amount of funds for the site although we are now seeing a year or year increase of hall rental and camping income compared to the previous decade.

The committee and management team are still formed of the key core members as of previous years, but we always looking to grow this team.

In the last year we have undertaken two major projects, a volunteer day was called in October 2024 and we have invested in new and increased campfire seating for the sites main campfire area on the bottom field. The existing timber logs has been in place for over 30 years and were starting to see some degradation, we therefore chose to replace them with recycled plastic benches which will likely outlast the previous set of timber seating!

The 2nd big project we undertook was in conjunction with Heidelberg Materials who are a large civil engineering company who were undertaking some work in the area on behalf of Neath Port Talbot Council. After some conversations with the local county councillor, Heidelberg Materials donated labour and materials to tarmac a section of the entry lane to the site, re-gravel and re-grade the car park area and move a large mound of earth from the bottom field to increase the size of the useable area.

Future plans for the site are to give campers some new facilities for their use like a dedicated

washing up area in the toilet block and refurbish the toilets at the front of the main hall. We were lucky to escape Storm Darragh with no damage to any buildings or fences however we were very unlikely to lose one of the large tree's onsite which uprooted and fell into the middle of the top camping field as the storm intensified, this tree was a considerable size and took around 25 man-hours to completely chop up, following this we undertook a tree survey of the site which has identified some minor work to complete this year.

The main hall continues to be a considerable asset to the site and its flexibility in hosting a variety of different events, however in the last year we have started looking at options, ideas and potential layouts for a new building as well as engaging with local companies who may be able to help us with designs and planning.

I would like to thank all the members of the Cadoxton Committee and the Scout shop team for their continued support over the last 12 months and going forward. If anyone would like to join the committee, shop team or the campsite support team please get in touch.

Thanks again
Rhys Mainwaring
Chairperson

Silver Cross Scout Activity Centre



The site has been busy over summer 2024 and through to spring 2025 with visiting groups from England and Wales, including from Worcester, Stokenchurch, Camberley, Barnet, Sutton Coldfield, Bere Regis, Reigate, Risca and Fenny Compton (who told us that their hall was used in filming 'Mr Bates vs the Post Office!'). It was also nice to see quite a number of Explorer Units using the site, from St Johns ESU Kineton, and a welcome return visit from Evolution ESU in London. We also had campers from 2nd Ammanford Rangers and B Company Army Cadets. It's been great to see local groups using Silver Cross, either for day activities, or weekend camps, such as stalwarts Sketty Scouts and Fforestfach Scout Group using the site frequently. Other local groups to camp here during the year are 1st Neath, 11th PortTalbot, 47th Killay, 8th Baglan and 32nd Rhyddings. It was great to see Warlingham School from Surrey here once again for their Silver DofE training weekend. Other regular users of the site for outdoor meetings are 4th Cwm Newydd Pontarddulais Cubs & Beavers, 5th Cwm Newydd Penllergaer Beavers, Cubs & Scouts and of course 1st Neath Beavers with their Beaver Fun Day in October. Draig Arian Explorers continue to use the site as their main base throughout the year. Bookings for 2025 are very strong so we look forward to yet another busy summer.

The site office being located in the shop has been a great move and the access has been much appreciated by visiting groups. Our collection of games equipment and also team building equipment is also now kept in the shop. A major addition to the site this last year has been the outdoor wash-station for dishes etc, which has three sinks and hot and cold running water. This is situated outside the toilet block. Another addition has been the installation of lighting in the car park which allows use of the site on darker evenings.

Unfortunately we discovered an underground water leak near the toilet block which resulted in us employing a specialist company to locate and repair the leak. However, the huge water bill we received from Dŵr Cymru because of this leak (over £4000!) was reduced after discussions to just over £200. We will still need to replace the main site stop-cock at the end of the summer season, however.

There was quite a bit of storm damage during the storms of winter 2024/2025, and the site chapel suffered most, with the need to totally rebuild this. The area is cordoned off at the moment, and we hope to look at repair after the main season – any handy people who could help with this please get in touch. The tree surgeons did their annual survey this Spring, and the trees were in good shape (mainly because of our regular inspection by the tree surgeons and also subsequent remedial work). We try to be as proactive as we can by engaging professionals who know what they're doing to undertake the safety survey for us annually and to carry out any remedial work needed. If the unthinkable should happen when people are camping we have the peace of mind that we've done as much as we can to keep the campsite safe. We also carry out the visual check of the trees on the main field after every storm for any obvious damage which may have happened. These are all recorded and kept for any future reference.

We have had to look carefully at our recycling system in order to allow for food waste recycling. As a result, we are now with Veolia Waste Recycling, and although this costs us money, it should mean that we don't empty the skip so often. The skip will have a netting cover from now on, and is only for use for site maintenance.

A lot of time was spent earlier this year in responding to the proposed Welsh Government Visitor Levy which is due in 2027. I met with Rebecca Evans MS at the site, and also Tom Giffard MS, after the campaign fronted by ScoutsCymru to address this issue. Thankfully, the proposed levy will now not apply to under 18s, but the levy on adults unfortunately will remain, which has an effect on having to charge leaders this, and also the considerable extra admin caused.

As a site, we rely heavily on volunteers for maintenance and also running activities. If you can help in this respect we would be very grateful. We are looking for people who might like to join our activities staff to help when you can. We will train people up on crate stacking, to help on these sessions, up to readiness for permit assessment. Also if you have an archery permit and/or NSRA qualification for air-rifles and would like to help out, please ask one of the Service Team for more details.

Las Vegas Night was held on Saturday Nov. 30th 2024 and although the number of people from Glam West were few and far between, a great evening was enjoyed by those who attended. Please come along to the next one and have a great evening – planned for November 29th, 2025 (and plenty of lighting for you to see in the carpark!)

A reminder please, also, that we've signed up to Easyfundraising, so if you can, please support us on <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/silvercrossscoutcentre/>.

As you buy anything online, or with a card, a donation will be made to us if you go via the easyfundraising website first – it will not cost you anything, you will get your shopping normally, but it can help us. Thank you.

Finally, I really need to thank the members of the Service Team who as usual have pulled out the stops to get things running on the site this year. I know I say this every year but I can't over emphasise how amazing these people are, some spending many weekends in the year here at the site. A HUGE thank you to you all – it would not be possible for Silver Cross to function as it does without you :)

Don't forget to keep checking our website, and while you're at it check out our Facebook page as well to keep up-to-date with what's happening. Here's to a good 2025 and even better 2026!

Andy Shurey, Warden

www.silvercross.org.uk

Facebook: Silver Cross Scout Centre

Twitter/X: @SilverCrossCamp

Area Membership Census

	2024					2025					2024 v 2025					
	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total	% change
Squirrels	40	16	0	0	56	38	21	0	0	59	-2	+5	0	0	+3	5%
Beaver Scouts	292	78	0	0	370	271	78	0	0	349	-21	0	0	0	-21	-6%
Cub Scouts	396	101	0	0	497	304	94	0	0	398	-92	-7	0	0	-99	-20%
Scouts	258	102	0	0	360	256	100	0	0	356	-2	-2	0	0	-4	-1%
Explorer Scouts*	50	18	2	0	70	52	14	0	0	66	+2	-4	-2	0	-4	-6%
Total Membership	1036	315	2	0	1353	921	307	0	0	1228	-115	-8	-2	0	-125	-9%

* Including Young Leaders

	2024	2025	2024 vs 2025
Squirrel Scout Dreys	4	7	+3
Beaver Scout Colonies	27	26	-1
Cub Scout Packs	29	27	-2
Scout Troops	25	24	-1
Explorer Scout Units, including YL Units	7	6	-1
Groups	36	27	-9

Glamorgan West area Scout Council
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Summary – Cash & Bank Balances	2025	Income	Expenditure
Area	£287487	£109876	£155278
Area Events	£6666	£0	£998
Silvercross	£10500	£24606	£22633
Moorlakes	£62172	£25499	£4745
Neath scout Campsite & Shop	£48734	£20644	£20969
Training	£1907	£0	£0
Totals	£417468	£180577	£204625

I confirm I am satisfied with the financial information provided and there is no cause or issue for concern.



David Butler
AAT

14/10/2025

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Area Trustee Board Report

Report to follow

Area Lead Volunteer Report

Scouting is a movement, and as a movement we are constantly adapting, changing and ensuring that we have the right structures in place to ensure that we can deliver good quality Scouting to the young people in our care. We must ensure that our Movement does not stand still but 'moves' forward to cater for the interests of the young people of today and the future.

As we have reached milestones in Transformation, we have shared updates with you all about new structures, new names and new processes, all targeted towards keeping our young people safe and to increase participation in activities.

Whilst there are always some doubts, I believe that the difficulties that change brings can be overcome and that the successful growth of Scouting will follow.

There is an ongoing need to build on the strengths within our Area and to recognise our weaknesses so that we can make progress. To achieve this, we will continue to build on our forward plan so that everyone involved in Scouting in Glamorgan West can work towards the common goals of developing a focussed, sound, relevant, diverse and growing youth movement.

A slight 1% decrease in our numbers, but a fantastic 4% rise in Scout Section numbers, which is great for such a challenging age range. However, with 227 young people on our waiting lists, I'm sure this 1% dip will soon be resolved.

Scouting in Glamorgan West is full of fantastic people who give of their time for the benefit of others and I ask everyone involved in our wonderful Movement to pull together to ensure that we continue to promote the development of young people to achieve their full potential, physically, intellectually, socially and spiritually.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support and guidance over the past 12 months, and particular thanks to Jess Williams who has decided to finish as DC for Cwm Newydd after 5 years in the role.

Graham Rees-Evans - Area Lead Volunteer

Area Youth Lead Volunteer Report

Position vacant

Area Activity Team Report



The water activities team has taken off well in the area and year on year grown in respect of the amount of scouts we have introduced to the water. Since the day it started our bookings grew and the year 2023 to 24 was no exception to this as we saw the largest amount to date with a final number on the water of 368 young people from all the sections of the movement, even Squirrels took to the water on the Mega sup in June on Swansea bay a 1st for the water activities team!

Development sessions were suggested, advertised and Seven explorer scouts took up the challenge to develop their skills. These were taken out multiple times using the full range of equipment we hold and were also utilizing the off peak season of the team as most of this was done during the autumn/ winter months with a final afternoon paddle in kayaks down the river wye.

For the 1st time the Water Activities Team of Glamorgan West hosted the South Wales Paddle weekend with Short notice and it was a huge success, scouts, Leaders and helpers came from many parts of the country to take part in this activity held on spring Valley Lakes whilst at the same time holding a permit prep weekend also for persons in scouting interested in developing themselves to support such activities. Many thanks to the SWAT team for supporting us as without them we would not have been able to hold such an event.

Our kit continues to be well used and as time goes on needs to be replaced, a few new helmets were purchased as well as some additional buoyancy aids. It is essential that this happens over time as even though annual checks are carried out to confirm if they are all fit for use as well as checks at time of use all this equipment has a lifespan and over time needs to be replaced. The team is growing and has become embedded within Glamorgan west and will continue to introduce many more young people to the water for years to come.

