

# GREATER MANCHESTER NORTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

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## Details

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE INSTRUCTIONS OF BOYS AND GIRLS OF ALL CLASSES IN THE PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLINE, LOYALTY AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

**Activities:** All activities involved in scouting. The training of leaders.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Bolton
- Bury
- Lancashire
- Oldham
- Rochdale

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-01	£80,010	£75,788	-	-
2024-05-01	£108,990	£117,481	-	-
2023-05-01	£190,553	£193,487	-	-
2022-05-01	£99,131	£74,902	-	-
2021-05-01	£35,779	£41,359	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Stephen John Allan</b>	Chair	2018-09-30
ANDREW EDWARDS		2012-02-21
CLIVE FENN		
Christopher Heywood		2021-09-23
Colin Perkins		2024-09-11
Elizabeth Farr		2023-10-12
Keith Williams		2014-07-12
Kim Michelle Carmyllie		2018-09-30
Michael Hope		2025-09-24
Patrick Farr		2019-07-09
Samuel Townsend		2024-09-11
William Pullan		2023-09-12

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# Accounts

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# **Greater Manchester North Scout County**

Annual Report

1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025



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# Chairman's Report

The County Trustees again provided essential support to The County, and Lead Volunteer and I appreciate all the skills and knowledge our trustees contribute.

The transformation project was finally completed and we all breathed out. A huge amount of time and effort went into the project in Greater Manchester North and Liz and her support team worked many hours to get everything in place. Thank you to each of you.

Many of the trustees are mid-term in two-year appointments and I am delighted to be able to rely on all of them for another year, especially as all our 1-year Trustees are extending their terms for another year. Welcome to Michael Hope who joins us to liaise with our newly appointed Jamboree leaders who are preparing for Poland in 2027.

During this year I have completed 50 years in Scouting, and that inevitably leads you to look back on all you have done. There have been so many fantastic memories but above all else, the thing that stands out for me are all the special people, younger and older that I have scouted alongside. It's one of the joys of scouting to meet interesting, entertaining, dedicated and enthusiastic leaders and there have been so many. Long may that continue.

Stephen  
County Chair



## County Lead Volunteer

What a year it has been – there has been so much going on across the County which has been absolutely wonderful to see and hear about although I think it's fair to say that none of us could have anticipated what was around the corner.

The Transformation project was all implemented, not without its challenges as far as the membership system went but monthly updates continue to be planned with the exception of the summer holiday period, to improve the system. The Go Live and Transformation teams coped with the small number of queries we had locally. I would like to thank those teams, particularly the Transformation team for their support and hard work over the previous 2-3 years for helping me to plan and implement the changes.

I want to take a moment to talk about compliance, it's been a really tough few months which I never want to repeat. From the hard push we had earlier in the summer on Safety, we have now stabilised the compliance for Safety and Safeguarding at 99.4% and 99.5% respectively (as I write) but we can't be complacent. I don't want to see that figure slip at all now that we have achieved it. I would like to thank everyone who completed the learning ahead of the deadline and made all of the Lead Volunteer's roles better than they would otherwise have been. Some Districts are consistently reporting 100% compliance which is where we all need to get to. We do have a small challenge around DBS & First Response compliance – neither of these is where we need it to be, currently in the red at 94.1% and 90.4% respectively so some work needed there to increase our compliance.

We have had a mass exodus of GMN on various overseas expeditions and camps right through the summer. I look forward to hearing about them as I get around the County this year.

I was also really pleased to see the County Youth Forum being held this year, the first time in many years. My thanks to the County Youth Team and their counterparts in Districts for making this happen. The Youth Leads will be busy next year too, lots of plans for the future.

Our Local Growth Officers, Adele and Beth have been working hard on our behalf to open Sections and Groups across the County. We have just over four months to go on this 2-year project so we need to get every opportunity put forward to achieve the best possible benefit.

We have expanded our County Adult Awards Team, many thanks to Anne Williams for pretty much doing this role single handedly for many years. I'm pleased to say we have been commended by the National Awards Advisory Group for the quality and quantity of our Award submissions recently – some Counties have not submitted any Award nominations. This new team will be responsible for Scout awards but also looking at where we have volunteers who could be eligible for National Honours.

The County Shop managed very successfully by Lee Renton has gone from strength to strength this year and has had its busiest year yet. For all your Scouting supplies see [Home | Greater Manchester North Scout Shop](#)

Thank you so much for everything you do in your local teams, without you we couldn't make a difference to so many young people's lives and, in this day, & age, it is as important as ever. Sometimes we don't realise how influential we can be to a young person and we need to do everything we can to give the same opportunity to more young people.

Liz  
County Lead Volunteer



## Bolton Moorland District

Bolton Moorland continues to be a thriving Scout District. Our membership numbers dropped fractionally in the last census, and all our groups, like many others, continue to struggle to recruit new leaders. Unfortunately, this means far too many hold multiple roles. Sadly there is no magic wand that delivers new volunteers but we are seeing a slow but steady recruitment of individuals new to groups.

Despite this the groups and explorer units in the district continue to provide interesting and engaging programs for all their young people. A number have recently undertaken international trips or are planning them for the coming 12 months. The Cub section team is developing an active series of events for the whole District.

The district held a successful District camp at Forest Camp in early May. Those there will remember the close fought battle between the various cardboard canoes constructed by the young people.

The last 12 months has seen the introduction of the new digital membership system. Like any new system it has had its teething problems. However, the online nights away notifications and nominations for awards is beneficial. Leaders are successfully navigating the online training platform and as a district we completed the mandatory safety training by the deadline with few casualties.

We have presented a number of awards to leaders, including several Silver Acorns, along with King Scout Awards.

As DLV I am now entering my final year in post. I look forward to passing on a thriving district to my successor in 2026 and thank all leaders for their support.

Kim  
District Lead Volunteer



## Bolton South with Farnworth District

As I reflect on the past nine months since stepping into the role of District Lead Volunteer, I want to take a moment to thank all the Group Lead Volunteers for their dedication and support. Together, we've taken great strides in rebuilding our district and navigating the recent restructure. I'm pleased to say we now have both a Trustee Board and a Leadership Team meeting regularly, helping to bring stability and direction back to our district.

Over the past year, we've had some standout moments. Our participation in the Remembrance Parades was a particular highlight, with representation in Bolton and four other cenotaphs — a proud moment for BSWF Scouting. Our first district event, the St George's Day Parade at Bibby's Farm, was a huge success, with a significant turnout from across the district. Looking ahead, we hope to alternate this with a more traditional church service in future years.

We have seen a slight decline in membership since Rob stepped down two years ago, but with continued teamwork and renewed energy, I believe we can reverse that trend and grow stronger together.

Congratulations to Adele Gillibrand on receiving the Medal of Merit — a well-deserved recognition! I'd love to see more of our amazing volunteers nominated for awards in the coming years, as we know there are so many doing exceptional work who deserve to be acknowledged.

A large part of my time over the past nine months has been focused on compliance, especially following the Great Orme incident. I'm proud to report that we're now close to 100% compliance again — a fantastic achievement, especially considering everyone had to redo their safety training this year. Thank you for your efforts in getting us back on track.

We have 1 new group starting in September 7<sup>th</sup> Kings and a new Network group setup called Kelpie.

Lastly, I want to pay tribute to every member, executive, helper, and volunteer involved in Scouting across our district. The past few years have been challenging, but your unwavering support and commitment to our young people have been truly inspiring.

Thank you all.

Darren  
District Lead Volunteer



## Bury & Ramsbottom District and Prestwich, Radcliffe & Whitefield District

As DLV for both of the Districts, I felt it easier to write as one report as the same things have been happening across the two Districts over the past 12 months.

It has been a great year for both Districts. Our overall numbers on the census were only a few down from last year. However, Explorer numbers in both Districts have increased which is great and shows that the leaders are doing a great job.

Unfortunately, due to leaders retiring we had to close two groups in Bury & Ramsbottom District last year, and also two groups in PRaWS which could account for the drop in numbers.

We are now starting to get more young people into Scouting across the Districts with numbers rising in most groups.

We have an increase in Adult Volunteers I have noted this from the number of welcome conversations that keep appearing in my notifications.

Over the year many camps have been undertaken by all Sections across both Districts both indoor and outdoor, giving the young people great experiences.

