

KEIGHLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 525125

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1973-05-03

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Activities

Objects: A UNIT OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION.

Activities: To develop young people using indoor and outdoor adventurous activities through a structured training programme.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** KEIGHLEY
- Bradford City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£60,207	£51,101	-	-
2024-03-31	£54,143	£72,861	-	-
2023-03-31	£91,655	£61,602	-	-
2022-03-31	£63,790	£77,441	-	-
2021-03-31	£68,841	£30,059	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Joseph Gallucci	Chair	2021-09-12
Alexander Mark Thewlis		2021-09-14
Bethany Credland		2013-05-06
Jeanette Young		1996-06-15
Joan Priestley		2010-08-03
MARTIN CORNELIUS VAN DER BOON		2022-05-16
MR TIM POWELL		2005-01-01
Sharon Simms		2018-10-02
Susan Anne Dodds		2015-07-01
Thomas Samuel Keighley		2021-08-28

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Annual Charity Report

AGM: 16th June 2025

Scout District Trustees Report

Joe Gallucci : District Chair

It is time once again to reflect on our past year as a charity offering significant positive impact on the lives of hundreds of young people across Keighley. The most important sentiment to share is that of great pride in the work that we continue to do for those in our care.

From a trustee point of view, it is our responsibility, as a team, to manage and oversee proper governance of the charity on behalf of the Keighley District Scout Council. We take that responsibility very seriously and it has continued to present its challenges as we continue to navigate the changes to scouting during this period of transition.

We have continued to support the District Lead Volunteer and her team in delivering scouting across Keighley and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jeanette specifically for her tireless dedication throughout this last year.

The most significant element of the transition process that we have experienced this year has been the change to the digital systems. Whatever your personal opinion of the system, everyone can agree that the transition to this system has been monumental. I would like to pay credit to those involved in ensuring that our records continued to be maintained and that everyone has been reorganised and refocused within the new system. Particular thanks to JW who I know did a lot of work to support JY in making this transition as smooth as it was possible for it to be.

Another element of our work as trustees is ensuring that we have systems in place to remain compliant, and this includes leaders having the appropriate training. We are of course not directly involved in making sure people have completed their training, so credit is due to the members of the leadership team who work so diligently to make sure leaders are appropriately supported in delivering quality scouting, safely.

As you may remember from last year, one of the key changes included the new rules on terms of office for the trustees. We began this by committing to securing the two officer roles on the board, Chair and Treasurer. We opened up the opportunity for people to apply for these roles this year and they will begin a new 3 year term.

Linked to this, it is essential that I recognise the work of a vital member of our trustee board who

will be retiring from his role this year. KM has been our district treasurer for many years, serving 3 different chairs. He has worked incredibly hard to ensure that our finances were always in good order and we had everything recorded in meticulous detail. On behalf of the Chairs and trustees that KM has supported in his years of service, and on behalf of all of you and all of the young people that he has served in his time as district treasurer, I would like to thank him for his dedicated service.

Finally, I believe it is an important part of my report to recognise the 'back-room' volunteers who support scouting throughout the year. To all of the trustees in our groups and 'invisible' people who do essential work to ensure that our groups can continue to provide amazing experiences for all of the Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Network, Young Leaders and adult volunteers across Keighley – THANK YOU!

Scout District Leadership Report

Jeanette Young : District Lead Volunteer (District Commissioner)

Scouting has changed in many ways over the years, and is still changing, however Scouting still encourages the same spirit of adventure and challenge it initially set out to achieve all those years ago.

We encourage all our young people to have fun while building friendships, taking part in indoor and outdoor activities, across the District and further afield.

We all work hard in developing our young leaders of today into leaders of tomorrow by supporting them and encouraging them in all aspects of scouting.

This year our numbers in Keighley have dipped slightly, therefore, our main aim is to grow again by continuing to promote scouting and all it offers to our local community. We are gaining more new leaders which is great news. Our young leaders are growing in numbers, giving them a position of responsibility and leadership that is challenging and fun. This can be a great addition to their CV when applying for a job, university, apprenticeships or college remember they are the Scouters of the future. Thank you to everyone involved in developing our young leaders.

There have been many changes this year with the new digital system becoming live. We need to continue to ensure that all our members understand how to navigate the new system. HQ are continuing to improve things, focusing on making sure members can easily find what's relevant to them.

I am always astounded at the range of activities delivered by our members and helpers, who give so much time and commitment to scouting. Although the role names have changed you are still preparing more young people with essential skills for life.

Our District campsite continues to go from strength to strength, thank you to all our volunteers, wardens and all those attending working party days throughout the year.

We have a team of young people travelling to Peru with the County team, they are all working so hard to raise funds to pay for the trip, please support them as much as you can.

Thank you to everyone who plan, organise and help at all our district events throughout the year. There are too many to mention and the range of events is so varied. Everyone working so hard giving many hours to scouting, contributing to the success of our District.

Our Chair and Trustee board continue to work behind the scenes ensuring governance and stability for our District, thank you all for your support.

If I can also thank the County Team, for all their support. We say goodbye to IW and welcome TH as our new County Lead. We wish both all the best and look forward to working with TH over the next five years.

Congratulations to TP who was presented with his Silver Wolf at Windsor, so well deserved.

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our public celebration of St George's day this year. It was certainly not through lack of trying; however, we were simply unable to find a date that was feasible, suitable and safe. Thank you to the groups who shared their own celebrations with us all. We will be looking for your ideas and thoughts of how we celebrate St George's day in the future.

I want to say from the heart a huge thank you to all for all you do for scouting, being there for each other when we are in need, to give us strength to face challenges we all endure at times.

I have had to step away from scouting for a couple of months due to undergoing heart surgery, I am hoping to be firing on all cylinders very soon, so please bear with me in my recovery.

Yours in Scouting

Low Wood SCAC Report

Alex Thewlis

Chair of Low Wood Sub-Committee

The year to June 2025 has been busier than ever at the Low Wood Scout Campsite and Activity Centre.

As previously, we are continuing to work towards completing the Community Asset Transfer from Bradford Council. Some progress has been made, in that we are reassured that Bradford have confirmed the site is not on the list of salable assets – as the CAT counts as a ‘disposal’ from the council’s point of view. Since then, there has been little progress towards completion. We continue to push this, with the help of our Member of Parliament.

Site maintenance continues to be performed by our small Maintenance Team, to tend the site and support the availability of the various activities. Grass cutting, tree management, maintenance of buildings, pathways, walls and fences, water capture and treatment, all need to be constantly attended, such that the facilities can be available for use when needed.

Development projects are mainly ‘on-hold’ until completion of the CAT can support grant and planning applications.

Working days are essential to this maintenance of the site. The team meet on Monday and Wednesday mornings every week and a number of scheduled Working Days (most recently 11th May) that are published in the District Diary.

Bookings have been particularly strong, especially from outside Scouting. Duke of Edinburgh groups are regular one-night stays and we have been used by a number of schools as part of their ‘additional provision’ programmes. As always, it would be good to see the centre used more extensively within Keighley.

Summary of days booked over the past year:

- Keighley District activities = 10
- Keighley scout groups = 28
- Other scout groups = 30
- Non-Scouting bookings = 76

The Keighley District activities included the hosting of:

- The Big Help-Out 2024 volunteering day;
- Challenge flag competitions for all sections;
- Easter egg hunt;
- The Master at Arms day

- ...and a number of other working activities / days.

For the future, we will continue to push the completion of the CAT, which will open opportunities for further development of the site and the activities we can offer. In addition, we will be able to apply for grants and funding, much of which we cannot currently access.

As previously, we need your help in a number of areas...

- Firstly, make use of the site and its facilities. Camps, activity days, weekly meetings. It's going to be a long, hot summer, so make the most of it!
- Secondly, come to the planned working days (see the District Diary). There are always plenty of jobs to be done – from easy, safe tasks suitable for a group of youngsters, to larger construction projects.
- Volunteer (or persuade someone you know to volunteer) as a Site Warden. Duties are light (receiving site users and opening the building, being a point of contact during the weekend – mobile phone provided – and locking-up when the users leave. A team of a dozen such wardens would limit duties to three weekends per year.
- Similarly, we'd like volunteers to become instructors for the various activities (crate stacking, archery, shooting, axe-throwing, grass-sledging, laser-tag, etc.) This will enable you to lead your own group / section in these activities and run the odd session for other groups.

And finally, the Management Team would like to thank everyone who has played a part, however large or small, to enable and support the operation, maintenance and development of the site and the activities we are able to offer.

I would also like to add my own thanks to the members of the Management Team, who put in so much time and effort to keep things running and to plan the future development of the site. Like all areas of Scouting, we often don't appreciate how much goes on 'behind the scenes'.

Low Wood Accounts 2024/2025

Keith Moor

District Treasurer

LOW WOOD ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR 2024 / 2025

Opening Balances			Alarm & Security	£2,003.00	£2,003.00
Nat West Low Wood Acc.		36,736.34	Calor Gas	£930.55	
Activity Centre Room Hire	£5,275.00		Car Fuel	£160.15	
Activity Income	£2,150.00		Cleaning Items	£300.71	£1,391.41
Activity Items	£126.20		Archery Items	£18.24	
Badges	£59.00		Pelets	£58.00	£76.24
Camp Fees	£4,227.60		Food	£8.05	
Equipment Hire	£88.00		Homeneeds/Furnishing	£106.50	£114.55
Master at Arms	£149.65		MATERIALS		
Building	£240.00		Decorating	21.22	
Wood Craft	£1,192.00	£13,507.45	Electric	179.37	
GRANTS			General	992.49	
Leslie Sell Charitable Trust	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	Pluming	£87.48	1280.56
Transfer	£240.00	£240.00	MISCELLANEOUS		
			Miscellaneous	£40.00	
			Riddlesden Scout Group	£90.00	
			Gardening Items	£176.50	
			Gas Oil Pumps	£39.49	
			Hammocks	£197.08	
			Lables	£64.68	
			Maintenance	£1,175.20	
			Repairs	£235.00	
			Signs	£108.47	£2,126.42
			OTHER EXPENSES		
			Batterys	£5.00	
			Electricity	£892.00	
			Fire Fighting Equipment	£93.00	
			Trade Rubbish Removal	£436.80	£1,426.80
			Roof Repairs	£3,600.00	£3,600.00
			Rates	£162.17	
			Broadband	£323.64	
			Vehicle & Contents Insurance	£1,196.80	
			Refunds for overpayment	£80.00	
			Transfers to Expeditions	£200.00	
			Website Hosting	£60.00	
			To Card Account	£500.00	£2,522.61
Keighley Lions Donations	£1,000.00		TOTAL		£14,541.59
John Le Cheminants Donation	£100.00		TOTAL		£14,541.59
Cash Donation	£60.00	£1,160.00	Low Wood BANK		39,102.20
TOTAL		£16,907.45			
Income over Expenditure		£2,365.86			

Accounts Scrutineer Report

Waters & Co Chartered Management Accountants

Nominated Scrutineers



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2 May 2025

RE: Keighley & District Scout Council and Low Wood

I have examined the Receipts & Payments Keighley & District Scout Council and Low Wood accounts for the year to 31st March 2025 and confirm that they are in accordance with the books and vouchers of Keighley & District Scout Council and Low Wood for the year.