Chris Cheley

Area Training Report



What a year! Still waiting for transformation! So we continue as normal! Training has been a bit slack due to not knowing which way to go. However, we have tried to support and assist leaders by holding regular workshops to help with validations and direction to completing training

We shall continue with the monthly evenings or weekend workshops. This is essential to ensure that training is not lost when the change over to the new learning and systems arrives in 2024. Until then the TAs and line managers will be busy and hopefully proactive to get Compass correct and up to date!

Compliance figures are coming down and are now at the 2% level but still needs to be better. UK are sending emails regularly to ensure the National levels are kept low, so we need to ensure that all Leaders, Managers and Supporters keep their Safety and Safeguarding training up to date. First Response training figures are also good, as we have been running monthly training courses this year along with the blended model.

There have been 10 Wood Badges presented during the period Apr 23- Mar 24. Congratulations and thank you to them all for their achievement and their continued support to the young people and Scouting in the Area. But we need more please!!!

Rob Platt (CSL Swansea and Gower)	Loz Kingdom (SL Swansea and Gower)
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Celvin Davies (CSL Swansea and Gower)	Poppy Tucker (Sql Swansea and Gower)
Ben Eagle (ESL Swansea and Gower)	Jess Jones (SL Swansea and Gower)
Sian Francis (BL Swansea and Gower)	Mark Jones (ASL Swansea and Gower)

Young Leader training has been running slowly this year and a more concerted effort from all those involved should now be a priority as these are the Leaders of the future.

Changes to 'learning' is coming with the new National systems, and it looks very exciting and hopefully we shall have a smooth conversion. The time is fast approaching, but we carry on as normal and continue to complete our Wood Badges and work to get Compass up to date ready for the conversion.

My thanks go to the members of the training team for their support, commitment and friendship which has enabled us to achieve much during the past year and hopefully continue to a better and rewarding 2024/25

Pat Thomas
ATM Glamorgan West
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Campsites and Activity Centres

Moorlakes Wood Scout Centre



Slowly the main emphasis (and income) for the site is changing from the sale of logs (a by-product of maintaining and keeping the site safe) to that of providing good camping areas and getting people to stay. Whereas log sales have been reasonably steady over the last couple of years, camping income has gone up from just under £2000 in 2022 to just under £10,000 last year. The site is getting busier with use from both community groups and from local and outside Area Scouting groups.

We could probably take bookings most weeks from community groups, but we have taken the decision to keep vacant those traditional Scouting camping weeks, and weekends, for booking by Scouts only, so if you are thinking of a week, or weekend, for your group, let us know as soon as you can so that we can reserve the site for you. Some comments have been made that we take too many community groups, but the income from them help us offer free nights at the site for Colony or Pack meetings, and also helps us keep the costs for Scouters using the site down.

Apart from those benefits, that additional income is also helping us build up a 'pot' so that we can further develop the facilities on the site for the benefit of all users.

We now seem to be the spring/summer weekly 'residence' for sections from the Dunvant and Penclawdd groups, and we are pleased that we have been able to accommodate at various times, sections from Killay, Fforesfach, Loughor, Clydach, Baglan, Gowerton and Sketty groups. From outside our area, we have welcomed Strood Sea Scouts, 1st Cam Scouts, Blackwell Scouts, Cwmamman Guides, and Llanelli Scouts.

This summer is also expected to be busy with four outside-Area Scouting Groups all staying for the same week, and then local groups staying immediately after them. Throughout the year, we have continued to host community groups such as the Gower Society youth, schools, DofE 'walk-ins', youth movement residentials, women's refuge, yoga and relaxation, a multitude of drum workshops and of course, the Gower Climbing Festival! The latter were in again for the last weekend of June and it was amazing to see over 450 people camping everywhere, having fun, and unlike Glastonbury, leaving the site in an immaculate condition. They are welcome to come back every year.

The provision of the mains water supply has made things a lot easier for us, as well as those staying, with no more having to bring in your own supply or hiring in a water bowser (and finding somewhere to fill it). We have had much debate on how to further develop the site. There are the easy things we can do, such as putting in additional fire pits, putting up notice boards etc but the biggest question we have is how to put in 'proper' toilets and showers, and when we do, what type they should be. Do we construct a breeze block building, or do we try and keep the site as eco-friendly as we can by constructing a wooden-type building, in keeping with the rest of the site? We hope to make these decisions within the next few months, so if anyone out there has any ideas, or suggestions, please send them in. (If anyone has any architectural or planning skills, that would be very welcome too!). We have also started to look at activities we can provide. Work has started on clearing a space to provide for archery. We need to get scaffolding to hold the nets, put in a safe waiting area, get all of the necessary equipment, and we are then good to go. This could be ready before the end of summer but realistically, it is likely to be sometime in the autumn now.

Sadly, we said goodbye this year to Daisy, our faithful digger of the last 10 years. She was a great asset to the site over the years and was well worth the money that we paid for her. She was third hand when we bought her and like most of us up on the site now, had started showing signs of her years. I would like to report she retired gracefully, but no, someone came in to buy her and such is the value of used diggers these days, the price we got was only just under what we paid for her!

However, we are not that sentimental that we didn't replace her immediately, and we welcome Dolores, who is a bit bigger and a lot sassier than Daisy. She will no doubt be a formidable replacement and if she proves to be as half as good as Daisy, will also prove to be a valuable asset (and hopefully, another good investment when the time comes to move her on!).

We now have a monthly Work Party up at the site (who normally meet on the first Saturday of the month) and we are very grateful for those that turn up and help us with what needs doing. It's amazing how much can be done with more than a few pair of hands, so thank you to those that turn up regularly (and also than you those that turn up irregularly because no one has to be there every month, and we are grateful to anyone that turns up even for a few hours). You don't need any particular skills and if you can strim grass, mix concrete, use a shovel, you are more than welcome (and if you can't do any of those things, we will show you how to do them!).

By a country mile though, as ever, my biggest thanks go to Peter (Muxworthy) and Craig (Seaman), both of whom are amazing for the amount of time and effort that they put into the site. Having praised them, I am also delighted to see others getting more involved with the site and along with Craig (and all being a lot younger than me and Peter), are the future of Moorlakes, so 'thank you' Leah (Kendrick), Gemma (Watts), Chris and Tracy (Margetts), Paul (Davies) and Elsa (Jordan). If you too would like to get involved (or even more involved), please let us know.

Allen Aldred

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Neath Scout Campsite, Cadoxton



The last 12 months for Cadoxton has been busy and it continues to look busy into Summer 2024,

This is largely to the success of online scout manager in attracting groups from further afield who did not know about us previously, we have also been largely supported by local groups from the Area who continue to support us year on year.

The Scout shop saw a renovation in the last year with a big thanks Graham who spent a lot of time organising contractors and purchasing new display units to clean the shop up.

The scout shop continues to be the largest part of our financial turnover which raises a significant amount of funds for the site although we are now seeing a significant increase in hall rental and camping income compared to the previous 10 years. This is great as unfortunately we have seen the loss of our regular hall user in the form of a local fitness instruction.

The committee and management team are still formed of the key core members as of previous years, but we always looking to grow this team.

We have future plans for the site including opening areas of the upper camping field so we can look to accommodate large multiple groups at the same time, this will come with the addition of further facilities to aid campers.

The main hall continues to be a considerable asset to site and its flexibility in hosting a variety of different events including the Area AGM in September 2023, however we are making enquiries into the feasibility of a replacement or a significant refurbishment in future.

I would like to thank all the members of the Cadoxton Committee and the Scout shop team for their continued support over the last 12 months and going forward. If anyone would like to join the committee, shop team or the campsite support team please get in touch.

Thanks again

Rhys Mainwaring
Chairperson.

Silver Cross Scout Activity Centre



The site has been busy over summer 2023 and through to spring 2024 with visiting groups from England and Wales, including from Birmingham, Llangennech, Epping Forest South, Reading, Peasedown St John, Beckenham South, Hastings, Hammersmith, Whitchurch and Walsall Wood. We saw 29th/30th Cork here for their first visit, while our good friends from Douglas, Cork had their fifth summer camp here since their first in 1988! It was also nice to see quite a number of Explorer Units using the site, from Beckenham South Vultures, Carmarthen Merlin's ESU, Solar ESU and Llanymddyfri Black Ox.

It's been great to see local groups using Silver Cross, either for day activities, or weekend camps, such as Sketty Scouts and Fforestfach Scout Group using the site frequently, plus also 14th Neath Cimla, 32nd Rhyddings and 8th Baglan. Other regular users of the site for outdoor meetings are 4th Cwm Newydd Pontarddulais Cubs & Beavers, 5th Cwm Newydd Penllergaer Beavers and Cubs and of course 1st Neath Beavers with their Beaver Fun Day in October. Draig Arian Explorers continue to use the site as their main base throughout the year. Bookings for 2024 are very strong so we look forward to yet another busy summer.

Maintenance has again been the main focus again since the end of the second lockdown and we finally see us gaining against Nature's onslaught! The shop has had a big make-over and the site office is now situated in the shop building. The Pembroke Building has had all new flooring throughout, including industrial lino in the dining area to make cleaning after meals much easier. Thanks to a very generous donation from the Shapton family, the Laundry now has three washing machines working and also two new fridge freezers to complement the ones we already have – plenty for all visiting groups even in our busiest time.

The “Lid” (our covered seating area) continues to be used extensively and is a huge asset to the site. It has lighting and power outlets and is great in evenings or in a downpour. As a result of re-organising the shop, we have organised our games equipment, much of which is available to hire for a very minimal cost. This includes a full size parachute (including a list of parachute games), numerous bat & ball games, badminton, croquet, petanque (boules), and by the time you read this also giant chess, giant kerplunk and golf OXO.

As many of you are aware, the abseil tower is no more, having been professionally dismantled and removed this year. We do have plans for a brand new activity for this location but not until 2025 – watch this space! All the other activities are now up and running, with Archery, Tomahawk Throwing, Splatapult, Crate Stacking, Spiderland, QR Code Trail, Soft Crossbows, Team Building, Orienteering and Pioneering Spars available. A brand new activity started in summer 2023 - Laser X Tag - which was trialled by Douglas Scouts on their summer camp and has proved very popular. We have 24 guns so can cater for reasonably large groups at a time.

Sadly, our usual tree surgeon, who has worked on the site for years, passed away in the summer. However, we have approached a new tree surgeon and our annual tree safety survey work was carried out professionally by them in April, and all remedial work was undertaken. We try to be as proactive as we can by engaging professionals who know what they’re doing to undertake the safety survey for us annually and to carry out any remedial work needed. If the unthinkable should happen when people are camping we have the peace of mind that we’ve done as much as we can to keep the campsite safe. We also carry out a visual check of the trees on the main field after every storm for any obvious damage which may have happened. These are all recorded and kept for any future reference.

Unfortunately, Las Vegas Night had to be cancelled at short notice, but we hope everything will be up and running for Saturday Nov. 30th 2024 – make a note in your diaries! It’s a great evening for those who attend, and if you’ve not been before, please come along – it’s guaranteed fun!

A reminder please, also, that we've signed up to Easyfundraising, so if you can, please support us on <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/silvercrossscoutcentre/>.

As you buy anything online, or with a card, a donation will be made to us if you go via the easyfundraising website first – it will not cost you anything, you will get your shopping normally, but it can help us. Thank you.