We have had visits abroad from both Districts within the last 12 months and more planned for next year.

The activities / visits the groups are undertaking away from their normal meeting place are also varied. Visits to ice cream parlours, the Mayor's Parlour, museums, bowling, crazy golf to name but a few. We also have groups out supporting their communities litter picking and helping keep church yards clean and tidy.

I would like to thank all the leaders for their support, understanding and patience during the changeover late 2024. Everyone has logged into the new system and is getting training completed as and when required.

The district teams are working hard to make sure that everything runs smoothly across the board.

Thank you.



## Oldham Borough District

### New Squirrel Groups

The 6th Royton will be opening a Squirrel Drey in September, which will operate on Saturday mornings. There is also potential for the 127th Moorside to open a drey in Autumn, with details to be confirmed.

### Taqwa Reopening

The Beaver section will open with 40 new Beavers, and there is the potential to open 30 Cubs and 20 Scouts throughout the remainder of 2025. Best wishes were extended to Sanna Rashid for success in reestablishing the group.

### St Matthews Closer

Leaders from St Matthews have either been reallocated or retired. Funds and accounts have been transferred to District Trustees, resolved all group concerns. Items from the group are available for reallocation, and a list will be made available. Chadderton old group flags have been passed to Dog Hill for display. Funds have been ring-fenced for 18 months before being returned to the Borough.

### St Annes Building and Lease Update

Work continues with the council regarding the lease agreement and sale of the location. The option to sublet the building to a drama group is being explored to help reduce running costs. Any group interested in taking over the building is invited to submit a proposal. Planning permission has been granted for redevelopment and rebuild. One group has enquired about operating costs. To be provide by Trustees ASAP. **Borough**

### District Awards & Leaders Celebration Night

The Leaders celebration & Awards Night is scheduled for 12th December at St Edwards this includes a meal and entertainment. The venue is already booked, and tickets will be available soon. All members are encouraged to nominate anyone eligible for an award as soon as possible via the digital system. Michela Exton and Joanne Taylor are sorting for this year

## International Opportunities

The District Borough international trip to the Ardeche in France was successfully held in conjunction with Wardle and a group from Bolton in August. The aim is to organise an international trip at least every three years, offering opportunities for all members throughout their Scouting journey within the Borough.

World Scout Jamboree in Poland 2027, Leaders In place next is Scouts and Explorers selection. Please contact County on selection Process.

## Explorer Groups Discussion

Recent meetings have focused on the current Explorer groups and whether the District Borough is catering to all groups, particularly regarding transitions into the existing three groups. It was noted that some groups are operating with Young Leaders rather than Explorers. There are plans to address the potential for establishing satellite Explorer groups connected to the current ones at the upcoming Trustee board meeting and GLV discussion.

## District Activities and Initiatives District team run activities & Programme

Following the last GLV meeting, District Camps have been set at a £40 limit. The District Cub and Scout camps have already taken place successfully, with positive feedback received, though attendance numbers could be improved with greater involvement. The next event is for Beavers, and all groups are encouraged to utilise current District support. Next years will go up to a Maximum of £50.

Activities done so far included Guy Fawke Bonfire Night, Dog Hill Open day, Leader Celebration, Cub Camp, Scout Camp, 5 A side competition, Founders Day St Georges Celebration, Winter Camp, Beaver trip and Lots of Explorer activities.

Upcoming Beaver Camp, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Scout camp, Master at arms badge, Ardeche trip Massive

Thank you to all whom have supported running these Activities.

Please take advantage of these sessions as it benefits the YP across our Borough.

DLV would like a joint Squirrel, Cub, Scouts and Explorer Oldham Borough day out trip to London or alternates to celebrate 40 years of Beavers.

## Safeguarding

To many safeguarding concerns this year for my liking: we have had 4 down to the behaviour of young people to others in their peer group or to Adult Leaders, 3 others on DBS and legacy Issues. Plus, concerns on buildings and tenants' relationships.

## Growth & Fundraising

The DLV after consultation with Fundraiser from groups proposed hiring a professional funding officer to help secure larger initiatives, since only smaller ones were getting approved. After discussion, the Trustees agreed, pending a decision on funding such a role. A trustee member is coming up with proposal and costings

## Current Borough Funding support areas:

### Facilities

Major refurbishment of facilities at Dog Hill, planning Permission given but funding needs to be established. Fund raising officer to support.

The District Team, GLV's and Trustees agreed to finance a sanitation tank up to £30K for facility redevelopment, with spending to begin only when construction starts. Trustees are coordinating with the DH

site team on timing and accurate costs, as current estimates have been deemed unsatisfactory and require further review.

## Permits & First Aid Compliance

As at 2024 Trustee session we agreed that a funding priority would be to spend money on Leaders gaining permits to support their learning but also the YP on gaining the most out of their programme. We now need to act: -

**For Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme courses:** We have budgeted to spend money cover anything which the district would like to cover. ie. GB affiliated archery courses, hill walking etc.

## District Opportunities

### Trustee board

At meeting we decided to remain at status quo with the Board, 3 strikes and out rule in place on nonattendance though. The existing members have a 3-year appointment which will get next reviewed. at the AGM in 2026.

### Youth Lead

We need to begin the search for a new youth Lead, if you have any suggestions, please pass them on to me as this would be a District role with an automatic position on the Trustee Board. Jack will continue in role until successor is found.

### Web Page IT Support

Mark Askill has agreed to support the team with the implementation of the new Web page, if you would like anything to be included in this application please forward them on to myself and I will work with Mark to get them included up and running.

### Ossie's Passing.

Thank you to all attended his funeral and Fund-raising event he will be missed by all.

Regards

Chris

District Lead Volunteer



## Pennine District

Thank you for a great 2024/25 scouting. Pennine had a fabulous time, and the district grew more than any other in the County (and more than most in the country). This is all down to the hard work and effort put in by our many volunteers.

Unfortunately, we have had to close off one group – the 27th Rochdale at Lowerplace. We have been trying for 5 years to get it restarted after Covid and have not managed to find enough leaders to keep it active. The good news is that the building is being rehomed to be one of the 1st Milnrow buildings so it will be used, and the Scout name will still be active in that area.

We've opened a new group – the 99th Pennine. Well done to Farzana and her team for the massive effort it takes to start new groups. They have Cubs & Scouts at the moment while they settle down but are already into double figures for both sections.

We've opened a new Squirrels section at the 17th Wardle Scout group. Thanks go to Norma and her team for that – I know the squirrels are already having fun and becoming great scouts.

We've opened a new Explorer section at the 3rd/4th Heywood group. Thanks, Dave & Team – that's great news from a group that, only 5 years ago, was on the verge of closing due to lack of numbers.

We've resurrected a group, the 17th Middleton, thanks to Julie and her team. This has Beavers and Cubs at the moment and meets in a place the 1st Middleton used to meet.

We have had some excellent support from County & Region with grants (thousands of pounds overall) and assistance in forming and growing sections. This is good and is a sign of what we can expect in the future.

St Georges Day was held at Queens Park in April '24 and Springfield Park in April '25. I mention both because they were both very successful and we plan to continue the same theme in future years – with the short ceremony and the many activities. Thanks go to Matt & his team for the effort he puts in to make it such a success.

Our campsite at Ashworth Valley continues to expand with new activities and refurbishment where necessary. We are now looking at introducing camping pods and you will hear more about all that over the coming months. We have recently lost two long serving and well-respected members of AVSC, but we will always remember Rod Lloyd and Keith Duckworth.

As a whole, at the last census, Pennine District grew by nearly 8%. This is down to the excellent efforts of all of you and I cannot thank you enough. It's been a great year. And I anticipate more growth at the next census.

I must mention the excellent Appointments board led by Colin Tunnicliffe. Under the new system, there is no appointments board, so I just want to say THANK YOU to Colin and his team for the superb work they did.

Many of you may know that a DLV can only be in the post for 10 years and I am sad to say that my time is up next January. So, this will be my last AGM as DLV. But I am not retiring from Scouts. I still have my own group, and I will still be active at District and County, helping the new DLV to fit in and keeping in touch with everyone.

I will close this message on a high – PENNINE DONE GOOD! We can't do this without all of our volunteers – so thank you again for everything you do.