Matthew Warters – CIMA 1-OA1VBK

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Keighley District

Annual General Meeting 2024

Date: **8th June 2024**

Annual Report to the Keighley District Scout Council

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Trustee Report

Joe Gallucci
District Chair

As a team, we have been in the process of undergoing a lot of change during this year. We all know that we are in the midst of a transition period as an organisation and, this year, there has been quite the focus on changes to the Trustee Board, its role and purpose in the governance of our charity and its structure. As usual, our dedicated team of volunteers have risen to the occasion and supported me and the District Team in ensuring that Scouting has been able to operate with great success.

Before reflecting on the year as a charity, I would like to recognise the achievements of one of our team, Geoff Priestley. Geoff has been a member of Keighley Scouts for many years, serving as a Trustee and Deputy Chair within them. During the last year, Geoff was quite rightly recognised for his service in his award of the Silver Wolf. I would like to congratulate Geoff for this very well-deserved achievement!

We are continuing to develop, as you will hopefully see from our new constitution. We have more work to do in continuing to develop our systems and governance, ensuring that all of the background work continues to be seamlessly in place for the grassroots activity.

One key change, as you might have noticed from our AGM this year, is to how we recruit and appoint trustees. There is no longer an election process, rather an open and wide-reaching selection process. In order to ensure that term limits work effectively and suit our needs as a body, we have set up the team to ensure that our systems reflect our best practice. This open selection criteria will begin with key roles in the team to ensure that the council can continue to be confident in our governance of the district.

Another key change is to our personnel. The role of Secretary within our Trustee Board will no longer exist. After many years of service, Joan will continue in her role as a Trustee, continuing to offer her voice in our discussions and decisions. She will also continue in her role as District Administrator, meaning that she will still be very much a part of the behind-the-scenes work of the District – she isn't going anywhere, just a change of name.

You may also have noted from our constitution that we have had to reduce our Trustee Board numbers. I would like to make special a very special 'thank you' to Geoff Priestley, Keith Hammerton, Elaine Olsson, Alan Whitaker, Josh Haggio and Paul Bastow. Their contributions to the Executive Team and Trustee Board, some for many years, have been invaluable and I am

extremely grateful to have had them as part of my team.

As always, we continue to search for youth voices. We have not met our constitutional target of “youth members” on our trustee board this year. This will form part of the recruitment process for the next year so, if you know anyone who is interested, please flag this up and ask them to keep their eyes open for more information. They are also welcome to get in touch with us so that we can send key information to them directly when the time comes.

It remains for me only to pass on three ‘thankyous’ at this stage. Firstly, a huge thank you to all of our Trustees who will continue to serve the District, diligently working in the background. Secondly, a huge thank you to Jeanette and her team who we work with to ensure that Keighley Scouts is the best that it can be. Thirdly, a huge thank you to the entire Scout Council – all of you! It always brightens our meetings to hear about the wonderful things that are going on around the District for our young people!

Finally, on more thank you to all of the incredible ‘back office’ volunteers. The secretaries, treasurers and chairs; the trustee board members; the parents who help with fundraising and every volunteer who hasn’t yet been mentioned. Thank you for your time, your energy and your service!

District Accounts for the year 2023/2024

Keith Moor District Treasurer

Opening Balances

Nat West Current Account	£62,418.13	
Nat West Business Reserve	£832.34	
Nat West Expeditions	£244.00	
Skipton Building Society	£24,141.42	£87,635.89

<u>Membership</u>	£29,875.73	£29,875.73
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<u>Badges</u>	£626.10	£626.10
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Miscellaneous

District Activities		
Cub Activity [Water Day]	£590.00	
Refund	£300.00	
Accountants from LW	£200.00	
District Activitie [Jamboree]	£4,284.64	
KSSN	£35.00	
		5,409.64

<u>Donation for Trailor</u>	£150.00	£150.00
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Interest

Bank	£9.79	
Building Society	£645.27	£655.06

TOTAL **£36,716.53**

Expenditure over Income **£1,612.09**

Payment to Accountant	£400.00	£400.00
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Membership

Refunds		
Fees to County	£31,020.00	£31,020.00

Badges	£485.80	
Meetings	£15.00	
Flags	£108.00	
Poppy Day Appeal	£27.00	
Postage		
Signs	£35.00	£670.80

District Activities

AGM Catering		
Water Activities	£660.00	
District Activities	£13.52	
Jamboree Expenditure	£2,575.25	
Room Hire	£354.00	
St. Georges Day Expenses	£29.00	
Donation to Parish Church		£3,631.77

Equipment		
Food	£169.74	
MPLC Licence	£341.23	
Miscellaneous Items	£34.71	
Stationary including Cartridges	£93.33	
Trophies + Engraving	£75.00	£714.01

Refund for overpayment		
CARD ACCOUNT	£1,000.00	
Money Transfer to LW	£710.00	£1,710.00

I Portal Server	£136.53	
Website Hosting	£45.51	£182.04

TOTAL EXPENDITURE **£38,328.62**

Nat West Current Account	£57,852.23
Nat West Business Reserve	£2,550.88
Nat West Expeditions	£834.00
Skipton Building Society	£24,786.69
	£86,023.80

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Matthew Warters – CIMA 1-OA1VBK

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Scout District Report

Jeanette Young

District Lead Volunteer (District Commissioner)

Once again, a time for reflection:

Scouting in Keighley offers many diverse activities and events to our members. We challenge and encourage our young people in any way possible enabling our them to feel the thrill and excitement of the moment. We offer a huge variety of activities, both indoors and outdoors, encompassing the individual and personalities of all our members and groups.

We are still growing in numbers, ever stronger, ever growing.

We are gaining more new leaders which is great news.

Our young leaders are growing in numbers.

New Squirrel groups are opening.

There are many changes on the way.

A new constitution, a new welcome to new members, a change of names, a new digital system.

All being embraced within our district slowly but surely.

We are still in the process of ensuring we welcome our new members correctly in an informal and friendly manner yet making sure they are aware of their commitment to scouting.

We are continuing to support groups with low numbers and advertising scouting to the public in every way possible. However, we must always remember retention is a vital part of our development.

When visiting sections on their group night or attending group AGM's I am always amazed at the activities themes and ideas delivered by our leaders and how much time is spent on planning and organising weekly activities, camps, and outings. What more commitment can one ask for?

The excellent work within Keighley District reflects on the standard of scouting we display on every District event, on group night and when on view to the public. This can only happen with the

hard work and commitment of all the leaders and helpers within the district along with their families, without whom it would not be possible.

Also, our District team who plan, organise, and attend district events. They work so hard giving many hours to scouting many of those hours unseen, planning and organising and attending events and meetings all of which helps towards the success of our District.

Also, thanks to Catherine Carter for including the Beavers in all of the Squirrel activities in our absence of a Beaver ADC.

Also, our Chair and Trustee board who give their time along with all the trustee members in ensuring the success and governance of our District as their priority.

Also, our Service Network Team who are always there when asked to assist in any way they can.

If I can also thank the County Team, for all their support.

We had a jamboree team who flew out to South Korea (all funds raised by themselves) to find there were lots of issues surrounding the campsite, but they were well looked after and enjoyed their stay even though it turned out a little differently than expected.

We had a Canada team who had a wonderful time out in Canada skiing bob sleighing and many other activities again all fund raised by the young people.

Congratulations to Geoff Priestley who was presented with his Silver Wolf so well deserved.

An awards evening was held for our young members and their families which was a huge success. It is a great opportunity to show case the potential and achievement of our young people in scouting.

We celebrated Christingle once again last December and through the generosity of the Beavers and Cubs, I was able to take a car full of gifts to the Salvation Army to help fill Christmas hampers for those less fortunate.

St George's day, celebration, brought us all together to renew our promise on a lovely sunny morning.

We live in a rapidly changing world, but young people still love and yearn for challenge, adventure, and excitement that we in scouting can offer,

I have said on many occasions, there is no other organisation that can offer what we offer as passionately as we do.

If I can once again thank you all from the heart for all you do in Scouting

Without you it would not happen!

My thanks to you all!

Youth Shaped Report

Thomas Keighley & Josh Haggo
Youth Lead Volunteers (District Youth Commissioners)

The last year has been steady for us in the Youth role, with successes and disappointments along the way. We've been thrilled to see all the sections that have engaged with YouShape and how our Scout family has grown.

Our biggest Youth project this year has been the awards evenings/days to congratulate and recognise the hard work our young people have put in to earning their top awards. Our older sections awards evening was held in November and was very well attended including our special guest the Lord Lieutenant and members of our District council. The event was amazing, and we are really looking forward to next year's. Our younger sections awards day has been moved to October and we are hoping for a good turnout there as well.

Our Youth Forum earlier in the year did not quite pan out how we had hoped. Due to various circumstances we have to cancel the event. We are keen to get this event back up and running and will be aiming to try and get one held in the autumn. We want to try and make it so that as a district resource we are providing the ability for our young people to engage with YouShape as regularly as possible and tick off as much of their award as possible. Watch this space.