Finally, I really need to thank the members of the Service Team who as usual have pulled out the stops to get things running on the site this year. I know I say this every year but I can’t over emphasise how amazing these people are, some spending many weekends in the year here at the site. A HUGE thank you to you all – it would not be possible for Silver Cross to function as it does without you :)

Don't forget to keep checking our website, and while you're at it check out our Facebook page as well to keep up-to-date with what's happening. Here's to a good 2024 and even better 2025!

Andy Shurey, Warden

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Area Membership Census

	2023					2024					2023 vs 2024					
	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total	% change
Squirrels	42	17	0	0	59	40	16	0	0	56	-2	-1	0	0	-3	-5%
Beaver Scouts	291	77	0	0	368	292	78	0	0	370	+1	+1	0	0	+2	1%
Cub Scouts	392	118	0	0	510	396	101	0	0	497	+4	-17	0	0	-13	-3%
Scouts	256	89	0	0	345	258	102	0	0	360	+2	+13	0	0	+15	4%
Explorer Scouts*	69	19	3	0	91	50	18	2	0	70	-19	-1	-1	0	-21	-23%
Total Membership	1050	320	3	0	1373	1036	315	2	0	1353	-14	-5	-1	0	-20	-1%

*Explorer Scouts figures include Young Leaders

	2023	2024	2023 vs 2024
Squirrel Scout Dreys	3	3	0
Beaver Scout Colonies	29	29	0
Cub Scout Packs	31	31	0
Scout Troops	26	26	0
Explorer Scout Units, including YL Units	11	11	0
Groups	37	37	0

Glamorgan West Area Scout Council

Report and Financial Statements for Year ended 31 March 2023

AREA	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Totals
Income													
2023 Insurance	£ 694.56	£ 11,854.25	£ 636.20										£ 13,185.01
2003 Census	£ 561.00	£ 6,630.00	£ 2,958.00		£ 1,173.00		£ 84.82						£ 11,406.82
M&G Inv dividend		£ 810.77			£ 692.53				£ 945.89				£ 2,449.19
Bus Hire/refunds/scrappage				£ 472.58			£ 350.00	£ 390.00		£ 230.00	£ 456.06		£ 1,898.64
Western Power rental			£ 32.80										£ 32.80
2024 Insurance prepayments												£ 3,444.55	£ 3,444.55
2024 Census prepayments											£ 39,444.00	£ 34,028.00	£ 73,472.00
Bank Interest	£ 180.65	£ 118.75	£ 141.23	£ 152.03	£ 163.88	£ 206.64	£ 204.56	£ 245.16	£ 253.33	£ 230.21	£ 244.60	£ 275.23	£ 2,416.27
Cash in hand banked							£ 411.00						£ 411.00
30th Swansea Charity account closure											£ 1,584.88		£ 1,584.88
Hall Hire refund											£ 20.00		£ 20.00
Insurance refund									£ 208.10				£ 208.10
Total													£ 110,541.26
													less Census reimbursed £ 84,878.82
													less Insurance reimbursed £ 16,629.56
													less Cash in hand banked £ 411.00
													Net income £ 8,621.88
Expenditure													
Trawler Rd - Welsh Water - 4122055801					£ 42.77							£ 36.01	£ 78.78
Trawler Rd - British Gas - 603393679		£ 41.76	£ 19.75	£ 19.24	£ 29.46	£ 29.46	£ 29.55	£ 32.02	£ 33.73	£ 33.31	£ 36.20	£ 32.55	£ 337.03
Trawler Rd - E.On - electricity 9A35EAEA		£ 74.23		£ 76.46				£ 86.33			£ 97.83		£ 334.85
Trawler Rd - repairs/service	£ 80.00						£ 560.00		£ 120.00				£ 760.00
Depot, Bryn Rd - BT Group - 07055650	£ 31.00	£ 31.00	£ 31.00	£ 31.00	£ 31.00	£ 31.00	£ 31.00	£ 31.00	£ 31.00	£ 31.00	£ 31.00	£ 31.00	£ 372.00
Depot, Bryn Rd - British GasLite - 183897	£ 63.88	£ 45.33	£ 22.72	£ 18.30	£ 23.04	£ 23.97	£ 21.10	£ 31.62	£ 61.34	£ 64.46	£ 74.75	£ 62.06	£ 512.57
Depot, Bryn Rd - PlusNet -	£ 15.91	£ 15.91	£ 15.91	£ 15.91	£ 15.91	£ 15.91	£ 15.91	£ 15.91	£ 15.91	£ 15.91	£ 15.91	£ 15.91	£ 190.92
Depot, Bryn Rd - Welsh Water - 3034571501	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 240.00
Depot, Bryn Rd - repairs									£ 390.00				£ 390.00
2023 Census	£ 69,336.50												£ 69,336.50
Keen Insurance	£ 14,155.39											£ 16,180.90	£ 30,336.29
Silvercross loan												£ 3,500.00	£ 3,500.00
Minibus - purchase			£ 8,750.00										£ 8,750.00
Minibus - DVLA tax				£ 165.00									£ 165.00
Minibus - MOT/repairs/recovery			£ 246.00	£ 550.00			£ 439.00			£ 1,446.97			£ 2,681.97
Minibus - Insurance					£ 851.00								£ 851.00
HQ - room hire	£ 48.00	£ 12.00						£ 24.00	£ 32.00			£ 144.00	£ 260.00
Silvercross skills Day		£ 50.00											£ 50.00
Manchester Conference			£ 108.95										£ 108.95
Swansea Airshow table													
Website hosting/domain	£ 15.00	£ 15.00	£ 15.00	£ 15.00	£ 15.00	£ 15.00	£ 15.00	£ 15.00	£ 15.00	£ 15.00	£ 15.00	£ 15.00	£ 323.88
Cardiff conference										£ 271.99			£ 271.99
Expenses	£ 198.84									£ 14.88		£ 16.00	£ 627.32
Scouts visits abroad- donation		£ 100.00				£ 171.98	£ 220.63	£ 4.99				£ 400.00	£ 500.00
Cwmavon Scouts - rent support													£ -
Mileage costs													£ -
Postage	£ 5.44						£ 12.00						£ 17.44
Total													£ 120,996.49
Opening Balance				£ 1,001.00						£ 411.00			£ 342,168.97
Closing Balance				£ 1,001.00		£ 280,597.40	£ (93,000.00)	£ 49,189.21		£ -			£ 330,787.61
SilverCross													
Opening Balance				£ 12,707.43				£ 50.00					
Income				£ 29,711.66									
Grants				£ -									
Other				£ -									
Total				£ 42,419.09									
Less Expenditure				£ 33,942.05									
Closing Balance				£ 8,476.45			£ 50.00						£ 8,526.45
Area Events													
Opening Balance				£ 8,157.38									
Income													
Less Expenditure													
Closing Balance													
Moorlakes													
Opening Balance				£ 38,101.47				£ 74.95					
Income				£ 22,688.50									
Less Expenditure				£ 6,195.62									
Closing Balance				£ 54,544.35			£ 124.95						£ 54,669.30
Neath Scout Campsite and Shop													
Opening Balance				£ 54,623.58									
Income- campsite				£ 10,671.84									
Income - shop				£ 17,008.59									
Total Income				£ 27,680.43									
Less Expenditure - campsite				£ 22,756.26									
Less Expenditure - shop				£ 10,488.09									
Closing Balance				£ 49,059.66									
Training													
Opening Balance				£ 2,274.54									
Income				£ -									
Less Expenditure				£ 366.83									
Closing Balance				£ 1,907.71									
Summary - Cash, Investments & Bank Balances													
Area	£ 330,787.61			£ 110,541.26	£ 120,996.49			£ 342,167.97					
Area Events	£ 8,157.00			£ -	£ -			£ 8,157.38					
SilverCross	£ 8,526.45			£ 29,711.66	£ 33,942.05			£ 12,757.43					
Moorlakes	£ 54,669.30			£ 22,688.50	£ 6,195.62			£ 38,176.42					
Neath Scout Campsite & Shop	£ 49,059.66			£ 27,680.43	£ 33,244.35			£ 54,623.58					
Training	£ 1,907.71			£ -	£ 366.83			£ 2,274.54					
Totals	£ 453,107.73			£ 190,621.85	£ 194,745.34			£ 458,157.32					

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Summary – Cash & Bank Balances	2024	Income	Expenditure
Area	£330,787	£110,541	£120,996
Area Events	£8157	£0	£0
Silvercross	£8526	£29711	£33942
Moorlakes	£54669	£22688	£6195
Neath scout Campsite & Shop	£49059	£27680	£33244
Training	£1907	£0	£366
Totals	£453107	£190621	£194745

I confirm I am satisfied with the financial information provided and there is no cause or issue for concern.



David Butler
AAT

20/8/2024

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Area Chairs Report

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Area Commissioners Report

Scouting is a movement, and as a movement we are constantly adapting, changing and ensuring that we have the right structures in place to ensure that we can deliver good quality Scouting to the young people in our care. We must ensure that our Movement does not stand still but 'moves' forward to cater for the interests of the young people of today and the future.

Earlier this year I shared the new structure that Scouting is moving towards and the concept of sharing tasks and building teams to ensure that the workload is shared between volunteers.

Whilst there were some doubts, I believe that the difficulties that changes will bring can be overcome and that the successful growth of Scouting will follow.

If we are to progress there sometimes is a need to make changes and many of us would agree with Mark Twain's comment "I'm all for progress, it's change I object to."

There is an ongoing need to build on the strengths within our Area and to recognise our weaknesses so that we can make progress. To achieve this, we will continue to build on our forward plan so that everyone involved in Scouting in Glamorgan West can work towards the common goals of developing a focussed, sound, relevant, diverse and growing youth movement.

It is great to see that we are still growing as an area with 45 new youth members between 2022 and 2023 (an increase of 3%).

Scouting in Glamorgan West is full of fantastic people who give of their time for the benefit of others and I ask everyone involved in our wonderful Movement to pull together to ensure that we continue to promote the development of young people to achieve their full potential, physically, intellectually, socially and spiritually.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support and guidance over the past 12 months, and particular thanks to Steve Jones who has decided to finish as DC for Swansea and Gower after 10 years in the role. Steve is not leaving Scouting, and will use his skills elsewhere in the area.

Graham Rees-Evans - Area Commissioner

Area Youth Commissioner Report

No commissioner in position

Area Activity Team Report

No report received

Area Training Report

What a year. Slowly getting back to full training courses. Now able to have face to face as well as Zoom training which seems to be working well. But now Transformation, is coming. New system for Headquarters, no more Compass, Training will become Learning!

This might affect validation which is still a problem and despite having regular workshops they are not well attended. We shall be having a concerted effort next year to get validations completed and have monthly evenings or weekend workshops. This is essential to ensure that training is not lost when the change over to the new training and systems arrive in 2024. Until then the TAs and line managers will be busy and maybe proactive to get Compass correct and up to date!

Compliance figures are coming down but still not to the 2% level required. UK are sending emails regularly to ensure the National levels are kept low, so we need to ensure that all Leaders, Managers and Supporters keep their Safety and Safeguarding training up to date.

First Response training figures are also good, as we have been running monthly training courses this year.

There have been 16 Wood Badges presented during the period Mar 22- Mar 23. Congratulations and thank you to them all for their achievement and their continued support to the young people and Scouting in the Area.