Alan  
District Lead Volunteer

## County Youth Lead



It's been a fantastic year for youth engagement across the County, and I'm proud to share some of the highlights and progress we've made together.

## Highlights from the Year

- **UK Youth Forum:** We were proud to have representation at the national level, giving our young people a voice in shaping Scouting across the UK. Well done, Dylan, Ben, Tobias and Abel for representing GMN!
- **County Youth Forum:** A milestone moment, bringing together Scouts and Explorers from across the County to share ideas, raise issues, and build connections.
- **New Team Members:** We welcomed **Sasha** and **Caleb** to the County Youth Team, bringing fresh energy and perspectives to our work.
- **Group Visits:** We've started visiting local groups to support youth-led activities, support volunteers, and promote youth voice at all levels

## Looking Ahead

- **County Youth Panel:** Launching soon, this panel will offer regular opportunities for youth members to influence decision-making and shape County-wide initiatives.
- **Supporting the Jamboree:** We're excited to support preparations and participation in the upcoming Jamboree, ensuring young people are at the heart of the experience.
- **Leadership Pathways:** We'll continue to work with groups and programme teams to develop opportunities for young people to take on leadership roles: building skills for life.

## Thanks & Acknowledgements

A huge thank you to all the volunteers, youth members, and supporters who continue to champion youthshaped Scouting in our County. Your commitment to youth voice and empowerment continues to inspire!

Sam  
County Youth Lead



## Volunteering Development Team

The start of this year was a time of change from County led adult training to a more District focused and Team based system. The Transition, through the latter part of 2024, was a busy time with the priority of ensuring adults were up to date with Safety and Safeguarding training compliance. Also, some learning was launched online for adults to complete in their own time not needing to attend centralised courses.

There is still a need to continue to run the now optional Wood Badge Course which started in October and bridged the transition and completed in January 2025. Further learning modules are planned for 2025/2026

The new learning programme is now based in Districts ad groups to manage their members learning and starts with a "welcome Conversation outlining the Organisation and processes. Following completion of some basic learning online called "growing roots", a leader or supporter can opt to complete further training on a more face to face basis and come together to more in-depth learning and share experiences.

We have introduced and completed five workshops to support Group and District adults with the main tasks of the role such as managing the membership online system and the welcome conversation. Also, we have

completed two Nights Away workshops and are planning a skills camp to enable learning of that much needed set of skills. These workshops will continue covering a range of topics to upskill our leaders and managers.

First aid courses are now completed in two parts with an online and interactive course that all leaders and supporters can complete followed by a highly practical first response skills learning that tests emergency procedures. This two-part course has been completed by over 235 adults who are now competent to carry out basic first aid.

We have added much needed training resources to the infrastructure of the Headquarters building and to the nights away camping equipment and will continue the programme of providing up to date materials to enable learning for all adults in the County.

All the learning events are free of charge to attend by anyone in the County to ensure we can make learning easy and accessible as possible.

A huge thank you has to go to all the Volunteering Development Team. All have worked tirelessly in their Groups and Districts to provide support and learning for all adults in the County and deliver super skills that benefit our young people.

For information see: [www.gmnscoutstraining.org](http://www.gmnscoutstraining.org)

Pat  
Volunteering Development Team Lead



## International



Last year saw people from 4 separate Districts travelling abroad.

### **Bolton Moorland**

8<sup>th</sup> Bolton East travelled to Disneyland Paris taking 15 Cubs, 15 Scouts and 3 Explorers. They travelled with PGL and had a full programme for the 4 days they were there.

### **Pennine**

1<sup>st</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Heywood had a joint trip travelling to Kandersteg during the summer taking 22 Scouts for 8 days. They did a wide variety of activities including High Ropes, Swimming, visits to Lake Oeschinessee (including

the cable car and toboggan) and Lake Blausee, along with a visit to Bern and a hike. They also celebrated Swiss Day on 1<sup>st</sup> August which is a great day at Kandersteg.

### **Prestwich, Radcliffe and Whitefield**

14<sup>th</sup> Ainsworth (with leader visitors from other groups) travelled to Adelboden, Switzerland taking 15 scouts and 9 explorers. Activities undertaken included tubing down a mountain, High Ropes, Swimming, visits to Lake Oeschinessee (including the cable car and toboggan) and Lake Blausee, along with a visit to both Interlaken and Bern. They also enjoyed a very wet Swiss Day in the village. However, the thunderstorm in the evening was amazing.

### **Oldham Borough**

Royton Explorers, 1<sup>st</sup> Royton Scouts and Chadderton Scouts all travelled together to Czechia with Jeka in the summer also. They took 12 Scouts, 17 Explorers, and 5 Network for 8 fun packed days. They had a day trip to Prague, took part in a variety of water activities including paddleboarding and white-water rafting. They had two days canoeing and did some high ropes too.

Keep an eye out for next year's report as we have had a lot of groups travelling 2025/2026 also.

If you are thinking about travelling abroad please contact me as soon as you start thinking about it so I can pass on information and get you started on your way.

**REMEMBER** from October 2025 the EU Entry/Exit systems come into play across Europe, including Switzerland. Of you require more information, please feel free to contact me.

Stacey

Programme Team - International



## **Awards**

### **National Honours**

You may have heard in the press that there is a push for more National Honours in the North West of England. The lack of National Honours in Scouting is also a big problem the Cabinet Office wish to rectify. Please contact the team if you know someone who is deserving of such an honour.

### **Good Service Awards**

Good Service Awards are now coming through the new Membership System.

The following County Good Service Awards have come through:

Silver Wolf - 1

Bar to Silver Acorn - 0

Silver Acorn - 11

Bar to Award of Merit – 28

A special well done to Keith Williams, who received his Silver Wolf Award in this period.

### **Length of Service Awards**

Length of Service awards are also coming through on a quarterly basis. I wanted to highlight the following. B.R.A.V.O to all:

**Doug Sutton** – 60 years

**Alan Hart** – 50 years

**Alan Whittaker** – 50 years

**Stephen Allan** – 50 years

**Ken Savage** – 50 years

### **Meritorious and Gallantry Awards**

The National Award's Panel has been impressed with the number of Meritorious Conduct Awards coming through to them. Please speak to me if you have a young person or adult who has done something brave and courageous. The following awards have come through:

CC – Performed first aid on a man who collapsed on the side of the road.

RH – Walking home from college, she saved 3 of her friends from being run over on the road and performed CPR on a fourth friend

LC – Her Granddad tripped and hurt his ankle. LC phoned Mountain Rescue to save him and take him to the hospital.

Previous recipients include:

- A leader who has had COVID-19 and long-COVID 7 times but still does his Scouting roles whenever he can.
- A leader who came to his weekly meetings whilst having Chemotherapy.

If you think anyone in Scouts deserves one of these awards, please don't hesitate to contact the GMN Award's Team at [awards@gmnscouts.org.uk](mailto:awards@gmnscouts.org.uk)

GMN Awards Panel

## **County Treasurer's Report**

The CAF and NatWest Bank Accounts are all functioning well with a minimum of two signatories on all payments.

The year being reported is the fourth full year of trading for the Scout Shop since Covid and the County taking over the Scout Shop in 2019. The Scout Shop is on-line and largely operates a cashless system. During the year sales and expenditure increased by around 25% and 15% respectively with income over expenditure in the last year nearly £2,000 under the management of Lee Renton. Thanks Lee and your team of volunteers for all you do throughout the year.

Now looking at the financials, both income and expenditure were significantly down on the previous 12 months as the current year being reported was not skewed by a Jamboree. Income exceeded expenditure in the

financial year to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 by some £5,000 which showed a corresponding increase in our reserves. At the end of the financial year there was around £27,000 reserved funds – the vast majority being held for the next Jamboree and around £5,000 in a Hardship Fund.

The County Levy was held at £12.00 per young person for the second year in succession. Moving forward it was agreed we would increase the County Levy annually roughly in line with the increase in inflation. We raised just under £44,000 from 3,644 young members. Despite our best efforts, this level of Membership shows a further 2.5% reduction in numbers and is more than 20% lower than the most recent peak pre-pandemic of 4,672 members in 2020. The County is rebuilding its numbers and we hope we will recover the ground lost in the next few years. After all, our young members and adult leaders are our most important asset. Without them we would not be here.