Our Youth have a good year across the district and one of the major successes is the opening of our two new Squirrel Dreys at Oakworth and Silsden. The two new groups have quickly grown and our doing a fantastic job in bringing Scouting to our younger members. A massive thank you has to go out to our brilliant squirrel leaders who have made it all possible.

Lastly, a big shoutout to Rhiannon who has taken on the mantle of District lead for our Young Leaders. The work she has put into organising training and making sure our young leaders have everything they need to get the most out of their role has been fantastic. Well done Rhiannon!

Next year we are hoping for bigger and better and want to make sure that we are doing everything we can to make Scouting as brilliant as possible for our Youth.

Beaver Scout Section Report

Post Open

Beavers Lead Volunteer (Assistant District Commissioner – Beaver Scouts)

We are currently operating without a Lead Volunteer for the Beaver Scout Section.

Particular thanks go to Cathering Carter for including the Beavers in Squirrel activities that were put on.

If you are interested in supporting the Beaver Scout Section and the District Team, please speak to Jeanette Young.

Cub Scout Section Report

Joanne Ward & Sharon Simms

Cubs Lead Volunteers (Assistant District Commissioners – Cub Scouts)

There have been lots of District events for the cubs to take part in, with many more events and activities later this year.

Events and activities held so far this year include the Water day, Fun Run, Bake Off, Christingle, Challenge Flag, Night Hike, and Master of Arms.

Thank you to everyone who gets involved and helps to make all the events so successful, a big thank you to you all. It has been fantastic to see so many cub packs taking part in District events this year. Keep sharing your Scouting adventures with us on the District Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

The Challenge Flag, in March, was held at Low Wood and was enjoyed by all. The activities included tent pitching, Archery, chariot building, 101 Uses for a necker, tallest tower, fire lighting, tomahawks, pyramid, knots and paper plane. The winning team was 6th Keighley Oakworth, second place 1st Keighley Fell Lane and in third place 2nd Keighley Riddlesden Fell. Well done to all the teams that took part.

A massive thank you to all our Leaders, helpers, and parents for all your support.

Scout Section Report

Stephen O'Sullivan,
Scouts Lead Volunteer (Assistant District Commissioner – Scouts)

Another good year of activities for the Scout Section. There have been several events with good participation from across the District, a summary of which is below:

- June 23 – The Shuffle – a great turn out from across the District with many enthusiastic teams and even more enthusiastic leaders as hunters. The winners of the event were 1st Keighley (Fell Lane)
- March 24 – Scout Challenge Flag at Low Wood – the event was won by 3rd Keighley (Steeton and Silsden) by a mere 0.5 points
- April 24 – Camp Cooking Competition at Low Wood – the event was won by 3rd Keighley (Steeton and Silsden)
- May 24 – Master at Arms Competition – a day of archery, axe throwing and air rifle shooting. The crack shot of the District this year was 3rd Keighley (Steeton and Silsden), It was great the event full to capacity with most Troops asking for more spaces if available.

We have more to come this year with a Soap Box Derby on 15th June and the Cobbydale Clomp – we are looking to push back the Clomp to September given the high numbers of activities and camps planned for the June and July period.

Next year, I would be keen to have a District Scout Camp to bring all the Scouts together for a weekend of fun and games with a chance to try a wide range of activities they may not get to do very often. If anyone has ideas for activities they would like to be run as a District event please let me know.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped putting together the activities and for taking part, including the District Team, Explorers, Leaders in each Troop and most importantly the Scouts who provide make these events fun and rewarding for us to run.

Explorer Scout Section Report

Paul Bastow

Explorers Lead Volunteer (District Explorer Scout Commissioner)

The Explorer Section is going well.

We had a great turn out for St Georges Day and Remembrance Sunday. Not so much with the Challenge Flag which Riddlesden retained.

Most units are now suffering from the loss of members to university with Airedale struggling with the numbers. They are also struggling a bit with leaders as the current ones have other Scouting commitments.

All units have enjoyed camps in various places. We continue to offer a wide and varied range of activities on our meeting nights. Doing Quizzes, Conkers, Human Hungry Hippos, Craft Evenings, Cultural nights, and many many more fun and educational-ish stuff.

We have helped out at Keighley Show, Malham Show Santa Run and the Fellsman Hike.

Cullingworth unit have entered into a Partnership agreement with their hosts.

Young Leaders Report

Rhiannon Conway

Young Leaders Lead Volunteer (Assistant District Commissioner – YLs)

This past year has been very significant for the Young Leaders. We have seen a massive growth within the section and now have over 40 YLs across the District which is an amazing achievement.

Module A has been a priority this year to get everyone up to date with the mandatory training and we had our first multiple module training day in April. It has been amazing to see how enthusiastic our YL's are to make a difference within the groups and wanting to make a get involved.

As we progress into the next year, more Module dates will be released via OSM and emails will be sent to leaders to make everyone aware. Our next Module A will be the 15th June. If you do have any new YLs please share them on OSM directly to 'Keighley District Young Leader Unit' and for any guidance please email yl@keighleyscouts.org.uk.

A massive Well Done to all our Young Leaders who are currently putting in such a great effort across Keighley District!

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Tim Powell

Network and Scout Active Support Lead Volunteer (DSNC and SAS Manager)

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District Adult Training Report

Rebecca Tillotson

Training Lead Volunteer (Local Training Manager)

Training completion across the District is ticking over well as we get ready for the transition to the new training/learning system.

Lots of leaders have earned their wood beads this year - congratulations to all of them.

We continue to improve your mandatory training statistics. Thank you to all who keep up to date with these promptly.

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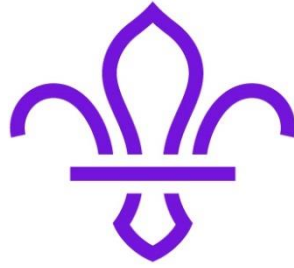
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Keighley District

Annual General Meeting 2023

Date: **19th June 2023**

Annual Report to the Keighley District Scout Council

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Trustee Report

Joe Gallucci
District Chair

During this year, there have been some 'return to normals', some 'still not quite back yet' and yet more 'let's do new things'! A year in Scouting is never static, even when only just following a period as turbulent as the past few years.

I am proud of this annual report presented by our Trustee Board. Within it, you will see the excellent work that our District Lead Volunteer (DC) and her Leadership team have put in to even greater opportunities for our young people. You will see the continuing development of Low Wood. You will see the continually growing impact of youth voice across the district. You will see the dedication of all adults involved in Keighley Scouts; engaged in supporting, training, activity-ing and scouting for all of our young people. Our leaders continue to deliver.

From my point of view, leading the trustees of the district, I am always awestruck when we hear in our meetings about the many wonderful things that our young people are getting to do. We are a charity whose purpose is to provides much-needed skills-for-life to the children in our area. We certainly succeed in this mission!

Some of the key changes of the past year, and beyond, you might have spotten in my second paragraph above. There are changes coming to the organisational structure of scouting. These changes shouldn't really affect the excellent opportunities that we are already giving to our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Network, but should hopefully make a lot of the background elements clearer and more accessible for our adult volunteers. This, in turn, should make Scouting more accessible for us all.

For us, this mainly takes the shape of a name change. However, this is not all. As we transition into the 'District Trustee Board', we also see greater clarity and specific delineation in our role in supporting scouting across Keighley. This has been reflected in our constitution for this year and will hopefully enable us to focus on our duty to support you all more efficiently moving forward.

Finally, there are many 'thankyou's given throughout this report – a reflection of the sterling work from all of our front-line volunteers across Keighley. I feel that it is, then, my place to give my thanks to all of the incredible 'back office' volunteers. The secretaries, treasurers and chairs; the trustee board members; the parents who help with fundraising; the Welcome Team members; and every volunteer who hasn't yet been mentioned. Thank you for your time, your energy and your service!

Low Wood Scout Activity Centre Accounts for the year 2022/2023

Keith Moor
District Treasurer

Opening Balances			Alarm & Security	£378.00	£378.00
Nat West Low Wood Acc.		<u>£43,402.04</u>	Activity Items	£1,087.73	£1,087.73
Activity Centre	£14.00		Broadband	£493.82	
Activity Income	£1,690.00		Website Houstin	£44.40	£538.22
Badges	£101.00		Calor Gas	£71.96	£71.96
Camp Fees	£9,209.25	£11,014.25	Training	£240.00	
First Aid Course		£0.00	1st Aid Training	£130.00	
DONATIONS			Tuition	£55.00	£425.00
Bradford Metropolital Council	£2,000.00		Equipment	£17.98	
Keighley Lions	£1,000.00		Catering Equipment	£60.00	
CoOp	£1,547.49		Key Cuting	£13.50	£91.48
Amazon	£29.96		Materials Decorating	£224.19	
Keighley Town Council	£5,000.00		Materials Electrical	£319.04	
Margart Wilds Family	£100.00	£9,677.45	Materials General	£1,942.03	
Clothing	£100.00		Materials Plumbing	£78.00	£2,563.26
Laser Tags	£355.00		Miscellaneous		
Ssale of Equipment	£450.00		Food	£26.00	
		£905.00	MororInsurance	£619.20	
Elctricity	£1,200.00	£1,200.00	Cleaning Itms	121.75	
Transfer from DISTRICT ACCOU	£445.00	£445.00	Electricity Instertlation [Rewiring]	£1,896.66	
			Fuel	£109.27	
			Maintance	£881.44	
			Gas Tank Removal	£270.00	
			Signs	£198.07	
			Water Supply	£300.00	
					£4,422.39
			Other Expenses		
			Fire Fighting Equipment	£315.00	
			Electricity	£2,046.36	
			Repairs	£360.00	£2,721.36
			Rates	£302.08	£302.08
			Transfer half Accountants Fees to I	£200.00	£200.00
TOTAL		<u><u>£23,241.70</u></u>	TOTAL		<u><u>£12,801.48</u></u>
Income over Expenditure		<u><u>£10,440.22</u></u>	Low Wood BANK		<u><u>53842.26</u></u>

Scout District Report

Jeanette Young

District Lead Volunteer (District Commissioner)

Scouting in Keighley offers many diverse activities and events to our members. We challenge and encourage our young people in any way possible enabling our young people to feel the buzz and excitement of the moment. We offer a huge variety of activities both indoors and outdoors encompassing the individual and personalities of all our members and groups.