Dai Jones (ASL Cwm Newydd)	Jen Saets (BL Swansea and Gower)
Julia Jones Mone (GSL Cwm Newydd)	Jonathan Allen (GSL Afan Nedd)
Chris Law (SL Swansea and Gower)	Debbie Garrett (CSL Cwm Newydd)
Gemma Watts (ESL Swansea and Gower)	Bryan Jones (GSL Cwm Newydd)
Dan Whitehouse (SL Swansea and Gower)	Katie Morgans (SL Swansea and Gower)
Shaun Harris (SL Swansea and Gower)	Anna Spenser (ESL Afan Nedd)
Gareth Walsh (ASL Cwm Newydd)	Adrian Parker (AESL Afan Nedd)
Neil Ward (ASL Cwm Newydd)	Emma Lammond (CSL Cwm Newydd)

Young Leader training has been running slowly this year and a more concerted effort from all those involved should now be a priority as these are the Leaders of the future.

Changes to 'learning' are coming with the new National systems, it looks very exciting and hopefully we shall have a smooth conversion. But as yet no definite date is set so we carry on as normal and continue to complete our Wood Badges and work to get Compass up to date ready for the conversion.

Finally, my thanks to the members of the training team for their support, commitment and friendship which has enabled us to achieve much during the past year and hopefully continue to a better and rewarding 2023/24.

Pat Thomas
ATM Glamorgan West
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Campsites and Activity Centres

Moorlakes Wood Scout Centre



By the time the AGM is held this year, it will be 12 years since we purchased the site, and I think it would be fair to say that it now looks quite different to when we first purchased it! Gone is most of the rhododendron that had infested the site, gone are most of the fallen trees that were everywhere, and gone are the sheep and cattle that used to churn up the ground when roaming in freely from the Common. Now we have 6 good camping areas, a bunkhouse, a roundhouse, and a square house (the latter two being constructed from materials from the site), and over 38 acres for adventurous activity. It is a fine balance between trying to provide the facilities that our visitors want and preserving the environment, and I would hope that we are managing to achieve that.

By far though, our biggest achievement this year, is getting mains water into the site after all this time. We are very grateful to the City & County of Swansea, who wanted to get water into one of the stock fields, and who took on the task of dealing with all of the bureaucracy involved – planning permission, numerous surveys (environmental, trees, badgers, and even one for unexploded ordnance(!)), liaising with Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water, as well as engaging the appropriate contractors to do the work. Even with their expertise, it still took over a year when they originally thought it might be a few months! However, it is now in, and thanks to Craig and friends, who did all the work on our side of the fence, we have a water station, and just lately a washing up station. It is well worth visiting the site just to see the structures they have created to house these facilities.

The next stage is to investigate how we can instal ‘proper’ toilets and showers, to supplement the compost toilets that we have on site. We also need to decide what other facilities and/or activities we can provide within a limited budget. Hopefully by the time you read this, we will have had a meeting of interested parties and gathered up suggestions as to how we can enhance the site and give users what they want. If you have any ideas or suggestions (at any time) though, please let us know.

Our work is very far from done and we would welcome any additional help that you can provide, from a few hours to an occasional day. We have a monthly working

party, usually on the first Saturday of the month, and if you would like to come along and lend a hand, let us know and we will include you on the WhatsApp group. It does not have to be a Saturday and if you can come on an alternative day, get in touch.

It is very pleasing to see the site getting busier and busier. Covid slowed things down for a few years, but now we are seeing more visitors than ever. In terms of income, log sales are still slightly higher than camping income - 55% log sales and 45% camping last year, but there are already signs that that position will be reversed in this current year. Whilst we are able to, we will still carry out log sales though as they help generate income that can then be put back into improving the site, but it is very pleasing to see more and more income coming in from camping.

Despite everything else going on, we exist to provide facilities for our Scouting members. Having recently been re-designated from greenfield to a campsite, will only help our situation and lead to more visitors coming. It is very pleasing to see more local Scouting (and Guiding) groups using the site, but also seeing quite a few of them now coming from outside of our Area. When we get toilets and showers in, then those figures can only lead to an increase in numbers. Many of our local Scout groups also meet at the site just for an evening during the lighter months (for which there is no charge) and will often have 2 or 3 of them at any one time, with plenty of space to accommodate them. If you are interested in doing the same, then please let us know.

Although we are a Scout centre, we still get a lot of visitors from community groups - local schools, DofE groups, the Gower Youth Society, women's wellbeing classes, yoga and meditation retreats, and drum workshops. We have also been very fortunate to host a few weddings, a Chinese community funday and also (again this year) the Gower Climbing Festival. It is amazing to see how the site is transformed when some of these community groups are with us, and very pleasing to see how we can accommodate such large numbers of people and activities without any issues. Apart from your own Scouting group, if you are involved in any community group that you think may benefit from a visit/retreat, then please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate them.

I end as ever, by offering my grateful thanks to all those who have helped us during the year, but especially to Peter (Muxworthy) and Craig (Seaman), without whom I would suggest there would be no Moorlakes. Peter and I often discuss our aches and pains, and how we are both getting on in life, when having lunch up there. It is true, but as long as we are able to, along with Craig and helpers, we will continue to work and try to provide a Scout Centre that is admired by all. We do need your ideas and help to do it though, so do not be shy or bashful - please come forward with both and get involved!

Allen Aldred

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Neath Scout Campsite, Cadoxton



This last year has been very successful for Cadoxton, we have fully adopted an online scout manager-based booking system which has allowed us to reach new groups from further afield that we haven't before. It also lightens the load for the team with meeting group with contactless bookings.

The committee has not changed in the last year in terms of its membership, we formally meet around 4 times a year but are in regular communication between the running of the shop and requirements from the camp site.

The Scout shop continues to be a huge success for the site with many thousands of badges provided to groups in the area and further afield, we have decided to invest in the shop this year with a refurbishment and the shop has been emptied, painted, stock sorted, and new badge organisers fitted. A special thank you must go to the whole team who have put a phenomenal amount of effort and time into ensuring the shops continued success.

The site has been used by many Scout groups from all over Glamorgan West, South Wales and further afield, we also continue to host sessions for local fitness classes, the local conservation group as well as other groups and community initiatives.

Financially the site is in the best position it has been since the millennium with a large amount of money received last year as part of the legacy of John Leitz (DC Neath 1953-1963), We continue to plan to use this money to improve the site and offering of activities we can give to our visitors.

We are also looking to improve the car parking and drainage at the main hall as over years this has eroded the car part and entrance way, we are still in communication with Neath Port Talbot Council regarding solutions to drainage and if planning permission will be required, this has been delayed due to change of local councillors.

Going forward we are exploring the plan for Cadoxton over the next 10 years as the building will unfortunately not last forever and we must start planning now to ensure this facility is still there in the future.

I would like to thank all the members of the Cadoxton Committee for their continued support over the last 12 months and going forward. If anyone would like to join the committee please get in touch.

Thanks again

Rhys Mainwaring
Chairperson.

Silver Cross Scout Activity Centre



Finally we seem to be clear of the spectre of Covid 19 and thankfully the year 2022-23 saw a return to similar numbers as pre-pandemic. However, our outgoings have remained high as we have struggled to get everything back shipshape on site. The site was well used by local Glam West groups and also with visiting groups from England and Wales, including Raysfield, Corby, London, Bromsgrove, Hendon, Oxford, Chipping Norton, Malvern, Eastleigh, Streatham, Worcester, Cardiff and Penmark. We had a visit from the Swedish Explorer Belt expedition in early summer, and also our regulars from Warlingham School DofE groups making a welcome return after Covid. The Kingdom Conference of the Christadelphians had a very successful youth camp in July - so much so that they've booked again for 2024 already. Also Silver Cross was the venue for some outdoor First Aid courses run by David Lee. Bookings for 2023 are very strong so we look forward to yet another busy summer.

Maintenance has again been the main focus again since the end of the second lockdown and we finally see us gaining against Nature's onslaught! In order to help with the yearly task of clearing leaves the site has invested in a leaf sweeper which will be towed behind our mower. Drainage between the Lid and the Campfire circle has also been undertaken. We did have a water leak in the Laundry which wasn't detected for a few weeks unfortunately, but all is now fixed.

The Lid was finally completed during summer of 2022 and has proved to be a great asset to the site and it has been used extensively. In June we sadly lost a great friend of the site after illness - Mark 'Muc' James, who many of you will remember for his circus skills sessions and his juggling. We decided to dedicate the Lid in his memory, and we had a small dedication and buffet for this in October and we were pleased that Muc's family was here for this.

The abseil tower is no more, having been professionally dismantled in early Spring this year. We do have plans for a brand new activity for this location ready for 2024 - watch this space!

All the other activities are now up and running, with Archery, Tomahawk Throwing, Splatapult, Crate Stacking, Spiderland, QR Code Trail, Soft Crossbows, Team Building, Orienteering and Pioneering Spars available. We have purchased a new container to store the crate stacking equipment securely and away from any possible contamination from petrol fumes and chemicals.

Three sections now use the site for their weekly meetings, 4th Lliw Pontarddlais Cubs and 4th Lliw Pontarddlais Beavers for the summer meetings and Draig Arian ESU who meet all year - it's great to hear voices ringing around the site and to feel the site alive after a quieter winter.

Our annual tree safety survey and work was carried out professionally in April, and all remedial work was carried out. Ever since the very sad fatality that occurred in Manor House Wildlife Park some years ago we have been as proactive as we can by engaging professionals who know what they're doing to undertake the safety survey for us annually and to carry out any remedial work needed. If the unthinkable should happen when people are camping we have the peace of mind that we've done as much as we can to keep the campsite safe.

After the cancellation of our Las Vegas Night because of Covid 19 restrictions, it was great to see this back up again in November, and next year's will be on Saturday November 25th - a date for your diaries. Although the evening was a success, it was very disappointing to see the lack of support from our Area for this. It is always a great evening for those who turn up, and it would be fantastic to see more of our own attend - we, as usual, had our friends from Douglas, Cork, make the journey across the sea to attend and support us.

A reminder please, also, that we've signed up to Easyfundraising, so if you can, please support us on <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/silvercrossscoutcentre/>. As you buy anything online or with a card a donation will be made to us if you go via the easyfundraising website first - it will not cost you anything, you will get your shopping normally, but it can help us. Thank you.

Finally, I really need to thank the members of the Service Team who as usual have pulled out the stops to get things running on the site this year. I know I say this every year but I can't over emphasise how amazing these people are, some spending almost every weekend in the year here at the site where possible despite family commitments. A HUGE thank you to you all - it would not be possible for Silver Cross to function as it does without you :)

Don't forget to keep checking our website, and while you're at it check out our Facebook page as well to keep up-to-date with what's happening. Here's to a good 2023 and even better 2024!