The HQ building at Middleton continues to be our largest valued asset with an estimated value of around £900,000 (the building is insured with a re-build cost of £1,500,000). In recent years we have heavily invested in the property to get it into a good condition and attract local businesses to use the site for meetings and training activities in conjunction with Cardinal Langley School's use. Much of this work has been co-ordinated by the Building Team who are unpaid volunteers headed by Andrew (Eddie) Edwards. We should express our thanks to all who work on our behalf and to the benefit of Greater Manchester North County Scout Council's young people.

Clive  
County Treasurer



# Accounts for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## GREATER MANCHESTER NORTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Report of the Treasurer for the year ended 30th April 2025

Annual Figures for the Seven Financial Years 2019 to 2025

	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019
<b>INCOME</b>							
Operational Scouting	£137.50	£33,092.40	£143,490.02	£32,913.51	£707.00	£43,016.72	£96,830.53
Beaver Section			£1,536.00	£2,400.00			
Cub Section						£9,973.00	
Scout Section						£625.00	
Explorer Scout Section			£4,594.00	£2,747.50			£2,447.75
Network Section							
D of E	£137.50	£382.50	£492.00	£573.00	£257.00	£108.00	£880.50
Jamboree	£0.00	£32,709.90	£136,868.02	£27,193.01	£450.00	£32,310.72	£90,137.09
Activities							£2,525.19
Badges							£840.00
Administrative & Support	£79,872.47	£75,898.06	£47,063.46	£66,217.84	£35,071.84	£66,674.61	£45,054.12
HQ Building Lettings	£10,040.00	£5,920.00	£3,740.00	£2,895.00	£2,920.00	£2,866.00	£4,698.62
Adult & VL Training	£1,500.00	£960.00	£850.00	£1,011.80	£20.00	£975.00	£600.00
Bank interest	£2,576.81	£2,120.66	£501.10	£54.91	£330.06	£346.42	
Grants & Misc Income		£4,962.06		£10,972.02	£9,660.21	£10,000.00	£-370.00
Monies in Safe Keeping	£0.00	£270.00	£477.56	£12,377.68			
Scout Shop	£21,783.16	£16,989.34	£12,394.94	£11,276.43	£1,734.07	£8,103.19	
Membership Fee	£43,972.50	£44,676.00	£29,099.86	£27,630.00	£20,407.50	£44,384.00	£40,125.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>£80,009.97</b>	<b>£108,990.46</b>	<b>£190,553.48</b>	<b>£99,131.35</b>	<b>£35,778.84</b>	<b>£109,691.33</b>	<b>£141,884.65</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>							
Operational Scouting	£0.00	£54,366.20	£129,590.20	£22,566.97	£1,222.86	£41,819.39	£84,540.29
Beaver Section			£2,522.00	£1,275.00			£1,074.00
Cub Section						£8,032.04	
Scout Section					£194.86	£412.83	£40.00
Explorer Section			£3,769.55	£2,162.08			£745.00
Network Section					£100.00		£30.10
DofE	£0.00	£510.00			£730.00		£1,733.57
World Scout Jamboree	£0.00	£53,856.20	£123,298.65	£19,129.89	£10.00	£33,374.52	£78,775.38
Badges					£188.00		£800.00
Activities							£1,342.24
Administrative & Support	£75,788.03	£63,114.54	£63,897.23	£52,334.92	£40,136.62	£79,155.81	£49,897.83
AGM and Conference Costs	£10,374.69	£1,262.00	£50.00	£242.88		£972.20	£961.27
HQ Building Insurance	£3,928.19	£3,726.93	£2,797.92	£2,584.95	£3,150.18	£3,211.33	£5,379.68
HQ Building Running Costs	£17,967.44	£16,815.95	£11,443.59	£9,573.76	£15,146.66	£16,074.65	£10,977.67
HQ Building Development	£2,107.74	£9,616.80	£3,850.00	£10,630.00	£6,307.88	£38,986.80	£2,403.97
IT and Office Costs	£1,912.21	£681.62	£781.10	£1,096.91	£446.16	£348.85	£1,408.42
Adult Training	£7,392.98	£1,028.42	£5,434.83	£7,474.75	£134.86	£2,527.72	£10,469.43
Adult Awards	£217.10	£194.35	£103.65	£117.34	£121.25	£306.30	£58.50
Honorarium / Trustees Expenses	£780.27	£588.26	£30.00				
Bank Charges / Scrutineers Fee	£110.00	£148.91	£184.11	£178.13	£144.00	£149.37	£250.00
Monies Returned	£319.50	£226.50	£15,172.14				£500.00
Online Scout Manager (OSM)	£10,856.00	£11,652.75	£11,223.00	£10,642.50	£12,577.50	£9,868.50	£9,675.00
Scout Shop	£19,821.91	£17,172.05	£12,826.89	£9,793.70	£2,108.13	£6,710.09	£7,813.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>£75,788.03</b>	<b>£117,480.74</b>	<b>£193,487.43</b>	<b>£74,901.89</b>	<b>£41,359.48</b>	<b>£120,975.20</b>	<b>£134,438.12</b>

This Figure includes £7,500 for the LGO Project and £1,750 for the National Summit in December 2024

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Report of the Treasurer for the year ended 30th April 2025

Annual Figures for the Seven Financial Years 2019 to 2025

Balances and Reconciliation Figures for the Seven Financial Years 2018 to 2024

Reserves at year end	CAF Accounts			NatWest		Scout Investment	Cash Account	Scout Shop Stock	Totals
	Main	Scout Shop	Gold	Reserve Account	Current Account				
30/04/2025	£67,083.78	£4,093.76	£33,282.73	£30,380.41	£2,028.15	£0.00	£170.53	£17,206.50	£154,245.86
30/04/2024	£2,199.46	£1,450.26	£105,586.94	£22,008.80	£1,528.15	£0.00	£86.29	£13,102.04	£145,961.94
30/04/2023	£4,028.76	£2,201.74	£18,221.64	£3,263.19	£36,476.82	£43,202.31	£350.22	£8,975.23	£116,719.91
30/04/2022	£1,973.58	£2,282.84	£62,870.30	£3,246.58	£27,092.45	£43,081.73	£65.44	£8,348.62	£148,961.54
30/04/2021	£780.63	£788.57	£49,860.27	£3,246.04	£18,566.80	£43,037.39	£103.76	£7,371.27	£123,754.73
30/04/2020	£1,516.26	£1,293.73	£53,823.95	£3,425.21	£18,116.80	£42,744.48	£169.05	£8,245.89	£129,335.37
30/04/2019	-	-	-	£33,191.57	£60,365.94	£42,475.65	-£3.17	£4,589.25	£140,619.24
30/04/2018	-	-	-	£33,140.69	£56,378.94	£42,265.15	-	-	£131,784.78
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Balancing  
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County Treasurer

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Reserved Funds

Jamboree

*Clive R Fenn*

*Robert A McIntyre PFA (retired)*

Balance brought Forward	£145,961.94
Income	£80,009.97
Expenditure	£75,788.03
Balance	£150,183.88
Accruals	£0.00
Assets to take Forward	£154,245.86

Balance brought Forward	£21,964.42
Net Income / Expenditure	£0.00
Balance	£21,964.42
Safe-keeping	£270.00
Net Income / Expenditure	-£270.00
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Robert McIntyre

Surplus / Deficit on all activity	£8,283.92
Surplus / Deficit on normal activity	£7,743.92
Balance	£154,245.86

Hardship Fund	
Balance brought Forward	£4,962.06
Income / Expenditure	£0.00
Balance	£4,962.06
Total Reserved Funds	£26,656.48

## GREATER MANCHESTER NORTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Report of the Treasurer for the year ended 30th April 2025