We have grown in numbers this year, ever stronger, ever growing, meeting 2025 target set by H/Q, what an achievement by you all.

We are gaining more new leaders which is great news, this is a huge achievement due to lots of development work in opening new squirrel and Explorer groups.

We are continuing to support groups with low numbers and advertising scouting to the public in every way possible. However we must always remember retention is a vital part of our development.

It is a real joy for me visiting sections on their group night and attending group AGM's and am always amazed at the activities themes and ideas delivered by our leaders and how much time is spent on planning and organising weekly activities, camps, and outings. What more commitment can one ask for?

The excellent work within Keighley District reflects on the standard of scouting we display on every District event, on group night and when on view to the public at St Georges Day, Remembrance Sunday, and the Christingle Service.

This can only happen with the hard work and commitment of all the leaders and helpers within the district along with their families, without whom it would not be possible.

Also our District team who plan, organise and attend district events. They work so hard giving many hours to scouting many of those hours unseen, planning and organising and attending events and meetings all of which helps towards the success of our District.

Also our Trustee board who give their time along with all the committee members in ensuring the success of our District as their priority.

Also our appointments committee (now Welcome) who have worked so hard in the past to completely change the appointments into a friendly welcoming but efficient committee, meeting regularly welcoming new members into Scouting.

Also our Service Network Team who are always there when asked to assist in any way they can.

If I can thank the County Team, for all their support.

We have a jamboree team flying out to South Korea in July and wish them all the best in their jamboree journey.

We have a Canada team (still fund raising) for their event next year.

We mourned the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth and celebrated the Coronation of King Charles

We were proud that Megan Conway and Thomas Keighley were asked to help at both events in London.

Scouting transition is well on the way and now being put into practice by the District and the groups.

We live in a rapidly changing world, but young people still love and yearn for challenge, adventure, and excitement that we in scouting can offer,

I have said on many occasions, there is no other organisation that can offer what we offer as passionately as we do.

If I can thank you all from the heart for all you do in Scouting

Without you it would not happen!

My thanks to you all

Youth Shaped Report

Josh Haggio & Thomas Keighley

Youth Lead Volunteers (District Youth Commissioners)

The last 12 months have been a great time for Youth-led Scouting across the district. It feels that now more than ever we have our young people engaged in the programmes being run at weekly meetings, contributing ideas and activities through forums and conversations with their leaders. More and more we are seeing Scouts taking responsibility for the activities they participate in and contributing towards their shared experience through Scouting.

With this in mind, Youshape has been a large priority over the last year. Through the badge scheme we have seen members of all ages gaining confidence to speak up about activities and changes they feel are important. Some great examples over the last year of YouShape in action are:

- The Scout and Explorer Youth Forum that was held last winter bringing representatives from several groups together to discuss district level events, activities they'd like to see more of at a group level and, of course, the obligatory pizza afterwards!
- Riddlesden Cubs who has not only the first Cub, but the first member of the district to complete their full YouShape award. A massive well done once again to Henry!
- Oakworth Scouts who over the last few months have handed out a slew of YouShape badges after many engaging activities.

These are but a few of the brilliant YouShape successes we've seen over the past year. A huge thank you has to be given to all our section leaders and leadership teams who continue to make YouShape and Youth-led scouting possible across Keighley.

Another area in the district in which we are seeing huge success and potential is with our Young Leaders. We currently have over 50 young leaders in the district, with most groups having at least one young leader volunteering with them. It's fantastic to see so many young people willing to give their time back to the groups that they have grown up around. These young people taking on some responsibility for the running of the sections they volunteer with is not only building their skills set and rounding them as an individual, but is also cultivating the potential next generation of leaders for the district.

The last 12 months have shown that as a movement we have a real opportunity and ability to build confidence, personality and life skills in our young people through the Youth-Led initiative. But these qualities don't just appear on their own and require lots of behind the scenes planning, meetings and thought. We'd like to say a massive thank you to Jeanette for leading the district as passionately as she does, The district Exec for keeping the wheels turning in the background, our amazing ADC's over the last year, Lily, Sharon, Joanne, Ben, Stephen and Paul for all the hard work that has gone into providing the district with some of the most exciting activities and

opportunities to date. Lastly a massive thank you to all our leaders and volunteers who without Scouting, let alone Youth-Led Scouting would not exist. Thank you to you all.

As Youth Commissioners we can't wait to see what the coming year brings for Scouting across Keighley. We're really looking forward to getting out there with you and seeing what your young people get up to next!

Beaver Scout Section Report

Lily Ogden

Beavers Lead Volunteer (Assistant District Commissioner – Beaver Scouts)

Over the last 12 months the beavers have been very busy!



We have had:

- a Hike along the Leeds/Liverpool canal – testing their navigation knowledge
- The Queens Platinum Jubilee – Plenty of activity's, songs and crafts!
- A fun run – The beavers battled it out to be the fastest in the district!
- A sleepover at the deep – This saw many groups coming together to travel to hull and sleep by the big fish tanks!
- Christingle – Getting in the Christmas spirit with all the carols.
- A trip to the pantomime – the beavers all were very positive about this experience, especially the water pistols!
- Challenge flag – This tested many of the beavers' scouting skills as well as teamwork! Oakworth took 1st place overall in this this year.



I would like to say a special thank you to all the beaver leaders and adult volunteers across the district that make running these events such a success, providing a space for the beavers to learn and keeping them engaged and enjoying scouting!

Cub Scout Section Report

Joanne Ward & Sharon Simms

Cubs Lead Volunteers (Assistant District Commissioners – Cub Scouts)

There have been lots of events for the cubs across the district to take part in, with many more events and activities later this year.

Events and activities held so far this year included the Badge Day, Bake Off, Christingle, Challenge Flag, The Deep trips, Night Hike, The Coronation Big Help Out, Master of Arms, Flying Scotsman Visit and Fun Run.

Thank you to everyone who gets involved and helps to make all the events so successful, a big thank you to you all. It has been fantastic to see so many cub packs taking part in District events this year. Keep sharing your Scouting adventures with us on the District Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

The Challenge Flag, in February, was held at Low Wood and was enjoyed by all. The activities included minefield, flag quiz, Lego tower, Kim's game, wellie throwing, problem solving, code cracker, scavenger hunt, tin foil boat and tower Hanoi. The winning team was 2nd Riddlesden, second place 6th Keighley Oakworth and in third place 1st Keighley Fell Lane. Well done to all the teams that took part.

A massive thank you to all our Leaders, helpers, and parents for all your support.

Scout Section Report

Stephen O'Sullivan,
Scouts Lead Volunteer (Assistant District Commissioner – Scouts)

Another busy year of activities for the Scout Section. There have been many events with good participation from across the District, a summary of which is below:

- June 22 – Cobbydale Clomp – a long overdue return of this event with Scouts hiking from base to base for many challenges and a Jubilee themed treasure hunt to keep the Scouts busy in between bases.
- July/August 22 – Tour de Dordogne - 55 Scouts and Explorers and seven Leaders went to Meymac in the Dordogne for a fun packed week of adventurous activities and sunny weather. The event was a great success, and all the Scouts and Explorers had a fantastic time. It was certainly the best thing I have done since becoming a Leader!
- November 22 – Scout Quiz Gameshow – an evening of silly gameshow style activities with Ben in his Gold sparkly jacket and Stephen, not to be outdone, wearing black tie!
- March 23 – Scout Challenge Flag at Low Wood – the event was won by 1st Keighley (Fell Lane) Scouts
- May 23 – Master at Arms Competition – a day of archery, axe throwing and air rifle shooting. The crack shots of the District this year was 6th Keighley (Oakworth)

Ben is currently taking a break from the ADC (Scouts) role. I'd like to say a massive thank you to him for all the effort he has put in on so many events and the support he has given to those across the District and hope to be organising events with him again in the not too distant future.

I am hoping to get around all the Troops in the District again during the summer and autumn terms to talk to the Scouts and to find out what activities they would like to see run by District.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped Ben and I us in putting together the activities and for taking part, including the District Team, Explorers, Leaders in each Troop and most importantly the Scouts who provide make these events fun and rewarding for us to run.

Explorer Scout Section Report

Paul Bastow

Explorers Lead Volunteer (District Explorer Scout Commissioner)

Explorers in Keighley is going very well. All units are showing an increase in members:

- Riddlesden will have 21 explorers in September
- Worth Valley will have 24 with a few coming up in the next few months
- Cullingworth will have 20
- Airedale will have 11.

The numbers are a good indication that as leaders we are doing something right. All the units have been busy with individual unit activities and some joint ones as well.

Many camps have been attended. Riddlesden attended poacher and had a group camp with the scouts. Worth Valley had a couple of passport camps and sent some explorers to the Dordogne. Cullingworth went on Summer Camp with the Cullingworth Scout Group. Airedale had a winter camp At Hag Dyke with Worth Valley.

We as a district have helped fundraise money to send our 5 explorers on the adventure of a lifetime to the 24th World Jamboree in South Korea. We hope that Jess, Lucy, Rebecca, Dale, And Archie have a fantastic time and come back and tell us what strange and wonderful things they have enjoyed out there.

Congratulations to all our Explorers that have achieved their sections top awards and also those that have earned their DofE awards.

Thank You to Bob Smith and Mick Catley for their ongoing commitment to DofE.

We had a fantastic turnout for both St Georges Day and Remembrance Sunday. Our new flags looked very smart

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District Adult Training Report

Rebecca Tillotson

Training Lead Volunteer (Local Training Manager)

This year we have worked hard to sure that all our adult members are up to date with their mandatory training. This has been an arduous process, but I'd like to thank all those leaders who reply to messages and complete their training promptly. Please can everyone continue to keep an eye on their own training needs and complete online learning when asked, it makes my life so much easier

Over this next year, we are looking forward to the new training to learning process. We have a vast amount of experience and expertise across our district and can use this to our advantage to help us learn from each other

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Low Wood Scout Activity Centre Report

Alex Thewlis

Low Wood Scout Activity Centre Management Team Chair

2022 / 2023 has been quite a busy year at Low Wood Scout Campsite and Activity Centre following the enforced quiet of the 2020 and 2021 seasons. Now that the restrictions have been lifted, we have the opportunity to restart and build on the excellent work to prepare the site and to develop it to fulfill its potential - and I think we can all see just what great potential there is in this wonderful resource.