Andy Shurey, Warden
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Area Membership Census

	2022					2023					2022 vs 2023					
	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total	% change
Squirrels	6	6	0	0	12	6	6	0	0	12	+6	+6	0	0	+12	+392%
Beaver Scouts	283	87	0	0	370	291	77	0	0	368	+8	-10	0	0	-2	-1%
Cub Scouts	397	110	0	0	507	392	118	0	0	510	-5	+8	0	0	+3	1%
Scouts	253	83	3	0	339	256	89	0	0	345	+3	+6	-3	0	+6	2%
Explorer Scouts*	73	27	0	0	100	69	19	3	0	91	-4	-8	+3	0	-9	-9%
Total Membership	1012	313	3	0	1328	1050	320	3	0	1373	+38	+7	0	0	+45	3%

*Explorer Scouts figures include Young Leaders


	2022	2023	2022 vs 2023
Squirrel Scout Dreys	3	3	0
Beaver Scout Colonies	29	29	0
Cub Scout Packs	31	31	0
Scout Troops	26	26	0
Explorer Scout Units, including YL	11	11	0

Units			
Groups	35	35	0

Glamorgan West Area Scout Council
Report and Accounts 2022-2023

	2023	
Summary - Cash & Bank Balances	Income	Expenditure
Area	£ 14,458.50	£ 34,234.34
Area Events	£ 8,157.38	£ 2,458.73
SilverCross	£ 26,088.82	£ 31,730.55
Parc Le Breos	£ -	£ -
Moorlakes	£ 19,698.10	£ 14,101.97
Neath Scout Campsite & Shop	£ 25,223.85	£ 24,963.51
Training	£ -	£ 221.98
Totals	£ 86,149.27	£ 107,711.08
		£ 458,157.32

I confirm that I am satisfied with the financial information provided and there is no cause or issue for concern.


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David Butler
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Area Chairs Report

I would like to thank you all for approving my nomination as your Chair at the 2021AGM. Not having a Scouting background this year has been a steep learning curve for me once again. I am incredibly grateful for the support given to me by all members of the current Area Executive and the members of the previous Area Executive as they have made the task of managing the exec in 2022 much easier. I would like to particularly thank Gary Evans, (the previous Chair), Allen Aldred (property), Peter Muxworthy (accounts) and Pat (training) and Ann who have always made themselves available but now I need to make mention of our new comers who coming out of covid have worked so hard.

People on the exec like Gareth Killa our new treasurer has set a whole new banking system in place for us. Kyle Robinson our new Property guru helped us to buy our Gorseinon hall and is working with all groups to establish title and ownership. Graham Rees Evans our new area commissioner is working hard to rebrand and refashion West Glamorgan Scouts for 2022 and beyond. All of the area executive have stepped up their activities to make our new Scouts 2022 function so well.

On the uniform side Rob Redmond moved back to his original role as our Regional commissioner but yet he has been there supporting the area as we have stepped forward out from covid.

The constraints of Covid-19 and the impact that it has had on our personal and working lives has meant that we have had to do a lot of our business via Zoom, however coming out from covid:

We now have 1328 members on the January census which is up 35%

We see activities up, Skills workshops, Paddleboarding, canoeing, walking rock climbing, development of trainers and assessors all increasing. See graph attached regarding water activities.

Over the Last 12 months I have visited our camp sites, I have visited, Fforestfach, Baglan and Sketty groups

I have met with the area commissioner; the Activity Team Leaders Gareth and Andrew and they all have one thing in common and that is a positive story of growth and greater activity to share. Our area outdoor activity teams Led by Gareth and Andrew have been very busy taking

youngsters in groups both canoeing and rock climbing with their new equipment which you can now evidence this on our Glamorgan West website.

I have also met with neighbours of groups, helped to sort out issues that have arisen and been something of a support to all of our groups as we grow our brand of scouting in this area of Glamorgan West in 2022.

I look at all the reports from all of the areas involved and they all have one thing in common, i.e. positive growth and lots of activity. This to me is what Scouting is about.

Last year we rebranded the AGM to a day of activities, skills and showing off what we do so well in Scouting. This was a great success and a larger group than ever attended. Listened and took part in the business and award ceremony.

All of this has enabled me to keep our focus as an area exec and to keep the business side going forward in order to sustain our uniformed activities.

Hopefully, even better times are still coming and look forward to meeting even more of you during the autumn.

One thing that I have discovered during my three years as chair is that Scouting in our Area is growing and that it has an abundance of dedicated and committed volunteers, who willingly give up their time to provide quality Scouting to our youth membership and on occasions to our adult membership.

I would like to thank you one and all for your commitment in taking things forward over the last year, and long may you continue to do so.

Kind Regards to you all

Gareth Watkins - Area Chair

Area Commissioners Report

Wow, has it been a year already?

It only seems like a couple of months ago that I was being invested at the 2021 Area AGM. But then again, a lot has happened in the last year. Thanks go to Rob Redmond for holding the reins after Andrew stood down.

The area has bounced back incredibly well after COVID and moving in and out of lockdowns, with every group now back to full strength, or even showing signs of growth.

It has been amazing to see so many young people attending area, district and group events and having fun, learning new skills and socialising together.

As the figures show, unsurprisingly, we grew by 35% between the 2021 and 2022 census. We knew that in January 2021 groups were still struggling to engage with their young people physically, and some groups were still not meeting at all. However, by January 2022 almost all the groups within the area were back up and running to full capacity. The growth between pre-lockdown and post-lockdown was 3%, an increase on the previous year (between 2019 and 2020 of 2%).

New Squirrel Drays have grown in 3 groups in the area (1st Neath, Baglan and Fforestfach) with booming numbers and waiting lists in each.

Scouting still plays a massive part in the community of Swansea and Neath Port Talbot with Scout Groups throughout the area engaging with a variety of projects in their local communities, including joining in with Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

We are very fortunate in this area to have had our executive finances managed so well in the past that we can now support groups and area teams. Some notable activities have included supporting new activities through the area activity team through the purchase of new equipment; physically securing area assets through grants for fencing; securing the future of a Scouting presence in Gorseinon through the purchase of land; and helping to grow the provision of Scouting in Sketty through a donation to help with extending their meeting space.

I said in my address at the 2021 AGM that I had a rough idea of the direction I would like to see us go as an Area. I also mentioned that there are lots of things we do very well as

an area (which I would leave flourish), but there were also areas where we could do better, and those were the areas that I was going to concentrate on first.

We are a movement, and with that comes change.

There are several changes coming from UK Headquarters that aims to improve the joining process, the volunteer journey, adult administration and permits. Information is being released bit by bit – when I know more, you will know more.

What isn't changing is the amazing activities that is delivered by our leaders, assistants and section helpers – things just might look a little different in the near future.

Each member of the area team and the district commissioners have done a sterling job in their respective areas, making the role of Area Commissioner very easy indeed.

Thank you all for your continued support and let's look forward to another amazing year of activities, adventure and fun.

Graham Rees-Evans - Area Commissioner

Area Youth Commissioner Report

As Covid19 Lockdown rules started to ease in the April of 2021, we saw an increase in groups returning to face to face Scouting as we navigated our way through readiness levels of the coming months. As far as I am aware, when we were at a suitable readiness level to return face to face Scouting safely, a number of Groups invited the views of youth as to if they felt ready to return.

Over the summer months, I was involved in the recruitment of a new Area Commissioner and represented Youth Voice on the Area Executive committee.

Whilst having a meeting with Gareth Watkins (The Chair) regarding the upgrade of the AGM, I proposed an AGM/Skills day to accommodate Leaders and Explorers. This was a successful AGM, with lots of activity bases, socialising, music and information. Despite the rain dampening our barbecue, there was a lot of positive feedback with over 15 Explorers and 4 Units in attendance.

There are some improvement points to be considered, for example the timing of the activities which will all be approached at the 2022 AGM.

In September/October there were 2 very large celebrations for Scouting Youth.

- Squirrels was launched for 4–6-year-olds, with over 3 Dray's in the Area by the end of the year.
- The Youth shaped Award was launched for Beavers – Explorers.

Over the past year, I have visited a number of Sections, to take part in activities or help run the Youth Shaped award. Social media pages have been created for the Area Youth Commissioner to enable members to keep up to date with the latest information

Louisa Shapton - Area Youth Commissioner

Area Activity Team Report

Where do I start, thinking back some 4 years when I first had a discussion about getting the water activities up and running seems a long time ago. After working closely with the Area team to get the funding needed to purchase sufficient equipment to enable water activities to be run for the area. We had a small team of volunteers who stepped up with the interest and appetite to get going, In the first year after getting all our nice shiny new equipment we managed to run a few sessions before we had the small issue of the pandemic. This basically brought the whole project to a halt.

Thankfully as the restrictions eased the team were eager to get up and running. During the first year up to April 2022 we put 260 young people on the water, expanded the team of instructors and also successfully developed some of our team towards gaining a permit.

After the first partial season and after seeing the appetite for activities within the area we decided that the team could expand the range that we offer. A business plan was put forward for funding to purchase climbing equipment, the take up from leaders wanting to be trained was fantastic. We took delivery of the climbing equipment in September 2021 and began training leaders to get their permits in March 2021. After a number of indoor sessions, the team quickly progressed to training at Dinas Rock where many of the instructors successfully passed their permit assessments.

The Activity team also has a number of hill walking permit holders who are happy to take groups out on the hills. Most of these are leaders that already had the knowledge and, in some instances previously held permits. There are a number of Mountain Leader Permits held within the Area these permit holders are able to train other leaders to enable them to get their own permits to take young people walking in some of the most amazing areas which are on our doorstep. Over the past year we have also run a number of Navigation workshops which are almost an introduction to hill walking.

Jumping forward to this year and we are going from strength to strength, here are some figures from the first 6 months of 2022.

- Over 370 people on the water
- 3 water activity instructors developed to Permit level
- 170 people climbing
- 10 climbing permits issued

We were also fortunate enough to have a local company agree to purchase a Mega SUP (8-person stand-up paddleboard) for the Water Activity Team, which has been a huge hit with all groups that have already been out on the Mega SUP.

As a summary we now have the following activities available to all groups Kayaking, Canoeing, Mega SUP, Climbing, Hill Walking, Navigation Training.

We are due to take delivery of stand-up paddle boards soon ready for next season.

We want to continue to expand the activities and training that we offer even further. If you have experience in any of the activities we already have or a new activity that can be added to our expanding list of offerings please get in touch and we can work together to share your knowledge and experience with others.

If you don't have experience of the activities, we offer but want to get involved in delivering these to our youth members you will always be welcomed by the team.

Andy Webborn – Assistant Area Commissioner Activities
(A small part of a much bigger team)

Area Training Report

Well, what a year!! We managed to get back to some face-to-face training. However, leaders have enjoyed discovering new ways of learning. There have been courses locally, within ScoutCymru and the UK. Zoom training courses have been a bonus and have enabled leaders to continue towards their Wood Badges. This has allowed us to have a greater number of leaders achieving their Wood Badges this year.

Validation is still a problem, but plans are now in place to create a better system including drop-in validation evenings and weekends across the Area starting in September. Keep an eye on the new Glamorgan West Web site.

There have been 24 Wood badges recommended during the period March 2021 - March 2022

Diane Taylor	Dai Jones	Fiona Dark
Jenni Aazem	Kristopher Venkiah	Nathan James
Dirk Germon	Jon Rees	Rhian Rees
Glen Routledge	Joshua Caulton	Ceri Francis
Debra Lawrence	John Foster	Vicky Richards
Lloyd Roblin	Nicola Whitefoot	Zoe Craven
Rhys Morris	Fern Phillips	Steven Thomas
Angela Thomas	Gareth Davies	Louise Davies

My thanks go to them all for their achievement and continued support to Scouting in the Area.

Non-Compliance figures are coming down but still not at an ideal 5%. We need to ensure that all leaders, managers and supporters keep their Safety and Safeguarding up to date to ensure our young people are safe.