Annual Figures for the Three Financial Years 2022 to 2025

	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023
<b>INCOME</b>			
Operational Scouting	£137.50	£33,092.40	£143,490.02
Beaver Section			£1,536.00
Cub Section			
Scout Section			
Explorer Scout Section			£4,594.00
Network Section			
D of E	£137.50	£382.50	£492.00
Jamboree	£0.00	£32,709.90	£136,868.02
Activities			
Badges			
Administrative & Support	£79,872.47	£75,898.06	£47,063.46
HQ Building Lettings	£10,040.00	£5,920.00	£3,740.00
Adult & YL Training	£1,500.00	£960.00	£850.00
Bank Interest	£2,576.81	£2,120.66	£501.10
Grants & Misc Income	£0.00	£4,962.06	
Moneys in Safe Keeping	£0.00	£270.00	£477.56
Scout Shop	£21,783.16	£16,989.34	£12,394.94
Membership Fee	£43,972.50	£44,676.00	£29,099.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>£80,009.97</b>	<b>£108,990.46</b>	<b>£190,553.48</b>

Charity Commission Returns									
Headings	2024/25			2023/24			2022/23		
	Return	Calculated	Difference	Return	Calculated	Difference	Return	Calculated	Difference
Donations & Legacies	£43,973.00	£43,972.50	£0.50	£82,618.00	£82,617.96	£0.04	£166,445.00	£166,445.44	£-0.44
Charitable	£33,323.00	£33,323.16	£-0.16	£23,869.00	£23,869.34	£-0.34	£4,590.00	£16,984.94	£-12,394.94
Other Trading Activities	£137.00	£137.50	£-0.50	£382.00	£382.50	£-0.50	£19,518.00	£6,622.00	£12,896.00
Investments	£2,577.00	£2,576.61	£0.39	£2,121.00	£2,120.66	£0.34	£0.00	£501.10	£-501.10
Other Grants & Misc	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Corporate	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£80,010</b>	<b>£80,009.97</b>	<b>£0.03</b>	<b>£108,990</b>	<b>£108,990.46</b>	<b>£-0.46</b>	<b>£190,553</b>	<b>£190,553.48</b>	<b>£-0.48</b>

These are my calculated Charity Commission Returns for the last three years. I have used the definitions for income streams shown at the bottom of the page. Stephens return for 2022/23 based on these definitions were slightly incorrect with Scout Shop income and Interst shown against the wrong headings. The different colour line entries correlate with associated income streams.

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### Donations and legacies means income generated from:

- Gifts and donations received or receivable including legacies
- Any tax reclaimed on amounts received under Gift Aid
- Grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature
- Membership subscriptions and sponsorships where these are, in substance, donations
- Gifts in kind and donated services and facilities.

### Charitable activities means income from:

- Sale of goods or services as a charitable activity
- Sale of goods made or services provided by the charity's beneficiaries
- Letting of non-investment property in furtherance of the charity's objects
- Grants specifically for the provision of goods or services as part of charitable services or services to beneficiaries (including performance-related grants)
- Ancillary trades connected with the above.

### Other trading activities means income from trading activities that specifically raise funds for the charity for example:

- Fundraising events such as jumble sales, firework displays and concerts
- Sponsorships and social lotteries which are not pure donations
- Shop income from selling donated goods and bought-in goods
- Providing goods and services other than for the benefit of the charity's beneficiaries
- Letting and licensing property held mainly for functional use but temporary surplus to requirements.

### Income from investments means income from investment assets, including dividends, interest receivable and rent, but excludes realised and unrealised investment gains and losses.

Jamboree Donations  
Gift Aid  
Grants  
Membership Fees  
Moneys in Safe Keeping

Scout Shop  
Training Fees  
Lettings

Sectional Activities

Bank Interest

## GREATER MANCHESTER NORTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

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30/04/2020	£1,516.26	£1,293.73	£53,823.95	£3,425.21	£18,116.80	£42,744.48	£169.05	£8,245.89	£129,335.37
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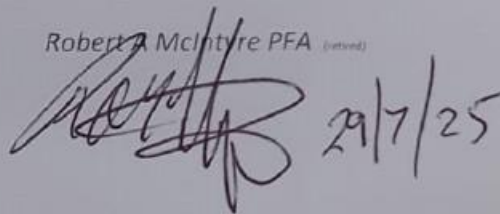


28th August '25

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Robert McIntyre PFA (retired)



29/7/25

Robert McIntyre

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# Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees

## Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the Greater Manchester North Scout County Council

I report on the accounts of the County for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer**

As the County's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

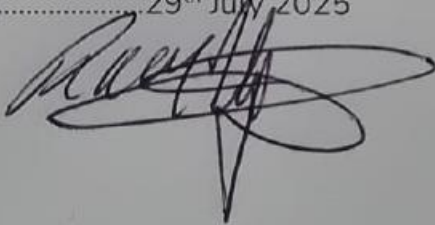
### **Basis of Scrutineer's Statement**

In accordance with the directions given in the County's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts as set out.

### **Scrutineer's Statement**

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: .....Robert McIntyre  
Address: .....10, Mayfield Avenue  
.....Farnworth  
.....Bolton  
.....BL4 9NY  
Date: .....29<sup>th</sup> July 2025





**GREATER MANCHESTER NORTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 701997

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# Accounts

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

**Greater Manchester North Scout County**

Annual Report and Accounts 2022 -2023

380 Rochdale Road, Middleton Manchester M24 2ST

Charity No. 701997

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

## County Commissioner Report

Another busy year for Scouting has been achieved across the County. This past year has seen many Districts embracing District events and camps and Scouting returning to activities that hadn't been delivered pre-covid. The enthusiasm amongst our young people and leaders has been felt across the County.

The WSJ Unit leaders were busy supporting our contingent members develop the skills required to sustain them while on the WSJ and while the Jamboree didn't take place in the 2022-23 Financial year, they are to be applauded for the way they embraced the challenges they were confronted with in the later part of their preparation to go and whilst they were there. We were also fortunate that we have adult members who are part of the international and contingent service teams for World Scout Jamboree 2023. As you can imagine they were all kept busy fundraising and all succeeded in fundraising the £4,000 required to attend.

As a County we have grown again, which is a fantastic achievement and whilst we still haven't returned to our pre-pandemic membership numbers for the County we are getting there. This is evident in the number of higher Awards that have been achieved across the County across all our sections.

This year, I have had the pleasure of attending presentations from some of our young adult leaders as they achieved the highest awards in scouting, these being the last few Queen Scout Awards and now King Scout Awards. These awards are higher than the Duke of Edinburgh Awards but the good news is that the requirements for the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award feed into the King Scout Award so if you know any Youth members that have the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, please encourage them to go top it up to the Kings Scout Award.

In the past year we have welcomed 2 new District Commissioners to the County. Stacey White to Prestwich Radcliffe and Whitefield and Chris Taylor to Oldham. This has meant we have said thank you to Dave Hamilton who was District Commissioner for Oldham and is now enjoying a well-earned rest while he ponders on what role he would like to do next.

We say thank you to Liz Farr who was acting District Commissioner for Prestwich Radcliffe and Whitefield and has now embraced the challenges of Transformation. We also said goodbye and thank you to Rob Pimblett who was District Commissioner for Bolton South with Farnworth and we are currently recruiting for his role. I am grateful to Kim who has agreed to cover Bolton South with Farnworth until a new District Commissioner is appointed.

I would like to thank Stephen for being my County Chairman. Stephen runs the County Executive smoothly and efficiently and is a good counter balance when we discuss the challenges and quick wins that we have as a trustee board. I am very lucky to have such a supportive County Trustee board composed of Clive treasurer, Pat, Chris, Anne and Keith, Chris T, Eddie and Kim who endeavour to keep us all safe and efficient. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sheila who was Secretary for us for all her hard work as she has sadly stepped back to spend more time with family.

And thank you to our County Team, Paddy Chris, Liz, Ann and Pat and our Assistant County Commissioners Chris, Steve and Kathy and my District Commissioners, Alan, Chris, Kim, Lee and Stacey. You all ensure that your Districts are running safely. You have embraced the challenges along with your teams of ensuring that your leaders keep their mandatory training which include safety and safeguarding are up to date, keeping both our young people and leaders safe – and you do this in the “hour a week” we all signed up to give to support our young people in Scouting.

So finally, can I say a big thank you to all of you here tonight, those of you that are busy running meetings, those of you that were unable to attend the Annual General Meeting and every wife/husband/partner/grandparent and youth member that supports you the leader to get meet with our youth members every week regardless of the weather. Without you all, I would not be here tonight to support you in delivering Scouting. Thank you.