One of the primary aims has been to progress and complete the Community Asset Transfer. This will give us a greater stake in the site and provide more flexibility in what we can do. The process is progressing, albeit slowly as these things tend to do.

Once we have this CAT signed-off, the biggest single barrier to the further development of the site (the risk of spending significant funds without full 'ownership'), is removed. It will also open further opportunities for grants and awards towards the cost of the development plans.

On a practical front, there is the ongoing work needed to maintain the site and the activities on offer, such that they are available for use when needed. For example, with such a large site (one of the largest Scout campsites by area in the north of England), simply cutting the grass is a major undertaking that requires weekly attention. Tree planting has also been a focus of the past couple of years, with thousands of new trees now in place.

We have ongoing projects to maintain and improve the sewerage, drainage and water provision, as well as enhancing the site security systems. We are actively maintaining the existing buildings and construction of a new toilet block near the north corner of the site is under way. We are encouraging the use of the public footpaths through the erection of new signage, although there is a little resistance to this from those who are making full use of the current 'right to roam' status. Hopefully we'll be able to develop this further once the CAT is complete.

Working days are essential to the maintenance of the site and our ability to offer the activities. Regular working sessions (at least twice-weekly and often more) are key to this work, as are the regular Working Days that are published in the District Diary. Very recently, as part of the national Big Help Out day on 8th May, over 60 people (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Network, leaders, parents, the Young Farmers Association and friends from the local community), lots of valuable work was performed.

Highlights of the past year include:

- Celebrating the Queen's jubilee with the lighting of the beacon;
- Hosting the annual (both 2022 and 2023) Master at Arms activity day;
- Cub badge day, organised by the WY Scouts Jamboree team;

- Hosting the Beaver, Cub and Scout Challenge Flag competitions;
- The Big Help-Out volunteering day;
- ...and countless other working activities / days.

Also, many camps and activity days (for groups from both Keighley District and outside, as well as other youth groups).

For the future, we will be initially concentrating on completing the CAT, which will open opportunities for further development of the site and the activities we can offer. In addition, we will be able to apply for grants and funding, much of which we cannot currently access. We will complete the in-progress construction projects, marking the public footpaths and continue the necessary site maintenance. The site access road (Elam Wood Road) has deteriorated over the years and is in need of attention. We are working with Bradford Council, the Highways team and our neighbours to address this.

However, there are some things that we need your help with...

- Firstly, make use of the site and its facilities. Camps, activity days, weekly meetings. It's going to be a long, hot summer, so make the most of it!
- Secondly, come to the planned working days (see the District Diary). There are always plenty of jobs to be done – from easy, safe tasks suitable for a group of youngsters, to larger construction projects. If you can, we also need assistance with the planning and preparation of these days, particularly from anyone with specialist knowledge and skills.
- If you find yourself with some regular time to spare, there are tasks that need to be performed weekly or monthly, particularly during the summer when things grow quickly. We'd like to build a rota of these activities, so that the load is not held by one person.
- Similarly, we'd like volunteers to become instructors for the various activities (crate stacking, archery, shooting, axe-throwing, grass-sledging, laser-tag, etc.) This will enable you to lead your own group / section in these activities and run the odd session for other groups. Full training and certification will be provided.
- One of our biggest immediate challenges relates to the security of the site and the provision of assistance to visiting guests. Until very recently we have had the luxury of a permanent full-time on-site warden. Many thanks to Geoff and Joan for providing this service for the past few years and good luck in your new home. While we don't need a full-time presence, it is important that people are seen to be on-site regularly. This is easy during the summer for a well-used facility. Less so during the winter months, when periodic visits will be required. Ideally, a warden would also greet guests as they arrive, show them the main utilities and be a point of contact in case of any query or other need. The plan is to build a team of volunteer wardens who can commit to no more than a handful of shifts per year. Look out for more details in the near future.

And finally, the Management Team would like to thank everyone who has played a part, however large or small, to enable and support the operation, maintenance and development of the site and the activities we are able to offer.

I would also like to add my own thanks to the members of the Management Team, who put in so much time and effort to keep things running and to plan the future development of the site. Like all areas of Scouting, we often don't appreciate how much goes on 'behind the scenes'

District Calendar 2023

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>January</u></p> <p>10 : District Executive Meeting 16 : District Team (ADCs) Meeting 28 : District Youth Forum (Scouts & Explorers) 30 : KSSN Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>February</u></p> <p>04 : Beaver Panto trip 04 : Cub Challenge 14 : District Executive Meeting 19 : Thinking Day Parade 22 : World Founder's day 27 : All Leaders and GSLs Meeting 27 : KSSN Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March</u></p> <p>04 : Cub Night Hike 11 : 5-a-side Football competition 14 : District Executive Meeting 20 : District Team (ADCs) Meeting 25 : Beaver, Scout and Explorer Challenge 27 : KSSN Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>April</u></p> <p>11 : District Executive Meeting 15-16 : Scout Camping & Cooking Competition 23 : St George's Day 23 : St George's Day Parade 24 : KSSN Meeting 29-30 : Fellsman</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May</u></p> <p>09 : District Executive Meeting 13-14 : Beaver, Cub, Scout & Explorer Master-at-Arms 15 : Keighley District AGM 29 : KSSN Meeting TBC : King Charles' III Coronation Celebration</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>June</u></p> <p>10 : Beaver Day Hike 11 : Scout Shuffle 13 : District Executive Meeting 17 : Cub Water day 26 : KSSN Meeting 30-02* : Scout Skills Camp</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July</u></p> <p>30*-02 : Scout Skills Camp 03 : District Team (ADCs) Meeting 11 : District Executive Meeting 14-16 : Beaver and Cub Moot Camp 31 : KSSN Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>August</u></p> <p>28 : KSSN Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>September</u></p> <p>12 : District Executive Meeting 16 : Fell 'n' dale 16 : Cub Scout Fun Run 18 : District Team (ADCs) Meeting 25 : All Leaders and GSLs Meeting 25 : KSSN Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>October</u></p> <p>10 : District Executive Meeting 14 : Cub Scout Badge Day 20-22 : JOTA / JOTI 30 : KSSN Meeting TBC : Beaver Mystery Sleepover</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>November</u></p> <p>TBC : Beaver Mystery Sleepover 10 : Scout Dragon's Den 12 : Remembrance Sunday 14 : District Executive Meeting 25 : Cub Scout Bake-Off 27 : KSSN Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>December</u></p> <p>01 : First Santa Run 06 : Christingle 12 : District Executive Meeting</p>

Get in touch

If you have any questions for anyone who has contributed to this report, you can contact them using the email addresses below.

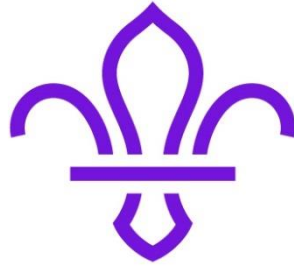
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Annual General Meeting 2022

Date: **16th May 2022**

Annual Report to the Keighley District Scout Council

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Executive Report

Joe Gallucci, District Chair

This year has been another of uncertainty, change and starting to creep back towards normality. I would like to begin by referencing one particular change – I wasn't the District Chair immediately following our last AGM. As the spring and summer progressed, it became clear to Keith that he would be unable to continue in the role due to other commitments. He stepped aside and Jeanette approached me to ask if I would be interested in the role. I agreed and have lead the Executive Committee since the autumn.

Before I continue, I'll briefly introduce myself to those of you that don't know me. I have been a part of Keighley Scouting since I was a Beaver at St Anne's. I have grown up through Scouting in the district and have benefitted from a huge range of experiences. Since becoming an adult in Scouting, I have been fortunate enough to hold several roles, both at group and district level. Those that know me now, probably do as the guy who does First Aid training, but I'm also a Training Adviser and Assistant District Commissioner. Recently, I asked some members of the Executive to answer two questions so here are my responses:

1. In one sentence – **what is the best thing about Scouting?**

Scouting provides inexhaustible opportunities for young people to develop themselves and a huge range of skills and experiences, whilst in the presence of a diverse and supportive family.

2. In one sentence – **why do you think we need an Executive Committee?**

The purpose of the Executive Committee is to provide oversight and management of the district; represent the District Scout Council; and, perhaps most importantly, to ensure that the District Commissioner and their team have the backing and support that they need to ensure quality scouting is happening for our young people.

Since joining the Executive Committee, we have continued to meet monthly and provide what is needed for the district. We were happy to pledge some financial support from the district for our Young People who are attending the contingent heading to Korea for the next World Scout Jamboree. We have also continued to oversee the development of Low Wood Scout Activity Centre (including the purchase of the new Laser Tag equipment) and the Appointments Committee who have a vital role in Safeguarding and recruitment of adults.

As we re-emerge from the lockdown world that Covid gave us, some groups have found new challenges in recruiting adults to ensure that Scouting is able to effectively operate right across Keighley for our growing numbers of young people. The details of this are outside the responsibilities of the Executive, but we are working together with the District Team to facilitate possible steps and solutions to help and support groups in restarting all sections.

One change that has been applied to our constitution for this new year is the introduction of a Finance Sub-Committee. The Executive have spent a lot of time discussing and debating how we provide effective financial management and financial support for the district. As this is one of the most significant responsibilities of the Executive Committee, we wanted to ensure that we were doing it justice. Practically, and for all of you, this includes one big change: we will be closing the Advantage Fund and replacing it with two new funds (the Inclusion Fund and the Expedition Support Fund). The purpose of the Inclusion Fund is to provide financial support for those who would otherwise find that money is limiting their active participation in Scouting. The Expedition Support Fund will be available for those who would like support in fundraising efforts, usually as a part of their journey to a large expedition or international trip. We would like to make sure these are well known about so keep an eye out for more details coming soon!