Our next challenge is First Response and for leaders and Managers who have chosen to complete the e-learning and zoom sessions with ScoutsCymru to attend one of the 10B practical sessions as soon as possible

Wood Badges should also be completed within the allotted 3 years. The Area TAs have again been challenged to help leaders who are passed this time or nearing it. If you need help, please ask.

There has been a fantastic array of Zoom sessions across the Area, Wales and the UK both for leaders and young people which will hopefully continue and be enjoyed going forward.

We started a Young Leader Training Programme in December 2019, and this will restart as soon as we get the sessions organised. We have had a good intake of YLs attending the sessions and we need to encourage them as much as possible. These are the leaders of the future, and this training is essential to their continued involvement within the sections

Finally, my thanks go to all the members of the Training team for their support, commitment and friendship which has enabled us to achieve so much during the past year and hopefully continue to a better and more rewarding 2022-2023

Pat Thomas – Area Training Manager

Campsites and Activity Centres

Moorlakes Wood Scout Centre



Well although things may not have fully returned to 'normal' post-Covid, we are getting there! The last twelve months have seen a steady increase in usage of the site, both by Scouting and by community-based users. Our main priority will always be users from Scouting, but we do welcome enquiries from community groups, especially from schools and recognised youth groups.

Reynoldston Scouts are regular users of the site, and we have also hosted sections from Killay, Clydach, Clase, Gowerton and Sketty Scout Groups. We have also hosted the Area Beaver Fun Day, as well as the Area Explorer Camp in the last few months. It is good to see the site being used by Scouting on a regular basis, and what is especially pleasing is that we will have a busy summer, hosting camps from local Groups, as well as at least four Explorer Units from outside of the Area. We are also due to host an Area Executive Meeting in the roundhouse, so I hope for their sakes it is a warm and dry evening! There are plenty of individual camping sites at Moorlakes and more than enough space to host quite a few Groups, so if you are planning a camp (or even an activity day), then please get in touch with us at moorlakes@gowerscoutcampsire.org.uk

From the community, we have hosted a weekly home education class, weekly visits from Townhill Community School, various drum tuition classes, a wellness weekend, an environmental group from Bristol, the Gower Climbing Festival, an outdoor dance event and an outdoor cinema (showing the Blair Witch Project!). If that was not enough of a mixture, we have also hosted two weddings – one a handfasting ceremony, and the other involving the couple making their vows in front of a celebrant. Moorlakes is truly a magical

place and provides a stunning background to this sort of occasion, so if you, or any other couple you know, are looking for a place to celebrate or make your vows somewhere quite different, then contact us and we will see what can be done for you.

The construction of the roundhouse proved such a success that Craig, together with some of his friends, decided to have a go at constructing a square house (I keep telling him that it is really a rectangle house, but he says that does not sound right!). There is still a little work to do on it, such as finishing off the sides, but when completely finished, it will be as impressive as the roundhouse. If you have not had an opportunity to see either of these buildings (which have both been made from wood sourced from the site), then make sure you book a visit to the site, for an evening, for an activity day, or for an overnight camp.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to progress the conversion of the second WWII shelter into a bunkhouse, as we need to have proper drawings prepared for planning permission, and we need to address the issue of the resident bats! We aim to tackle this in the next twelve months however. The installation of a fresh water supply is also progressing, albeit slower than we would have liked. After talks with City & County of Swansea (who want to bring a water supply into a nearby stock field), they agreed to take over the bureaucracy of obtaining the relevant searches, planning permission and the environmental reports needed, as well as dealing with Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water. They are even proposing to use an in-house team to instal the pipe, which should keep costs down. It is very unlikely that we will have the supply in for this season's camping, but I can see no reason why it should not be in for the start of next year. Once in, it will be a tremendous asset to the site, and will open up all sorts of opportunities for us.

Log sales, which are a by-product of keeping the site tidy and safe (of fallen and dangerous trees), are still a good source of income of us. The new road mower has already proved to be a tremendous asset to the site, not only aiding us in keeping the grass length down, but also in helping remove bramble. With it, we can do in a day what it used to take us a week before. We still need brush cutters and grass trimmers to finish things off however and with this in mind, we are always looking for additional help when carrying out jobs like this, so if you can spare a few hours, then please contact Craig, Peter, or me.

There are occasions when we need major things doing and are seeking lots of help, so watch out for Facebook messages on the Glamorgan West Area Leaders page – and please help!

As ever, I end by offering my grateful thanks to our (very small) band of regular volunteers – Peter Muxworthy and Craig Seaman, together with a few others including Rowan Luckman, Beth McCarroll, and Chris and Tracy Margetts. The site does not run itself, so if you or your Scouts would like to come up for activity days, nights away, or just a service day, let us know and we can always find something for you to do!

Allen Aldred

Neath Scout Campsite, Cadoxton



The last 12 months for Cadoxton has been excellent with many changes to the site and new visitors coming to stay.

The committee has seen very little change apart from a very recent change of treasurer in recent months, of course in the future the goal is to grow the committee.

The Scout shop has been an excellent success in the last 12 months not only have the team supplied thousands upon thousands of badges to the Groups in Glamorgan West but also sending badges and uniform further afield to other local scout shops around the country to support them. A massive thank you must go to Ann Harries, Lynda Powell, Pat Thomas for the work they have done week in week out and Graham Rees Evans for the changes he has made by bringing in Card Payments and also putting in a process to reduce the shop debtors by 80% in a year! We have been lucky enough to be able to grow the shop team with the addition of Sarah Riby and Emily Davies.

The site has been used by many Scout groups from all over Glamorgan West, South Wales and further afield, we also continue to host sessions for local fitness classes, the local conservation group and we've even had a local rugby team stay.

Financially we have been very grateful to have received a legacy as part of the John Leitz estate (DC Neath 1953-1963) this can be seen in our accounts, we have started to use this legacy to secure the site for future years.

We have in the last year tackled our largest risk to the site which was the security after several issues in the last 10 years with damage being done to the site. We have done what many of us thought to be too difficult and have been able to fence off the site to prevent trespassing and damage, but this will allow us in the future to invest in site activities for visitors. Due to a sizeable donation by Glamorgan West Area, we have been able to do this whilst still keeping funds available for future investment.

We currently have a very healthy bank balance but we do have a sizeable number of risks to tackle in the coming future, mainly improving the site offering for facilities and securing the main building for the future.

We are also looking to improve the car parking and drainage at the main hall as over years this has eroded the car park and entrance way. We are currently in communication with Neath Port Talbot Council regarding solutions to drainage and whether planning permission will be required.

Looking forward, there are many challenges to come, there are many ideas that we want to implement into Cadoxton to make it the site of the future for many years to come. As we know we have a fantastic asset that just needs some TLC.

I would like to thank all the members of the Cadoxton Committee new and old for their support over the last 12 months

Rhys Mainwaring,
Chairman.

Silver Cross Scout Activity Centre



Covid 19 still had a huge effect on use of Silver Cross over the last year. We eventually had clearance to accept groups camping by the end of July but of course by then the majority of those booked for the summer had cancelled because of uncertainty. We did have a few camping for a few nights but most use of the site was day use by local groups. This obviously had a huge effect on income for the year as the regular Covid payments from the government which we received last year unfortunately didn't happen this year. Our expenditure, however, was still quite high with usual yearly costs but also with maintenance.

Maintenance has been the main focus since the end of the second lockdown. Nature took great delight in growing wild almost everywhere on the site, and major work has been undertaken clearing and repairing. A big thank you to 8th Baglan and Fforestfach groups for their help during the year getting things ready again.

Those of you who have visited the site recently will have seen the work underway for our long-awaited Lid (first mooted at least 20 years ago!) Llangyfelach Community Council kindly donated £2,000 to us and with a late Covid payment from Swansea City Council we decided to eventually go ahead with this project. The Lid will be situated adjacent to the shop and is a 10m x 5m covered area with wheelchair-friendly picnic tables and also lighting for evening use. We know this will be a great addition to the site.

As those of you know who attended the Area AGM held here last September, our abseiling / climbing tower has been deemed not to conform to newer regulations so we had to close this facility. Talks are underway for a replacement but this will be a long-term project and will not be available for 2022. As restrictions lifted, we opened up more

of our activities, with Archery, Tomahawk Throwing, Splatapult, QR Code Trail, Soft Crossbows, Team Building, Orienteering and Pioneering Spars available, and more recently we have re-opened Spiderland which is already proving as popular as ever. Hopefully the Crate Stacking will be back up and running during summer 2022.

Three sections now use the site for their weekly meetings, 4th Lliw Pontarddulais Cubs and Beavers for the summer meetings and Draig Arian ESU who meet all year - it's great to hear voices ringing around the site and to feel the site alive again.

Our annual tree safety survey and work was carried out professionally in April, and this year there was less work needed than usual thankfully. There was also some storm damage thanks to Dudley, Eunice and Franklin! Ever since the very sad fatality that occurred in Manor House Wildlife Park some years ago, we have been as proactive as we can by engaging professionals who know what they're doing to undertake the safety survey for us annually and to carry out any remedial work needed. If the unthinkable should happen when people are camping, we have the peace of mind that we've done as much as we can to keep the campsite safe.

Another casualty of Covid 19 restrictions was the cancellation of our popular yearly Las Vegas Night in November, but hopefully this year's will go ahead on November 26th – please check with our Facebook page for any updates. A reminder please, also, that we've signed up to Easyfundraising, so if you can, please support us on <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/silvercrossscoutcentre/> .

As you buy anything online or with a card a donation will be made to us if you go via the easyfundraising website first – it will not cost you anything, you will get your shopping normally, but it can help us. Thank you.

Finally, I really need to thank the members of the Service Team who have pulled out the stops to get things running on the site this year. I know I say this every year but I can't over emphasise how amazing these people are, some spending almost every weekend in the year here at the site where possible despite family commitments. A HUGE thank you to you all – it would not be possible for Silver Cross to function as it does without you :)

Don't forget to keep checking our website, and while you're at it check out our Facebook page as well to keep up-to-date with what's happening. Here's to a good 2022 and even better 2023!

Andy Shurey, Campsite Warden

Area Membership Census

	2021					2022					2021 vs 2022					
	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total	% change
Squirrels						6	6	0	0	12	+6	+6	0	0	+12	
Beaver Scouts	220	47	0	0	267	283	87	0	0	370	+63	+40	0	0	+103	39%
Cub Scouts	303	71	0	0	374	397	110	0	0	507	+94	+39	0	0	+133	36%
Scouts	180	71	1	0	252	253	83	3	0	339	+73	+12	+2	0	+87	35%
Explorer Scouts*	62	27	0	0	89	73	27	0	0	100	+11	0	0	0	+11	12%
Total Membership	765	216	1	0	982	1012	313	3	0	1328	+247	+97	+2	0	+346	35%

*Explorer Scouts figures include Young Leaders

	2021	2022	2021 vs 2022
Squirrel Scout Dreys		3	+3
Beaver Scout Colonies	29	29	0
Cub Scout Packs	33	31	-2
Scout Troops	28	26	-2
Explorer Scout Units, including YL Units	10	11	+1
Groups	37	35	-2

Glamorgan West Area Scout Council

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Income

31/3/2022

£157866	(Area)
£12566	(Silvercross)
£0	(PLB)
£0	(Area Events)
£18810	(Moorlakes)
£63345	(JLC)

£252587


Expenditure

31/3/20122

£114345	(Area)
£18998	(Silvercross)
£8841	(PLB)
£0	(Area Events)
£15829	(Moorlakes)
£38585	(JLC)

£196598

I confirm that I am satisfied with the financial information provided and there is no cause or issue for concern.