Cathy Ward

County Commissioner

## County Chairman's Report

The County Executive members, now known as County Trustees continue to provide essential support to The County, and Commissioner with the transformation project and revised trustee roles high on our priorities list. I really appreciate the contributions from all the trustees and the way in which support has been provided particularly in a year where dispute resolution and safeguarding issues have been very prominent. The counties membership numbers have bounced back and I hope by January 2024 we may be back to near parity with pre-2020 levels.

The Scouting year has featured our County contingent to the World Scouting Jamboree in South Korea, and all the hard work and enthusiasm that went into turning thirty-nine individuals into a single cohesive team prepared for the challenges ahead. Strictly speaking the events in Korea fell into the time covered by next years report, but in hindsight the preparations' stood everyone in good stead for all the challenges that occurred in South Korea. Congratulations to unit leaders Darren, Norma, Amanda and Billy on everything you achieved.

Over the last year I have continued meeting with the District Chairman and we have also run the first pilot of a trustee workshop, supporting Group and District trustee members. We intend continuing this support to help encourage each other running more workshops in your own Districts. The district "Chairs" have notably supported each other in the transformation project at Trustee level and this had been great to see.

The County building has started to come back to life. The bunkrooms have been refurbished, decorated and new bunks added to increase capacity. Andy Edwards and his working teams have put in a lot of effort and it is showing dividends. The building is now fully available for hire, open for anyone to make use of for events, sleepovers and meetings.

By the time we reach this year's Annual general meeting we may know who is to take over Cathy's role as County Commissioner. It's been an interesting, challenging, even exciting five years working with and supporting Cathy as she led the County. I've learnt a lot, thank you for all the fun, friendship and challenge. We will miss you as County Commissioner.

Stephen Allan

Chairman County Trustees

## Adult Training

First, a huge “thank you” goes to the team of Local Training Managers, Advisors and Trainers that ensure we have skilled and validated adults working and developing young people for a better future in their lives. We have run 187 sessions of training and development this year and the feedback from those attending has been very positive with most stating that it has been worthwhile and feel better prepared for their local Scouting.

We have completed a manager’s course to support new Group and District Leaders with superb development projects as a result. Essentially this course is developing Management and Leadership skills to support effective running of a Scout Group. We have started a series of District Trustee Workshops that support the Group and District Trustee Boards and supporting the new National Transformation development of Scouting. First Aid training continues to be popular and equipping Leaders with the Skills and Knowledge to manage a first aid incident and response. This two-part course has changed significantly over the past 12 months and will soon become mandatory for adults in a leadership role. We have completed two mental health awareness courses in supporting leaders working with young people and adults and is more needed today than ever before.

In the new Transformation programme, the Wood Badge becomes an option for adults to be “better skilled “with Leadership and management and will still be available. This year a complete modular programme has been run in Districts and at County HQ with over 60 people gaining the ultimate Adult Training Award. The County Permit Scheme which allows adults to gain skills to then take young people Canoeing, Camping, Rock climbing and other activities like Archery has been very popular with most courses run at capacity. The new Transformation programme will mean more learning at local and community level with face-to-face learning at County level for practical and specialist courses to ensure communication, a mixing of ideas and better programmes for young people.

Pat Farr

County Training Manager Trustee

## Transformation

What a busy year! The Transformation is well and truly underway now with the early adopter counties moving across to the new ways of working next month.

We started the year holding briefings in Districts and also various District and Group meetings together with training courses and also with the County team. The changes have been explained in a monthly County newsletter which I hope has been helpful for you and finally the Transformation team of Mel, Margaret, Rick, Darren, Stephen and Helen have been working within their own Districts and now particularly with Groups to explain and guide you through the changes. Let them know if you need help.

It's a massive project, not due to end until 2025, with changes to our recruitment, induction and welcome processes; the switch from training to learning, changes to our structures and titles and exciting new digital tools to support all the change. If you would like any of us to give any briefings anywhere in the County, please let me know. I'm also at County headquarters on the 3rd Monday in the month for a chat or explanation of anything that is confusing you.

The following should either be in place now or you should be positively working towards them being in place urgently.

- Cleansing Compass data in preparation for the new membership system in February.
- Discussing, making a commitment to & using the new statement of Our Volunteering Culture.
- Using the new team structures in Groups, Districts and County.
- Change Group, District executives to Trustee Boards.
- Increasing the usage of the new Digital Skills Tool.

Finally, I'd like to thank Mel, Margaret, Rick, Darren, Stephen & Helen and also Derek & Charlie, our Digital Champions and to Tim who is supporting the Digital change. I couldn't do this role without them all and I'm very grateful for their help and support.

Liz Farr

County Transformation Lead

## Pennine District

Isn't it nice not to be interrupted by lockdowns, major illnesses and worse. Yes, I think the Covid crisis is over and scouting in Pennine district is doing very well because of it. All our groups are growing and I am seeing increasing youth numbers in all sections. The other groups are having a similar experience. Of course, leaders are always in short supply. But, with the help of the new Scout volunteer campaign, I am very hopeful that we can redress this situation.

In the last 12 months, we have started and grown 2 new Squirrels sections and they are doing well. So, congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup> Heywood and the 7thA Spotland groups. Others may well follow and I look forward to more successes. In June 2022, the 5<sup>th</sup> Pennine group restarted and has gone from strength to strength. They have recently opened a scout section and all sections are now full. You can't ask for much more than that. All the above (and more) shows there is a real demand for scouting in the district and we are all doing very well to accommodate this. On to other news.

And the big news at the moment is the World Scout Jamboree. Greater Manchester North County are able to send up to 36 young people and 4 leaders to South Korea and I am very proud to say that 15 of those young people and 3 of the leaders are from Pennine. What a fantastic effort. It has been a lot of hard work and effort from all those concerned (and their friends and family) to raise the necessary funds, but they have all done it and we look forward to hearing about all their efforts after they get back at the end of August.

We have had some very successful district events. Beavers and Cubs have been out and about and Scouts have a long list planned for this year and next. Explorers are doing well and I am delighted to see joint efforts between Explorer Units – indicating that we are working well as unified Pennine Explorers. Network Scouts are beginning to come together under the stewardship of Jon Gillibrand and I look forward to a successful restart here soon. You can read more about all of this from the other reports in this booklet.

We had a very successful unified St Georges Day event recently. We had representation from all three townships and I am confident that this is the way forward for such events. It is just more proof that Pennine, as a district is working well together. We have had many awards during the past 12 months and I was proud to be able to present some of them at the recent St Georges Day event.

Some scouts and leaders were invited down to London for the Kings Coronation. They all said it was hard work but that they enjoyed it immensely.

Here, you can see Sasha standing in for the Queen 😊

Of course, none of this would be possible without our great leaders. From the occasional helpers up to section leaders, GROUP SCOUT LEADERS and beyond; I see happy smiling faces and it is obvious that everyone involved enjoys being there and sees Scouting as something essential to our future. So, a very big **THANK YOU** from me to all of you. Without you all, we would not have Scouting in Pennine. I'll close the report here and stop rambling on. I wish you all Happy Scouting for the future.



Alan Sharkey

Pennine District Commissioner.

## Oldham Borough District

My report from Oldham for the first 5 months in DC post, First and foremost a special thank you to Dave Hamilton for his tenure as DC for Oldham. It's been a hectic first few months in Post which has been both challenging and rewarding. I would also like to pass on a special thanks to our Oldham representatives at the World Scout Jamboree Amanda Whitehead, Eve, Bethany, Oliver, James, Harvey, Harrison, Autumn and George also the support groups Kathy, Kate Temple Heald and Jack Ratcliffe. Many challenges faced but a great experience for all, we will look forward to their numerous stories to be shared with all the groups as we move forward.



Next, I wanted to get out and meet as many groups as possible, currently I have visited approximately half. I will get out to the rest of the groups & Sections through September and October. On each visit there was a great warm welcome to Sue Allan (District Chair) and I. Not only have we been able to visit the groups and sections on a normal night, but we have also been invited to some special award ceremonies from Moorside, St Aidens, Tarqwa and the Thinkers Forum and thanks again for these invites as these are really special moments in Scouting for all concerned.