Another change has been to re-focus on Data Protection and how we support our leaders in ensuring that we are acting responsibly and within the scope of the law with regards to personal information. Currently, all those who might have access to personal information are required to complete a training module on this topic. We have recently co-opted Hannah Whitehead to the Executive Committee who has taken on the role of Data Protection Lead for the District. She will be sharing some guidance for everyone shortly, and she is working to ensure that we are doing all the right things as required. If you have any questions about your Data Protection responsibilities, you are welcome to speak to Hannah or myself about them.

I would like to finish by sharing several 'thank you's. Firstly, I would like to thank all of the members of the Executive Committee for their dedication and contributions to our team over the course of this year – thank you! Secondly, to Jeanette and the District Team who, without their leadership, the district would not be the hive of collaboration, scouting activity and opportunity that it is – thank you! Thirdly, to all of the leaders and adults in Keighley Scouting who are the front line and the people without whom our young people would be lost – thank you! Finally, and most importantly, I would like to extend my thanks to all of the young people (from our youngest Squirrel Scout to our oldest Network Scout) whose excitement, enjoyment and enthusiasm for scouting give all of us cause to smile – THANK YOU!

District Accounts for the year 2021/2022

Keith Moor, District Treasurer

KEIGHLEY & DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR 2021 / 2022

<u>Opening Balances</u>		<u>£79,883.91</u>			
				Payment to Accountant	£420.00 £420.00
<u>Membership</u>	£7,982.50	£7,982.50		<u>Membership</u>	
<u>Badges</u>	£765.76	£765.76		Fees to County	19,320.00
				Refund	22.50 £19,342.50
Groups Funds	£4,420.00	£4,420.00		<u>Badges</u>	£1,351.20 £1,351.20
Miscellaneous				<u>Miscellaneous Expenses</u>	
District Activity's [Jamboree	£5,368.32			Uniforms	£106.00
District Activity's [Trip In	£362.00	£5,730.32		<u>Flags</u>	£443.08
<u>Interest</u>				Poppy Appeal	£18.50
Bank	£0.15			Jamboree	£2,184.75
Building Society	£12.00	£12.15		Room Hire	£50.00
				Equipment	£349.99
Transfer				Laser Equipment	£8,888.69
From Business Reserve Acc				Food	£61.50
to District Account	£3,592.50	£3,592.50		MPLC Licence	£309.92
				Email System	£43.00
				Flowers	£10.00
				Derek Wilds Gift	£100.00
				Stationary	£124.00
				1st Aid Training	£240.00
				Trophy Engraving	£35.00 £12,964.43
				<u>Money Transfer</u>	£104.00 £104.00
				i Portal Server	£182.04 £182.04
TOTAL		<u>£22,503.23</u>		TOTAL	<u>£34,364.17</u>
Income over Expenditure	-£11,860.94			Closing Balance	<u>£68,022.97</u>

Low Wood Scout Activity Centre Accounts for the year 2021/2022

Keith Moor, District Treasurer

LOW WOOD ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR 2021/ 2022

Opening Balances

Nat West Low Wood Acc. £45,192.49

Activity Centre £84.00
Activity Income £1,999.25
Camp Fees £3,661.00 £5,744.25

First Aid Course £260.00 £260.00

DONATIONS

Bradford Metropolitan Cc £14,150.00
Monstr Adven £140.50
Amazon £34.21
Persimmon Charitable Foun £1,000.00
Sovereign Health £4,200.00
Wild Family £5,000.00
W Y Scout Council £4,950.00
Craven Trust £1,000.00
Arnold Clark £750.00
33659664 HLGE08-32] £2,667.00
Beckfoot Trust £140.00 £34,031.71

Electricity £1,200.00 £1,200.00

Refund from Pickards £50.40 £50.40

TOTAL

£41,286.36

Income over Expenditure -£1,790.45

Alarm & Security £382.80 £382.80

Activity Items £680.72 £680.72

Broadband £595.83
Website Hosting £28.80 £624.63

Calor Gas £1,642.56 £1,642.56

Equipment £11,500.00
Tools £189.99 £11,689.99

Food £15.45 £15.45

Insurance £768.71 £768.71

Materials
General £1,883.19 £2,776.93 £4,660.12

Miscellaneous
Building £16,270.00
Electricity £342.34
Fuel £99.81
Maintenance £3,142.76
Repairs [Tree Felling] £250.00
Key Cutting £43.03

£20,147.94

Other Expenses
Title Deeds Search £30.00
Electricity £2,005.69
Fire Fighting Equipme £204.00
Gas £70.00 £2,309.69

Rates £154.20 £154.20

TOTAL

£43,076.81

Closing Balance **£43,402.04**

Scout District Report

Jeanette Young, District Commissioner

AGMs are a time for reflection, looking back on the achievements, events, and activities of the last year. Groups running to capacity; Squirrels opening; new appointments.

It will come as no surprise to you all when I say that scouting continues to thrive in Keighley. We have grown in numbers, groups have regained their confidence and are once more organising activities, events and camps for our young people. Scout groups are the heart and soul of scouting where you make that difference. Without your collective talent support enthusiasm and commitment scouting in Keighley would not be what it is today.

Our leaders and helpers give an enormous amount of time, commitment and energy creating a diverse range of opportunities enhancing the lives of our young people. One has only to see the smiles on the faces of our young people when on camp or attending an event or activity.

We already have so many amazing leaders in our district but to support them even more with more volunteers would be truly great. Without doubt there is still much work to do with some groups needing lots of support recruiting new volunteers into scouting and introducing them into groups who are desperate for more help. We can offer our young people so much more with more new leaders.

The exec and the appointments team work tirelessly in the background with Joe doing a great job as Chair working with compliance and GDPR – thank you to Hanna Whitehead who has joined us to take the lead on GDPR.

The District Christingle was cancelled with some groups holding their own and once again collecting gifts for the Salvation Army's Christmas hampers.

Thankyou to Tim and his team for their support within the district.

The Santa Run went ahead with all the groups supporting the Lions.

Our St George's celebration was a great success held on Church Green. Thank you to Moz for words on St George and the sound system, even providing the backing for BP Spirit.

Thank you to the District team who work so hard organising so many events and activities for our young people, they are a great team who work so well together inspiring our young people to greater challenges and experiences.

We have international groups going to South Korea, Dordogne and Canada all working hard raising funds for their adventure please help to support them in any way you can.

I am sure we can be proud of what we have achieved on our Scouting journey and the memories we have created and shared along the way that last a lifetime and can be certain there is more in store.

I thank you all!

Youth Shaped Report

Josh Haggio & Thomas Keighley, District Youth Commissioners

The last 12 months have had their ups and downs, But thankfully now we seem to be seeing the tail-end of any Covid based restrictions and have been able to enjoy a return to “normal” scouting over the past few months.

We have both been honoured to be a part of that and being able to interact with all the young from across the district that take so much from the efforts of all of our brilliant volunteers and leaders.

We’ve both enjoyed meeting new faces with our You-Shape award visits that are set to continue in the coming months and will allow us to meet even more young people and hopefully assist them in gaining their awards. We are hopeful that we will start to see more and more Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers gaining parts, if not all parts, of their award in the coming months.

We’ve also had the pleasure of taking part in many of the district events put on over the weekends and holidays. From the vast variety of activities on offer at the numerous challenge flags, to the more chilled and relaxed atmosphere of the bowling competition we’ve loved every minute and would like to again congratulate the ADC’s for all the hard work and effort they put into making these events the huge success that they are.

Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to all of you from both of us. We wouldn’t have been able to do half as much as we have done this year if it hadn’t been for the help and support of the district and its leaders. Whether it be opening up your troop evenings to have us come along, or allowing us to spend a weekend on camp with your group, it’s a privilege to be a part of such a wide, open and caring district.

Beaver Scout Section Report

Lily Ogden, Assistant District Commissioner (Beaver Scouts)

This year it has been great to see the beavers getting out and about again.

Here are our events over the past 12 months:

- First was the Beaver Christmas event – Adventure to the north pole! Which saw beavers experimenting and having fun, as well as a swift visit from Santa!
- We then had the Challenge Flag which tested the beavers' scouting skills as well as team work. Well done Oakworth for winning the flag this year!
- Then we had the easter egg hunt which was run by our Jamboree team, which had a great turn out and was a fab fund-raising event.

There is plenty of activities coming in the next 12 months for beavers.

These include:

- A day hike
- A sleepover at the deep
- A trip to the circus

It's been great to see what beavers across the district have been getting up too and seeing them engrossed in the program groups have been planning.

I would like to make a special thanks to all the leaders and volunteers across the district that make all of these opportunities available to the beavers and keeping them engaged and enjoying scouting.

Cub Scout Section Report

Joanne Ward & Sharon Simms, Assistant District Commissioners (Cub Scouts)

We are so pleased to be getting back to 'normal' scouting with competitions, activities and events taking place this year, with lots to look forward to for all the Cubs in the district. We've got lots planned, including a Badge Day, Bake Off, Christingle, Water Day, Challenge Flag, The Deep trip, Night Hike and Queen's Jubilee Celebrations and Fun Run.

Thank you to everyone who gets involved and helps to make all the events so successful, a big thank you to you all.

It has been great to see and hear about all the great things that packs have been doing since face-to-face scouting began again. Keep sharing your Scouting on our District Facebook page @Keighley District Scouts or via our District Twitter feed @KlyScouts!

The Challenge Flag in March this year was held at Low Wood and was enjoyed by all. The activities included fire lighting, teamwork, tallest tower, archery, pioneering, code breaking. The winners were Fell Lane, 2nd place Haworth and in 3rd place Oakworth. Well done to all the teams that took part.

The night hike took place on Saturday 5th March and was attended by 7 packs from the District. Over 100 young people, parents, helpers, and leaders walked over the moor from Ilkley to Riddlesden, stopping for refreshment at the top whilst watching an amazing sunset.

Thank you to all our Leaders, helpers, and parents for all your support.

Scout Section Report

Ben Ogden & Stephen O'Sullivan, Assistant District Commissioners (Scouts)

2022 has been about 'getting back on track' We've worked hard to get our varied programme of activities out as scheduled. We're pleased to report we've had a good-excellent turnout to all events, which tells us Scouts want these activities!