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David Butler
AAT

17/08/2022

GLAMORGAN WEST AREA SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 524963

Accounts

Charity Number : 524963

**GLAMORGAN WEST AREA SCOUT COUNCIL
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

Bevan Buckland LLP
Chartered Accountants
SWANSEA

GLAMORGAN WEST AREA SCOUT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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GLAMORGAN WEST AREA SCOUT COUNCIL

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	524963
TRUSTEES (ALL ASPECTS)	Mr Allen Aldred JP Mr Robert Gary Evans Mrs Ann Harries MBE JP DL Mr Steven Jones Mrs Paula Morris Mr Peter Muxworthy MBE JP FCA Mr Robert Redmond Mr Graham Rees-Evans Mr Roger Rees-Evans Mr Craig Seaman Mrs Diane Taylor Mrs Pat Thomas Mr Gareth Watkins Mrs Jess Williams Miss Louisa Shapton (appointed 12 November 2020)
PRINCIPAL OFFICE	Langdon House Langdon Road SA1 Swansea Waterfront Swansea SA1 8QY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Henry Lloyd Davies Bevan Buckland LLP Langdon House Langdon Road SA1 Swansea Waterfront SA1 8QY
BANKERS	Lloyds TSB Plc P O Box 66 Swansea SA1 3AP

**GLAMORGAN WEST AREA SCOUT COUNCIL
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report together with financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

OBJECTS & ACTIVITIES

The council's objects and regulations are regulated by the constitution of the Scout Area and under that deed is constituted as an unincorporated association.

The object of the council within the structure of the Scout Association is to provide leadership, advice and support to Scout Groups situated within the City and County of Swansea and the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot in Wales.

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity's Commission's General Guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set. The Trustees believe the objects of providing leadership, advice and support in scout group does constitute a public benefit.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The council is managed by an Area Executive Committee. This body supports the Area Commissioner in meeting his responsibilities and also supports Scout Districts within the area.

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

During 2020/21 the Area carried out the Scout Association's aim, Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. This was achieved by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership. The training of the Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scout and Explorer Scouts was arranged by Leaders, who were supported by Group, District and Area Commissioners and Administrators.

The 2021 Youth Membership Census total was 982 members. There were also 480 adult volunteers.

The Area, the Districts and the Groups held events and activities to allow the young people to learn new skills and earn Badges and Awards. These events included the Area-arranged relevant Adult (Leader) Training Courses to enable Leaders and Commissioners to gain their Wood Badges. This ensured that the young people received their training from trained Leaders.

During 2020/21 all Commissioners and Leaders were unpaid volunteers. The only paid personnel used were persons employed by the Scout Association, who gave advice and assisted on training courses.

The Area is a trust established under its rules, which are common to the Groups, Districts and the Area.

GLAMORGAN WEST AREA SCOUT COUNCIL

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total income for the year was £149,556 of which £47,272 was spent on direct charitable expenditure.

This has resulted in net incoming resources of £108,302 including an increase of £8,956 on the market value of investments.

The General Fund covers the income and expenditure incurred by Glamorgan West Area Scout Council in carrying out its role in respect of its objectives.

All assets are held to achieve the objects of the charity.

FIXED ASSETS

Details of changes in fixed assets are set out in Note 6 to the accounts.

TRUSTEES AND PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

The Trustees who held office during the year were:

All Aspects

Mr Allen Aldred JP
Mr Robert Gary Evans
Mrs Ann Harries MBE JP DL
Mr Steven Jones
Mrs Paula Morris
Mr Peter Muxworthy MBE JP FCA
Mr Robert Redmond
Mr Graham Rees-Evans
Mr Roger Rees-Evans
Mr Craig Seaman
Mrs Diane Taylor
Mrs Pat Thomas
Mr Gareth Watkins
Mrs Jess Williams
Miss Louisa Shapton (appointed 12 November 2020)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Area Constitution and the Scout Association's Policies and Rules.

TAXATION STATUS

The council is a registered charity and has no tax liability arising on the surplus for the year.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that these, combined with our annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which we face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

RESERVES POLICY

Glamorgan West Area Scout Council aims to build up reserves in future years to enable it to continue and expand the services they currently provide and develop new projects in the future.

At the year end there was a balance of £579,103 in General Funds. The Trustees consider this level of reserves adequate to meet the future needs of the Charity.

By order of the Board

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TRUSTEE

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DATE

GLAMORGAN WEST AREA SCOUT COUNCIL**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Glamorgan West Area Scout Council

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Glamorgan West Area Scout Council for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Trust 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.

Henry Lloyd Davies
ICAEW
Bevan Buckland LLP
Langdon House
Langdon Road
SA1 Swansea Waterfront
Swansea
SA1 8QY

Date:

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		Unrestricted General Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted General Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds:					
Sundry Donations		20,741.74	20,741.74	2,442.00	2,442.00
Activity Fees & Other Income		12,564.66	12,564.66	59,892.57	59,892.57
Investment Income		2,678.93	2,678.93	2,820.80	2,820.80
Bank Interest Revenue		1.82	1.82	61.62	61.62
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities:					
Grants receivable		113,000.00	113,000.00	12,229.02	12,229.02
Tuck shop receipts		133.00	133.00	3,164.68	3,164.68
Sale of Equipment		296.03	296.03	17,284.85	17,284.85
Total Incoming Resources		149,416.18	149,416.18	97,895.54	97,895.54
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Consumable goods for resale		2,936.93	2,936.93	16,134.16	16,134.16
		2,936.93	2,936.93	16,134.16	16,134.16
Charitable Activities		47,272.37	47,272.37	89,462.40	89,462.40
Total Resources Expended	4	50,209.30	50,209.30	105,596.56	105,596.56
Net gains/(losses) on investments		8,955.57	8,955.57	(11,605.11)	8,955.55
Net Income / (Expenditure)		108,162.45	108,162.45	(19,306.13)	(19,306.13)
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS		108,162.45	108,162.45	(19,306.13)	(19,306.13)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Fund Balance brought forward		470,800.65	470,800.65	490,106.78	490,106.78
Fund Balance carried forward	11	578,963.10	578,963.10	470,800.65	470,800.65

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	6		211,933.67		212,389.60
Investments	7		49,340.85		40,385.30
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	8	11,031.21		12,529.45	
Debtors	9	6,311.73		13,486.62	
Cash at Bank	13	<u>300,535.64</u>		<u>201,357.66</u>	
			317,878.58		227,373.73
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors due within one year	10	<u>50.00</u>		<u>9,347.98</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			<u>317,828.58</u>		<u>218,025.75</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS					
			<u>579,103.10</u>		<u>470,800.65</u>
FUNDS					
General Funds	12		<u>579,103.10</u>		<u>470,800.65</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on and were signed on their behalf by:

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TRUSTEE

ACCOUNTING POLICIES**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021****1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES****a) Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going

b) Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

c) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes falling in future time periods.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Donations and voluntary income are accounted for gross when received.

d) Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the income can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Grant income is accounted for on an accruals basis; and shown in the financial statements when the charity earns the unconditional right to funds.

e) Resources Expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred, including irrecoverable VAT.

Cost of generating funds comprises costs associated with attracting grant income. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in delivery of its activities, both costs directly attributable and indirect support costs. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

e) **Resources Expended (cont)**

All costs allocated between expenditure categories are on a basis designed to reflect their resource usage. For some costs this means direct allocation to activities, other costs are apportioned, e.g. by staff time spent on an activity, or another equitable measure.

f) **Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:-

Leasehold Property	- Over 43 years
Furniture and Equipment	- 25% Reducing Balance
Freehold Land	- Not depreciated
Plant and Machinery - Moorlakes	- Over 4 years

g) **Grants Receivable**

Grants for immediate expenditure are accounted for when they become receivable. Grants received for specific purposes are treated as restricted funds. Grants restricted to future accounting periods are deferred and recognised in these periods.

h) **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

i) **Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

j) **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any discounts due.

k) **Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments held within a deposit or similar account.

l) **Creditors**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

m) **Financial Statements**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 INCOME AND NET INCOMING RESOURCES ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

The turnover and net incoming resources on ordinary activities is attributable to the principal activity of the charity.

Net incoming resources on ordinary activities is stated after charging:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation	<u>455.93</u>	<u>455.93</u>

2 INTEREST RECEIVABLE

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank Interest Receivable	<u>1.82</u>	<u>61.62</u>

GLAMORGAN WEST AREA SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

3 ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	General £	Silver Cross Training Centre £	JLC (Neath) £	Parc Le Breos Training £	Area Training Team £	Area Events £	Moorlakes £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Support costs by activity:									
Supplies for shop	-	1,498.24	1,438.69	-	-	-	-	2,936.93	16,134.16
Room Hire	221.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	221.20	-
Chain saw expenses, petrol and diesel	-	-	-	-	-	-	590.00	590.00	2,932.00
Printing, Stationery & Secretarial Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	421.20
County Competitions & Courses	80.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	80.50	-
Travel & Subsistence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	546.72
Postage & Telephone	-	692.02	-	-	-	-	-	692.02	703.73
Presentations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46.89
Insurance	868.50	1,355.18	1,954.49	321.65	-	-	1,086.63	5,586.45	5,026.18
Bryn Road Expenses	4,763.03	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,763.03	1,189.81
Area Events Activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,291.18
Repairs & Maintenance	-	8,723.20	3,779.32	38.61	-	-	954.78	13,495.91	28,170.88
Heat & Light	-	5,412.42	188.04	-	-	-	-	5,600.46	9,884.15
Water	-	68.66	-	53.80	-	-	-	122.46	154.04
Rent	-	875.00	-	-	-	-	-	875.00	3,258.40
Gorseinon	420.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	420.00	-
Florestfach	735.31	-	-	-	-	-	-	735.31	741.90
Killay	(992.32)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(992.32)	-
Bryncoch	2,987.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,987.99	-
Sea Scouts	3,584.81	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,584.81	15,305.24
Woodcraft	2,018.26	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,018.26	807.41
Skips	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,255.80
Sundry Expenses	74.31	-	12.99	-	-	-	-	87.30	663.71
Television	-	489.90	-	-	-	-	-	489.90	460.50
Membership & Badges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,080.71
Roundhouse	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,084.65	1,084.65	-
Depreciation	-	455.93	-	-	-	-	-	455.93	455.93
Training Resources	-	-	-	-	269.02	-	-	269.02	876.10
Minibus	691.24	-	-	-	-	-	-	691.24	1,648.50
Shower and toilet block hire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	83.85
Return of camping deposits	-	-	-	50.00	-	-	-	50.00	-
Website hosting and domain name registration	-	-	-	86.25	-	-	-	86.25	2,852.34
Bat survey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	785.00
Cattle Grid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,695.04
Cesspit emptying	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250.00
Marquee purchase	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	350.00
Star tents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	237.98
BBQ's	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	270.00
Disco equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	900.00
2 Containers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	117.21
ESU Census	2,907.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,907.00	-
Environment Agency	-	342.00	-	-	-	-	-	342.00	-
Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	28.00	28.00	-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	18,359.83	19,912.55	7,373.53	550.31	269.02	-	3,744.06	50,209.30	105,596.56

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

4 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustee's expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31