Some of my Initial observations from these visits are that the Young People all seem to enjoy their Scouting Experience, from a volunteer perspective this is slightly different, this is mainly down to the numbers. We face a great challenge in recruitment, training and retention of volunteers. On this note there will be some help coming our way, as County along with help from Oldham Borough have managed to secure a funding bid to secure a 1/3 share of 2 full time growth officers. If your group need help in this please contact me or anyone on the district team for your recommendations.

Programmes wise I believe we could do more. Early observation is that there is a low number of top awards being given and not too many activity badges on sleeves, this indicates that we may be struggling to fit this in on a group Evening, this may be down to planning or difficulties in understanding delivery. To help address this I will be challenging our District Borough team to come up with some badge days specifically targeting

programme, some Information Technology Support in terms of Internet access to the groups and free access to tools like Online Scout manager (OSM) and the new Scout compass database replacement, which I am being told will contain a programme module. With the correct level of training on how to use these tools.

Section wise we are not in a good place, too many groups contain only one or 2 sections, we only have one group with all sections covered. On a sad note, we have had to close two groups in the last 6 months with others under threat. please contact our team as soon as possible if you feel your group is under threat. On top of this we have a consistently high number of Volunteers who have their DBS, Safety, safeguarding, first aid and General Data protection training not up to date. This stops our team moving forward as we must chase these up, this stops us concentrating on improvements to the borough, since I started, I have informed over 130 of our volunteers they are behind on one of the above. This is over 60% of all our leaders. If the Group Scout Leaders's are struggling with this task, please could you contact me on an individual basis as soon as possible. Issues to do with training please speak to Andy Edwards email [eddiescoutuk@gmail.com](mailto:eddiescoutuk@gmail.com)

The trustee board has been busy working through your feedback on potential spend, grouping the same comments and then looking a prioritising them for budgeting through 2023 onwards. This will be shared with you all on what this will be. We have also identified the old 3<sup>rd</sup> Royton St Annes as a temporary HQ for Oldham Borough. We will be helping to renovate this structure as we move forward to help facilitate, District, Trustee, programme and transformation sessions. Oldham Explorers will also be using St Annes for their group meetings, plus we will be storing camping stock acquired for use across the district.

The former Executive has been replaced with a new Trustee Board for the borough. Following this we will be creating a new programme team, District Team and training Team a lot of which will be under the banner of the transformation project led by Stephen Exton and myself any questions on Transformation should be directed to Transformation Lead [tfl@oldham.gmnscoouts.org.uk](mailto:tfl@oldham.gmnscoouts.org.uk)

### **What can we expect from the next phases in the Scouting transformation In Oldham:**

- A warmer Welcome for every one of our new Volunteers.
  - Welcome meetings.
  - Digital progress tracking.
- Simplifying Roles and Structure
  - Your roles will be given new titles for e.g. My job title will go from District Commissioner to Lead Volunteer for Oldham Borough.
- More engaging Learning
  - New digital tools
  - Reduction in admin
  - Core Learning: Mandatory and optional content
- Digital Champions to support the above.
- Timeline For 2023
  - District team including Group Scout Leader's to Clean up the Compass database.
  - Each Group and District to develop a change Plan this will be led by Stephen Exton (Team lead for Transformation.)
  - Change Team Roles.
  - Begin Welcome Conversations.
  - Trustee Boards in Place.
- Timeline for 2024
  - Go Live with new system.

Transformation workshops, district meetings and Scout programme for 2023-24 to be scheduled through September 2023.

Oldham Annual General Meeting was held on 8th June at County Scout headquarters, Middleton

A summary of the meeting

The following members to the District Trustee Board were approved by the District Scout Council

Chair Sue Allan

Secretary David Riley

Treasurer Sharon Bohanna

Elected members A. Edwards, C. Body, K. Wood, L. Thompson, N. Kayley

District Commissioners nomination O. Millar, S. Exton, B. Radcliffe

Ex Officio Members DYC J. Ratcliffe, DESC (vacant), DSNC R. Partington

Adoption of the Constitution of the Scout District as laid out in Rule 5.4 POR was approved.

The Quorum was set at 60%

Andy Edwards was approved as representative to the County Scout council.

R. Hamilton was appointed Auditor

A full copy of the minutes can be obtained from the District Secretary.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### **HIGH CROMPTON HOPE WALK 2023**

#### **INFORMATION**

It's a 5-, 10- or 20-mile sponsored walk to raise money for the charity Papyrus

How do we get involved? Teams of between 4 and 6 to complete either the 5- or 10-mile walk.

Who can take part? Anyone, but it is a great event for Cubs, Scouts or Explorer Scouts. Please note for any young people taking part their leaders must take responsibility for them and to ensure that all Scouting rules are adhered to. (Please contact Paddy for advice)

When is it? Saturday 14th October. You will be contacted with your start which is estimated to be between 9 and 11.

Is there a cost? £5 donation per person and for people to raise as much as they can either through sponsorship form or through the Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-fitchett4>

Anything else? Yes! Follow share and like our Page on Facebook-search High Crompton Hope Walk 2023.

Want more information. email Paddy on [hopewalk2023@aol.com](mailto:hopewalk2023@aol.com)

#### **AWARDS EVENING**

A chance to enjoy yourselves without the YP!

The Annual Leaders Award Evening this year will be held on 1st December, 7pm for 7.30pm, at The Event Centre, Boundary Park Football Ground. Please access the car park from Broadway. A 3-course dinner will be served followed by the presentation of Awards to Leaders. The dress code is 'smart casual'.

Tickets are £25 each, however, the Trustee Board have decided to subsidise the event, meaning that each ticket will only cost £15 each (Oldham based others £25).

Please contact the District Chair, Sue Allan for tickets. ([sm.allan@sky.com](mailto:sm.allan@sky.com))

#### **FUN DAY @ DOG HILL**

Activity Fun Day for Leaders, members of your group, family and friends.

7th. October. 10am to 4pm. All our brand-new activities will be open for you to try as well as special activities, including a large inflatable obstacle course, bouncy castle, food and drink.

As this event is predicted to be the largest, we have ever organized we would appreciate any help on the day.

Parking is restricted so please park on Buckstones Road.

Contact Jack on [jack.ratcliffe1@ntlworld.com](mailto:jack.ratcliffe1@ntlworld.com) for further details.

### **TRIP TO ALTON TOWERS**

For Scouts and Explorer Scouts

Sunday 22nd October

Contact Barry on [barry.ratcliffe@ntlworld.com](mailto:barry.ratcliffe@ntlworld.com)

Christopher Taylor, "Chris"

Oldham Borough District Commissioner

## Bolton Moorland District

I am pleased to report that this year has been far more settled. Our census return shows a growth of 9% in new members. However, as always, and I'm sure across the country, we continue to need to find new leaders.

We have continued to provide a varied and inspiring program for all our young people across the district. Our Beaver swimming gala was held at the new Horwich leisure centre, Cubs went to visit Jodrell Bank and Scouts held a skills day at Bibby's.

Over the year we have been able to return to international scouting. Ignite and Clitheroe explorers teamed up and went to the Swedish Jamboree; 16th Bolton Scouts went to Croatia; BEEST were visited by a Ugandan Scout leader who had been on placement at the University. 8th Bolton were also given the opportunity to do their summer camp on a canal boat in London.

In May last year I attended the National Basecamp conference in Manchester, where we heard about the upcoming changes and what we now know as Transformation. We are a movement, and so we change and evolve. The new changes to team-based leadership, training and dare I say it changes in role names will hopefully enable us to recruit more leaders to enable to continue to grow as an organisation and provide amazing opportunities for both young people and adults. In June we were invited to the lighting of the Beacon at Bolton Parish Church as part of the celebrations of the Queen's Jubilee.

In January a small number from the district formed part of the welcome party for the new King Charles III and Queen Camilla on their visit to Bolton to celebrate 150 years of the Town Hall. We joined up with representatives from Bolton South with Farnworth and PRAWs. Thank you to all the leaders who were able to nominate young people at 3 days' notice so that we were able to provide a group of young people that genuinely represented Bolton Moorland.