Since Summer 2021, we've had:

- Sept 2021 – Water Activity Day – Over 90 Scouts & Explorers converged on REVA and participated in sailing and paddle-based water sports.
- Nov/Dec 2021 – ADC Visits – We called in and visited groups across the District to tell the Scouts what we had planned and find out from them what they want!
- Jan 2022 – Scout Bowling Competition – 60 Scouts competed in the Bowling competition – Congratulations to Long Lee Scouts!
- Feb 2022 – Patrol Leaders Council – 20 Patrol Leaders from across Keighley came together in our first ever Patrol leaders Council. The programme was a mixture of PL training and discussing Scouting.
- March 2022 – Our Scout Dordogne contingent gathered for a training/bonding day.
- March 2022 – Scout Challenge Flag – 8 Teams, 9 Challenges, only 1 flag. A big BRAVO to Fell Lane Scouts picking up the win.
- April 2022 – Camp Cooking Competition – Scouts lit fires and cooked their campfire menus for chef supremacy! Congratulations Haworth for putting together a culinary masterpiece!

We haven't finished yet either! Lined up in the calendar for 2022 we have:

- Master at Arms Competition at Low Wood
- The Return of the Cobbydale Clomp
- The Dordogne Trip
- Monopoly Run
- JOTA/JOTI

We also have special plans for a series of special video presentations, by our Scouts, promoting Scouting in Keighley for the end of the year (more on this soon...)

We would like to thank everyone who has helped us in putting together the activities, giving us feedback and for taking part, including the District Team, Explorers, Volunteers across the Troop. Of course, a huge thank you to all the Scouts across Keighley who make these events fun, challenging and rewarding for us to run.

Explorer Scout Section Report

Paul Bastow, District Explorer Scout Commissioner

The section is doing very well. We started the year with approx 33 Explorers and with Aire Valley opening in the summer we have increased to approximately 74, which I think is jolly good.

Slowly we are putting on district events. The first being the Challenge Flag held on a lovely day in March. Six teams competed in six different challenges with Riddlesden Team 2 coming out on top. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.

All units have been busy doing all sorts of stuff like camping, crafts, quizzes and Zoom calls!

The District Duke of Edinburgh unit has also restarted again this year, lead by Bob Smith. They are back to meeting monthly and supporting all of our Scouting community, aged 14+, to earn some of the top awards in Scouting.

Thanks to all the Explorer leaders and helpers.

It's been a strange year with lockdowns and such but to increase the attendance by over 100% is amazing! Let's look forward to a better 12months.

Keighley Scout Service Network Report

This report incorporates the District Scout Network Unit and the District Scout Active Support Unit

Tim Powell, District Scout Network Commissioner and SAS Unit Manager

January is the date of the KSSN AGM.

The rest of the 2021 was cancelled due to Covid 19 Apart from a monthly zoom meeting for us all to keep in touch until September when we started up Meetings again.

Then the new variant kicked in and scuppered our annual Dinner

During the year we have carried out three working sessions at low wood to create a new pathway to the sewerage works.

Thanks to all those who took part hopefully we will get to do something this year 2022 already got things in the diary:

- Guides Thinking day 20/02/22
- Cub Night Hike 05/03/22
- St Georges Day 24/04/22
- Fellsman 30/04/22
- Bedale Festival 26/06/22
- Oakworth Gala 02/07/22
- Cullingworth Gala 10/07/22

We have also started to hold Hybrid meetings in Sept, Oct & Nov

Also, during the year, we welcomed the youth section on board formally (I call them youth not as a derogatory remark but compared to me they are Youthful).

The younger members are also increasing both their membership and activities both with the team in in their own right Assisting with the District challenge flag competitions and Malham show

We also assisted Keighley Town council with the Remembrance Day parade and service it all went well

The team also have 9 additional events under consideration

District Adult Training Report

Rebecca Tillotson, Local Training Manager

This year, we have worked hard to try to be 100% compliant on our mandatory training modules of Safety, Safeguarding, 1st Aid and GDPR. We are about there on safety and safeguarding, but still have a way to go on first aid. National are now wanting DCs to start revoking warrants, so it is really important that you keep your training up to date. Joe has worked hard to make 1st aid easier, with two online modules and then a short face to face course so please can we all work hard to get this up to date.

Over the year we have ensured that numerous leaders have completed their wood badge training. It has been good to see new leaders be able to attend face to face training again as this is a great opportunity for them to learn new skills and build new relationships.

The introduction of the Squirrels section has seen a whole new section of leaders who have just begun their leadership journey so we look forward to seeing them and their sections progress over time.

Thank you for those of you who work tirelessly to ensure that your (and the rest of your groups) training is up to date. Please keep your eye out for emails from both myself and HQ for renewals. As always, if there is anything I can do to help, just ask.

KSSN Radio Officer's Report

Tim Powell, Keighley Scout Service Network Radio Officer

During the covid Pandemic the team and its radios have not been used much at all

However, the team are now starting to receive requests for more activities

November 21	we assisted the councils Remembrance parade
February 22	Guides thinking day (Parade cancelled due to weather at last minute)
March 22	Cubs Night Hike
April 22	St Georges day parade
April 22	Annual Fellsman Hike after missing for 2 years
May 22	Some of the team members will doing refresher TM Training

For the remainder of 2022 year we have further requests to assist with 9 additional events

Inventory	People power lots 30 Members		
	Low Band	Car Sets	= 25
	Mid Band	Car Sets	= 17
	Mid Band	Hand Portables	= 37
	High Band	Hand Portables	= 8

All car sets are now housed in Really Useful plastic boxes to prevent damage

The team also holds a number of base type antennas 5 Low Band and 4 Mid Band

And 5 Pump up and 4 cam type base station masts

Low Wood Scout Activity Centre Report

Stephen O'Sullivan, Low Wood Scout Activity Centre Management Team Chair

Community Asset Transfer (CAT)

Bradford Council have recently approved the disposal of the site to Keighley District Scout Council by way of a Community Asset Transfer. Now this has been approved, the legal agreement needs to be finalised – heads of terms have been received from the Council and are being reviewed by the Low Wood Management Committee.

To get to this stage, a lot of work has been required addressing queries from the Council and trying to push for quicker progress by the Council which was significantly delayed as a result of the Covid Pandemic.

We hope now that the agreement will be in place soon to enable us to progress with our more ambitious plans for the site.

Site Use and Activities

The use of the site is increasing again as Scouting gets back to camping. We are keen to increase the numbers using the site as the income generated from this will enable us to invest further in the ongoing development of the site

Activities including Archery, Axe Throwing, Air Rifle Shooting and Grass Sledging are all available and in regular demand by users of the site.

The most recent addition to the site is lazertag – with funding from the District Executive we have purchased a set of lazertag equipment. This has been used by a number of Scouts and Explorers in the District who have really enjoyed this activity. A recent promotional video was launched on social media and has already led to bookings being made and we have high hopes that this will be a popular activity which will draw people to the camp site.

Site infrastructure Development

Work to improve the site has continued in the last including a new shelter built by the flagpole on opposite the main building and extending the provi-shop building by the entrance gate.

We have planning permission to build a toilet block up on the main camping area at the western end of the site and will start this soon subject to funding being available.

Plans to convert the houses to a bunk house were put on hold as we were not able to proceed with the lottery application as a result of not having the CAT in place. Plans are being reviewed not that we are close to having the CAT in place and options being considered include demolishing the houses and replacing them with a purpose built building – this is considered a better option given the condition of the existing houses.

The access road condition remains a cause for concern – it is not an adopted road and as such Bradford Council are not responsible for it as they are for public roads in the Bradford Area. We continue to make representations to Bradford Council about our concerns on the condition of the road and for action to be taken to address it.

We want to prepare a site masterplan setting out future development plans for the site and plan to engage with all users of the site and other stakeholders as part of creating this plan.

Fundraising

We continue to apply for grants to fund developments on the site from many varied sources and have continued to have some success (see site accounts for details)

Site Team

We have a small team of hard-working volunteers running the site, taking bookings, running activities, applying for funding grants and working to complete the CAT. Several of the team already have other roles across the District . As such we are keen to find more volunteers to help with any of these tasks that are important to keep the site running. If you are interested or know anyone who is please contact any member of the Low Wood Management Committee

District Calendar 2022

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>January</u></p> <p>10 : District Team (ADCs) Meeting 11 : District Executive Meeting 14 : Scouts Bowling Competition 25 : KSSN Meeting (AGM)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>February</u></p> <p>08 : District Executive Meeting 19 : Scout Patrol Leaders' Forum 20 : Thinking Day Parade 21 : World Founder's day 28 : All Leaders and GSLs Meeting 22 : KSSN Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March</u></p> <p>05 : Cub Night Hike 06 : Beaver Scout Challenge Flag 08 : District Executive Meeting 12 : Dordogne Contingent Meeting 13 : Explorer Scout Challenge Flag 19 : Scout Challenge Flag 21 : District Team (ADCs) Meeting 26 : Cub Scout Challenge Flag 26 : County Explorer 20th Birthday @ Low Wood 29 : KSSN Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>April</u></p> <p>01-03 : County Leader Pioneering Course 08-10 : Scout Camping & Cooking Competition 12 : District Executive Meeting 15-17 : Jamboree Easter Egg Hunt Fundraiser (TBC) 23 : St George's Day 24 : St George's Day Parade 26 : KSSN Meeting 30-01* : Fellsman</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May</u></p> <p>10 : District Executive Meeting 14-15 : Cub, Scout & Explorer Master-at-Arms 16 : Keighley District AGM 21 : County Cub Scout Badge Day 28 : KSSN Meeting TBC : Beaver Scout Incident Hike/Quiz Event</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>June</u></p> <p>02 : Queen's Platinum Jubilee beacon lighting 14 : District Executive Meeting 16 : Dordogne Contingent Meeting 18 : Scout Cobbydale Clomp 19-20 : County Cub Water Day 28 : KSSN Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July</u></p> <p>02 : Cub Scout Fun Run 02 : County Cub & Scout Karting Run 04 : District Team (ADCs) Meeting 09 : County Cub Scout Hill Walking Event 12 : District Executive Meeting 26 : KSSN Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>August</u></p> <p>27 : Cub & Scout Monopoly Run 30 : KSSN Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>September</u></p> <p>13 : District Executive Meeting 17 : Cub Scout Badge Day 19 : District Team (ADCs) Meeting 26 : All Leaders and GSLs Meeting 27 : KSSN Meeting TBC : Scout & Explorer Water Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>October</u></p> <p>11 : District Executive Meeting 14-16 : JOTA / JOTI 25 : KSSN Meeting TBC : Beaver Scout trip to Silsden Circus</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>November</u></p> <p>08 : District Executive Meeting 12 : Scout Quiz Gameshow 13 : Remembrance Sunday 26 : Cub Scout Bake-Off 29 : KSSN Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>December</u></p> <p>01 : First Santa Run 06 : District Executive Meeting 07 : Christingle TBC : Beaver Scout Christmas Party</p>

Get in touch

If you have any questions for anyone who has contributed to this report, you can contact them using the email addresses below.