5 STAFF COSTS

There were no staff costs for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant & Machinery Moorlakes £	Freehold Land £	Leasehold Property £	Furniture & Equipment £	Total £
COST					
As at 1 April 2020	16,255.69	202,815.06	19,989.11	22,747.16	261,807.02
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2021	<u>16,255.69</u>	<u>202,815.06</u>	<u>19,989.11</u>	<u>22,747.16</u>	<u>261,807.02</u>
DEPRECIATION					
As at 1 April 2020	16255.69	-	10,414.57	22,747.16	49,417.42
Charge for Year	-	-	455.93	-	455.93
As at 31 March 2021	<u>16,255.69</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,870.50</u>	<u>22,747.16</u>	<u>49,873.35</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>202,815.06</u>	<u>9,574.54</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>212,389.60</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>202,815.06</u>	<u>9,118.61</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>211,933.67</u>

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7 INVESTMENTS	2021	2020
	£	£
The Equities Investment Fund for Charities		
3,378 units - Market Value	49,340.85	40,385.30
	<u>49,340.85</u>	<u>40,385.30</u>
The cost of investments at 31 March 2021 was £30,000 (31 March 2020: £30,000)		
8 STOCKS	2021	2020
	£	£
JLC (Neath) Stock (Estimate)	10,000.00	10,000.00
Silver Cross Stock	1,031.21	2,529.45
	<u>11,031.21</u>	<u>12,529.45</u>
	<u>11,031.21</u>	<u>12,529.45</u>
9 DEBTORS	2021	2020
	£	£
Due within one year:		
Levy	-	-
Sundries	714.00	1,360.00
Payments in advance	3,208.96	9,138.63
Loans	1,438.80	-
Bryncoch	800.00	2,987.99
Insurance	149.97	-
	<u>6,311.73</u>	<u>10,498.63</u>
	<u>6,311.73</u>	<u>10,498.63</u>
10 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Sundries	50.00	1,037.50
German Scouts	-	8,310.48
	<u>50.00</u>	<u>1,037.50</u>
	<u>50.00</u>	<u>1,037.50</u>

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11 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	General Funds
	£
Brought Forward	470,800.65
Incoming Resources:	
Revaluation of Investments	8,955.57
Net Incoming Resources before other recognised gains	99,346.88
Carried Forward	<u>579,103.10</u>

12 ANALYSIS OF ASSETS BETWEEN NET FUNDS

	Unrestricted	Total
	General Funds	Funds
	£	£
Fund Balances at 31 March 2021		
Tangible Fixed Assets	211,933.67	211,933.67
Investments	49,340.85	49,340.85
Current Assets	317,878.58	317,878.58
Current Liabilities	(50.00)	(50.00)
	<u>579,103.10</u>	<u>579,103.10</u>

13 CASH AND BANK IN HAND

	2021
	£
JLC Neath	27,371.76
Parc le Breos Scout Activity Centre Area	17,014.32
Area Events	188,561.70
Moorlakes	9,936.11
Area Training Team (ATT)	29,599.24
Silvercross	2,850.40
	25,202.11
	<u>300,535.64</u>

14 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.

GLAMORGAN WEST AREA SCOUT COUNCIL

Appendix 1

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME			
Investment Income		2,678.93	2,820.80
Bank Interest		-	57.60
Silver Cross Surplus	Appendix 2	5,112.19	1,545.59
JLC (Neath) Surplus	Appendix 3	13,198.86	871.72
Levy		-	10,763.35
Parc Le Breos Surplus	Appendix 4	(538.49)	888.16
Sundries		12.50	554.50
Area Training Team	Appendix 5	(269.02)	495.80
Area Events Surplus	Appendix 6	-	1,299.35
Moorlakes Surplus	Appendix 7	8,511.74	8.39
Swansea CC		89,000.00	-
Total Income		<u>117,706.71</u>	<u>19,305.26</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Room Hire		221.20	-
Printing, Stationery & Secretarial Expenses		-	421.20
County Competitions and Courses		80.50	-
Presentations		-	46.89
Insurance		109.09	78.40
Sundry Expenses		74.31	-
Bryn Road Expenses		4,763.03	1,189.81
Sea Scouts Equipment		3,584.81	15,305.24
Licence		-	229.55
Bryncoch		2,987.99	-
Killay		(992.32)	-
Gorseinon		420.00	-
Fforestfach		735.31	741.90
Woodcraft		2,018.26	807.41
Minibus		691.24	1,648.50
6th Mumbles Insurance		759.41	738.73
Website		-	2,306.40
Air Show		-	352.25
Events		-	493.00
Cimla Surveys		-	2,645.00
ESU Census		2,907.00	-
Total Expenditure		<u>18,359.83</u>	<u>27,004.28</u>
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<u>99,346.88</u>	<u>(7,699.02)</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for year on normal activities		99,346.88	(7,699.02)
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		<u>99,346.88</u>	<u>(7,699.02)</u>

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Appendix 2

SILVER CROSS TRAINING CENTRE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2021		2020
	£		£
INCOME			
Camping Fees	150.00		9,595.94
Pembroke Building Fees	-		8,918.00
Archery	-		1,083.76
Tuck Shop Profit			
Sales	133.00		3,164.68
Closing Stock	1,031.21		2,529.45
	<u>1,164.21</u>		<u>5,694.13</u>
LESS Opening Stock	2,529.45		3,161.54
Purchases	<u>-</u>		<u>1,670.48</u>
	(1,365.24)		862.11
Sundry Income	-		1,442.00
Swansea County Council re COVID grant	24,000.00		-
Abseiling	-		345.00
Spiderland	-		838.00
Shooting	-		670.00
Tomahawks	-		852.50
Crate Stacking	-		770.00
Donation	741.74		1,000.00
	<u>23,526.50</u>		<u>26,377.31</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Repairs and Maintenance	8,723.20		10,663.19
Heat and Light	5,412.42		8,302.46
Telephone	692.02		703.73
Insurance	1,355.18		1,318.27
Water	68.66		61.89
Ground Rent	875.00		875.00
Skips	-		1,255.80
Sundry Expenses	-		617.74
Television	489.90		460.50
Environment Agency	342.00		-
Activity Expenses	-		117.21
Depreciation: Fixtures & Fittings	-		
Leasehold Property	<u>455.93</u>		<u>455.93</u>
	455.93		455.93
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year to date	5,112.19		1545.59
	<u>23,526.50</u>		<u>26,377.31</u>

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Appendix 3

J. L. C. (NEATH)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Camping Fees		82.39		2,869.04
Garage Rent		-		170.00
Building Rent		140.00		-
Sales of Equipment - Shop				
Sales	296.03		17,284.85	
Closing Stock (Estimate)	<u>10,000.00</u>		<u>10,000.00</u>	
	10,296.03		27,284.85	
LESS				
Opening Stock	10,000.00		11,149.51	
Purchases	1,235.55		12,505.12	
Expenses	<u>203.14</u>		<u>176.96</u>	
		(1,142.66)		3,453.26
Cadoxton Group Rent		-		320.00
Christmas Post		-		567.72
Donation	20,000.00			-
Easy Fundraising	53.97			-
Insurance Claim		-		6,680.00
Slot Cars		-		90.00
Sundry Income		-		63.70
		<u>19,133.70</u>		<u>14,213.72</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Light, Heat & Water		188.04		1,581.69
Insurance		1,954.49		948.00
Sundry Expenses		12.99		45.97
Maintenance		3,779.32		10,766.34
Surplus (Deficit) Year to date		13,198.86		871.72
		<u>19,133.70</u>		<u>14,213.72</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		<u>13,198.86</u>		<u>871.72</u>

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Appendix 4

PARC LE BREOS SCOUT TRAINING ACTIVITY CENTRE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Income:		
Camp Fees, Deposits and Sale of Badges	10.00	6,543.00
	<u>10.00</u>	<u>6,543.00</u>
Expenditure:		
Return of camping deposits	50.00	-
Rent to Natural Resources Wales	-	2,383.40
Water Rates	53.80	92.15
Gen. site maintenance, Postage, Printing and Travelling Expenses	38.61	464.82
Camp badges	-	545.94
Website Hosting and Domain Name Registration	86.25	83.85
Shower and Toilet Block Hire	-	350.00
Insurance - public liability (via Area Policy)	321.65	307.99
Tractor/mower repairs and fuel	-	870.71
Ground Maintenance (grass cutting etc)	-	260.00
Assoc. of Scout & Guide Centre Membership	-	50.00
Warden's Float	-	250.00
	<u>550.31</u>	<u>5,658.86</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(540.31)	884.14
Add:		
Business 30 Day Notice Account Interest	1.82	4.02
	<u>1.82</u>	<u>4.02</u>
Overall (Deficit) /Surplus for year	(538.49)	888.16
Financed by:		
Balances carried forward		
Current Account	8,980.50	9,520.81
Business 30 Day Notice Account	8,033.82	8,032.00
	<u>17,014.32</u>	<u>17,552.81</u>

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Appendix 5

GLAMORGAN WEST AREA TRAINING TEAM (ATT) ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Income:		
Balance at Bank on 31st March 2020	3,119.42	2,625.62
Area	-	-
<u>Training</u>		
Hire Depot	-	1,451.80
	<u><u>3,119.42</u></u>	<u><u>4,077.42</u></u>
Expenditure:		
Training Resources	269.02	876.10
Travelling Expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>81.90</u>
	269.02	958.00
Financed by:		
Current Account as at 31st March 2021	<u>2,850.40</u>	<u>3,119.42</u>
	<u><u>3,119.42</u></u>	<u><u>4,077.42</u></u>
Excess expenditure over income	(269.02)	493.80

AREA EVENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income:		
Marquee Hire	-	-
Beavers Fun Day	-	-
2018 Area Cub Camp	-	-
2019 Area Camp	-	6,663.26
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,663.26</u>
Expenditure:		
<u>Assets</u>		
Camp badges	-	160.00
Generator Hire	-	-
Marquee Purchase	-	350.00
Star tents	-	237.98
BBQ's	-	270.00
Disco equipment	-	900.00
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,917.98</u>
<u>Activities</u>		
2018 Area Competition	-	-
2018 Beaver Fun Day	-	-
2019 Area Camp	-	3,445.93
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,445.93</u>
Overall Surplus for period	<u>-</u>	<u>1,299.35</u>
Account balance		
Balance brought forward	9,936.11	8,636.76
Surplus from 2020-21	-	1,299.35
Balances carried forward	<u>9,936.11</u>	<u>9,936.11</u>

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Appendix 7

MOORLAKES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Income:		
Sale of logs	10,985.00	9,150.00
Wayleaves	20.30	20.30
Gift Aid	-	1,465.67
Camping	1,250.50	1,176.05
Frank Thomas (deceased) Gift	-	500.00
	<u>12,255.80</u>	<u>12,312.02</u>
Expenditure:		
Grass seeds	-	209.97
Insurance	1,086.63	1,055.24
Chain saw expenses, petrol and diesel	590.00	2,932.00
Charges	28.00	-
Machinery and repairs	-	3,626.38
Roundhouse	1,084.65	-
Maintenance	954.78	-
Bat survey	-	785.00
Cattle Grid	-	3,695.04
	<u>3,744.06</u>	<u>12,303.63</u>
Surplus for year	<u><u>8,511.74</u></u>	<u><u>8.39</u></u>