Don't forget to use our district website – keighleyscouts.org.uk – for contact information.

Role	Name	Email address
District Chair	Joe Gallucci	Chair@keighleyscouts.org.uk
District Commissioner	Jeanette Young	DC@keighleyscouts.org.uk
District Secretary	Joan Priestley	Secretary@keighleyscouts.org.uk
District Treasurer	Keith Moor	Treasurer@keighleyscouts.org.uk
District Data Protection Lead	Hannah Whitehead	DataProtection@keighleyscouts.org.uk
District Appointments Chair	Geoff Priestley	AAC@keighleyscouts.org.uk
District Youth Commissioners	Josh Haggio & Thomas Keighley	Youth@keighleyscouts.org.uk
District Training Manager	Rebecca Tillotson	Training@keighleyscouts.org.uk
ADC Squirrel Scouts	Coming Soon!	
ADC Beaver Scouts	Lily Ogden	Beaver@keighleyscouts.org.uk
ADCs Cub Scouts	Joanne Ward & Sharon Simms	Cub@keighleyscouts.org.uk
ADCs Scouts	Ben Ogden & Stephen O'Sullivan	Scout@keighleyscouts.org.uk
District Explorer Scout Commissioner	Paul Bastow	Explorer@keighleyscouts.org.uk
District Scout Network Commissioner & KSSN (District SAS) Manager	Tim Powell	KSSN@keighleyscouts.org.uk
Low Wood Contact	Jeanette Young	LowWood@keighleyscouts.org.uk

Summary of Income Expenditure for Keighley Scout District

Keighley District Scout Council Accounts

Income	£22,503.23
Expenditure	£34,364.17
Income over Expenditure	-£11,860.94
Closing Balance	£68,022.97

Low Wood Campsite and Activity Centre Accounts

Income	£41,286.36
Expenditure	£43,076.81
Income over Expenditure	-£1,790.45
Closing Balance	£43,402.04

Total of accounts together

Total income	£63,789.59
Total expenditure	£77,440.98
Total income over expenditure	-£13,651.39
Total closing balance	£111,425.01

KEIGHLEY & DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR 2021 / 2022

<u>Opening Balances</u>		<u><u>£79,883.91</u></u>			
			Payment to Accountant	£420.00	£420.00
<u>Membership</u>	£7,982.50	£7,982.50	<u>Membership</u>		
<u>Badges</u>	£765.76	£765.76	Fees to County	19,320.00	
			Refund	22.50	£19,342.50
Groups Funds	£4,420.00	£4,420.00	<u>Badges</u>	£1,351.20	£1,351.20
Miscellaneous			<u>Miscellaneous Expenses</u>		
District Activity's [Jamboree	£5,368.32		Uniforms	£106.00	
District Activity's [Trip In	£362.00	£5,730.32	<u>Flags</u>	£443.08	
			Poppy Appeal	£18.50	
<u>Interest</u>			Jamboree	£2,184.75	
Bank	£0.15		Room Hire	£50.00	
Building Society	£12.00	£12.15	Equipment	£349.99	
			Laser Equipment	£8,888.69	
Transfer			Food	£61.50	
From Business Reserve Acc			MPLC Licence	£309.92	
to District Account	£3,592.50	£3,592.50	Email System	£43.00	
			Flowers	£10.00	
			Derek Wilds Gift	£100.00	
			Stationary	£124.00	
			1st Aid Training	£240.00	
			Trophy Engraving	£35.00	£12,964.43
			Money Transfer	£104.00	£104.00
			i Portal Server	£182.04	£182.04
TOTAL		<u><u>£22,503.23</u></u>	TOTAL		<u><u>£34,364.17</u></u>
Income over Expenditure	-£11,860.94		Closing Balance		<u><u>£68,022.97</u></u>

LOW WOOD ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR 2021/ 2022

Opening Balances

Nat West Low Wood Acc. £45,192.49

Activity Centre	£84.00	
Activity Income	£1,999.25	
Camp Fees	£3,661.00	£5,744.25

First Aid Course	£260.00	£260.00
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DONATIONS

Bradford Metropolitan Cc	£14,150.00	
Monstr Adven	£140.50	
Amazon	£34.21	
Persimmon Charitable Foun	£1,000.00	
Sovereign Health	£4,200.00	
Wild Family	£5,000.00	
W Y Scout Council	£4,950.00	
Craven Trust	£1,000.00	
Arnold Clark	£750.00	
33659664 HLGE08-32]	£2,667.00	
Beckfoot Trust	£140.00	£34,031.71

Electricity	£1,200.00	£1,200.00
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Refund from Pickards	£50.40	£50.40
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TOTAL

£41,286.36

Income over Expenditure -£1,790.45

Alarm & Security	£382.80	£382.80
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Activity Items	£680.72	£680.72
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Broadband	£595.83	
Website Hosting	£28.80	£624.63

Calor Gas	£1,642.56	£1,642.56
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Equipment	£11,500.00	
Tools	£189.99	£11,689.99

Food	£15.45	£15.45
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Insurance	£768.71	£768.71
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<u>Materials</u>	£1,883.19	
General	£2,776.93	£4,660.12

<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
Building	£16,270.00	
Electricity	£342.34	
Fuel	£99.81	
Maintenance	£3,142.76	
Repairs [Tree Felling]	£250.00	
Key Cutting	£43.03	
		£20,147.94

<u>Other Expenses</u>		
Title Deeds Search	£30.00	
Electricity	£2,005.69	
Fire Fighting Equipme	£204.00	
Gas	£70.00	
		£2,309.69

Rates	£154.20	£154.20
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TOTAL

£43,076.81

Closing Balance		<u>£43,402.04</u>
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WARTERS & CO
Chartered Management Accountants

17 May 2022

RE: Keighley & District Scout Council and Low Wood

I have examined the Receipts & Payments Keighley & District Scout Council and Low Wood accounts for the year to 31st March 2022 and confirm that they are in accordance with the books and vouchers of Keighley & District Scout Council and Low Wood for the year.

Matthew Warters – CIMA 1-OA1VBK

KEIGHLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 525125

Accounts

KEIGHLEY & DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR 2021 / 2021

Opening Balances

Nat West Current Account	£37,235.68	
Nat West Business Reserv	£768.31	
Skipton Building Society	£23,925.31	<u><u>£61,929.30</u></u>

<u>Membership</u>	£31,257.00	£31,257.00
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<u>Badges</u>	£307.22	£307.22
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Groups Funds	£7,900.00	£7,900.00
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Interest

Bank	£0.35	
Building Society	£68.66	£69.01

Miscellaneous

5th Keighley [East Morton	£1,344.00	£1,344.00
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Transfer from Low Wood Account

For Badges	£111.80	
Half of Accountants Fees	£189.00	£300.80

TOTAL

£41,178.03

Income over Expenditure £17,954.61

Payment to Accountant	£378.00	£378.00
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Membership

Fees to County	22,081.00	
Refund to Groups for prc	£304.50	£22,385.50

Donation

Poppy Appeal	£20.00	£20.00
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Insurance

	£50.40	£50.40
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Miscellaneous Expenses

	£93.50	£93.50
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Room & Stores Rent

District Store		£0.00
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Stationary	£113.98	
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<u>Cartridge</u>		<u>£113.98</u>
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I Portal Server	£182.04	£182.04
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TOTAL

£23,223.42

Closing Balance

Nat West Current Account	£55,121.28
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Nat West Business Reserve	£768.66
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Skipton Building Society	£23,993.97
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£79,883.91



LOW WOOD ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR 2020 / 2021

Opening Balances		
Nat West Low Wood Acc.		<u>£24,365.47</u>
Activity Income	£684.00	
Camp Fees		£684.00
Badge Income	£111.80	£111.80

DONATIONS

Bradford Metropolitan Co	£20,765.00	
Co-op	£740.92	
Keighley Lions	£1,000.00	
West Yorkshre Police for C	£1,575.00	
Account repayment	£755.73	
West Yorkshre Police fCom	£525.00	
Amazon	£20.41	£25,382.06

MISCELLANEOUS

Bradford Met Refund	£285.86	£285.86
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Transfers

Fom District Account		£0.00
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TOTAL

£27,663.72

Income over Expenses £20,827.02

Alarm repairs	£282.00	£282.00
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Broadband	£495.60	
Internet	£28.80	£524.40

Calor Gas	£34.04	£34.04
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Cleaning Items	£18.00	£18.00
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Helthcare	£42.00	£42.00
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Materials

Materials Electrial	£69.37	
Materials General	£2,696.47	
Water Materials	£91.17	
Security Materials		£2,857.01

Miscellaneous

Fuel	£135.06	
Other	£225.00	
Planning Application	£949.50	
Repairs [Tree Felling]	£400.00	
Water Supply	£199.08	
		£1,908.64

Other Expenses

Electricity	£603.24	
Covid Posters	£32.38	
Covid Items	£134.19	£769.81

Refunds	£100.00	£100.00
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Transferred to District	£111.80	
Transfer half Accounta	£189.00	£300.80

TOTAL

£6,836.70

Nat West Low Wood account £45,192.49