In May some of our younger leaders went as part of the Scout contingent supporting the Coronation of King Charles III. We are also delighted that Ryan Bibby is the first recipient in the district of the Kings Scout Award. We continue to provide financial support to those that need it, and are happy to have contributed to the fundraising efforts of those attending the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. We had 8 young people who went to South Korea as part of the country contingent, Bees with Seoul, and 3 adults there as part of the International Support Team (IST)

The coming year, which at the time of the Annual General Meeting we are part into, sees our first District Camp, a joint Explorer Belt to Sweden with Bolton South with Farnworth and we are looking forward to the opening of our first Squirrel Drey with plans for more to follow.

Kim Carmyllie

Bolton Moorland Lead Volunteer

## Bury and Ramsbottom District

Looking back at the last few months, I have been to a number of groups who have shown me the great enthusiasm in scouting which is amazing to see. Going to a couple of Annual General meetings where they describe what they have done over the year it's nice to see the difference in the groups and how we all look at the programs differently.

I have been grateful to go round different groups to give out several adult awards and gives me the opportunity to thank volunteers.

When going to one group, one of the scouts showed me how to change a plug, how to read a map and struggle to start a fire with a flint and steel. I enjoy listening to the scouts and find out what they enjoy and learn.

Thank you for everyone's help over census time. Going through each groups census is a quick turn around and making sure everyone's details are correct can be stressful, but we got it all processed in time to get it sent out.

Well done to all the groups at the Pike view Hike. Getting 5 places in the top ten and the first three places in scouts. This is a phenomenal position, and thanks to the leaders who helped train them to get there.

Going into the coming months, I would like to review every group's occasional helper to make sure everyone is valid and go through whether we need to review how we do this. I am spending a lot of time sorting out whether people should be suspending over overdue training and overdue DBS' checks.

Lee Ribchester

Bury and Ramsbottom District

## Awards

### Good Service Awards received from Aug 2022 – April 2023

The award process is working well now in the simplified online format. However, for any award to be considered, **every** volunteer must be up to date with their mandatory training units and the training required for their specific role(s). This includes all leaders and administrative volunteers. If anyone has a completed PLP please make sure that this has been converted into a Wood badge, where required.

Listed below are the details of those Good Service awards received since August 2022

Name	Award	District
Derek Redfern	Silver Wolf	Pennine
Margaret Duckworth	Silver Wolf	Bury & Ramsbottom
Keith Duckworth	Bar to Silver Acorn	Bury & Ramsbottom
Keith Lofthouse	Bar to Silver Acorn	Bury & Ramsbottom
Mike Phillips	Bar to Silver Acorn	Pennine
Richard Baron	Bar to Silver Acorn	Pennine
Liz Farr	Bar to Silver Acorn	Greater Manchester North County
Patt Farr	Bar to Silver Acorn	Greater Manchester North County
Avril Redfern (RIP)	Silver Acorn	Pennine
Jack Priestley	Silver Acorn	Pennine
Hilary Marston	Silver Acorn	Bolton South with Farnworth
Yvonne Wolstencroft	Silver Acorn	Preswich Radcliffe & Whitefield
Bill Fern	Silver Acorn	Pennine
Emma Scantlebury	Meritorious Conduct Award	Calderdale & Pennine
Lucy Scantlebury	Meritorious Conduct Award	Pennine
Stephen Gehlhaar	Meritorious Conduct Award	Bury & Ramsbottom

In addition to these we have had **76** other awards across the County

**47 Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service**

**19 Awards for Merit & 10 Bar to Award for Merit**

I'm sure there are many more worthy people out there. If you know anyone who has completed a minimum of 5 years' service and holds a Wood badge for their role, or anyone who has held an administrative post for 5 or more years, with appropriate training, then they are eligible for consideration for an award. If you know of someone or would like further information, then please contact me.

During the coming months, the Compass database is due to be migrated to a new system. It is essential that everyone's records reflect their service and training before the new system is operative. Please pass this message out to all our volunteers.

Anne Williams

County Awards Recipient



## Unit 52 – 25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree

Well, what an amazing 2 years it has been! From us 4 leaders being selected in October 2021 to arriving back in Manchester after 3 weeks in Korea in August 2023, every unit member has had a once in a lifetime opportunity, which was unforgettable and life changing.

As you may have seen in the news, our time in Korea was not at all what we expected it to be, but it certainly was an adventure!

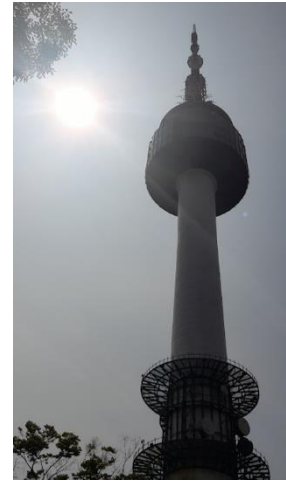
The 18 months leading up to the Jamboree was filled with 6 training camps including a weeklong camp at Red Rose 2022 and a weekend in Paris, socials such as water activity days, hikes and movie night sleepovers, £160,000 worth of fundraising and of course for the leaders, lots of planning meetings! The regular meet ups and team building exercises we had really paid off when we arrived in Korea.

On Thursday 27th July, our coach departed County HQ at 5am.



It was a long journey to Korea, via Munich, and we arrived in Seoul at 9am the next day, local time. We travelled across Seoul to Gangnam, via train and subway, where we were staying in a Novotel. Our first real experience of the heat was when we came out of the metro station and it was accompanied by the view of a huge hill up to our hotel! The walk was hard work with all our luggage, under the 1pm sun, however the young people overcame our first challenge with no problems. The rest of the day was spent, refreshing ourselves, having a bit of down time and then meeting up with our patrols and going out in search of food.

Our first day out was an early start for a 7am breakfast and then the Hop on, Hop off bus. This gave us a great idea of just how big the city of Seoul is and some of its major tourist attractions. We met scouts from many nationalities whilst we were in Seoul.



On our second day we visited the Namsam Tower. We caught a cable car which dropped us off at the base of the tower, and then a lift to the top – the view was incredible. The rest of our time in Seoul was mainly spent exploring Seoul in patrols. This included visiting The Gyeongbokgung Palace, where we saw the changing of the guard, The Jongmyo Shrine, traditional Hanok villages and a lovely outdoor pool on the side of the Hahn River.

We each tried a different restaurant each evening. Here is the Korean BBQ, Street Food and soup.



We arrived at the Jamboree site a day late after being delayed by the UK Management team being rightly concerned that the site wasn't ready to expand its capacity by another 4000 young people. We thought Seoul was hot, and SaeManGeum was even hotter! When we arrived at our pitch, we got stuck into setting tents up and getting tea made so we could get to the opening ceremony on time. There was a long queue to get into the opening ceremony, but Unit 52 livened it up with songs, chants, and Mexican waves! Once we got in, there was a parade of flags from every country represented at the Jamboree, then speeches from the camp chief and Bear Grylls. This was followed by a concert. The young people threw themselves straight into the swapping culture at the Jamboree site, they were returning to site with uniform shirts, bags, hats, Necker's and lots and lots of badges from countries all over the world.

We were very proud of our camp gate! It was decorated with the Necker of each group, unit and district represented in Unit 52. Can you spot your groups Necker?



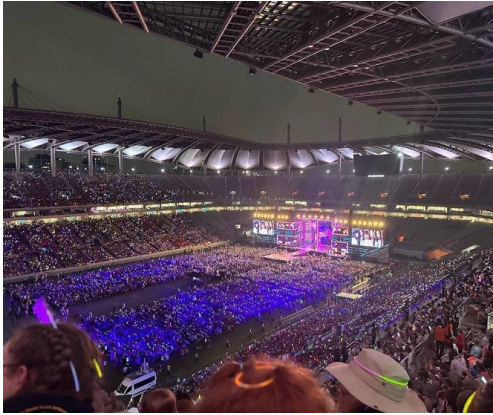
Our stay at the Jamboree site was of course cut short. On Friday 4th August we received the news that the UK Contingent was withdrawing from the Jamboree and returning to Seoul. The UK Contingent had made this decision due to the fact they were concerned for the safety of the young people and adults. The toilets were unsanitary, waste was not being collected, the food deliveries were not meeting people's dietary requirements, it was incredibly hot on site and there was not enough shade to keep people safe, the medical facilities were becoming full, and the site was not coping.

A lot of the unit were upset and disappointed at this news, however the consensus very quickly was that it was the right decision. We didn't think that things would get any better, but they had a huge potential to get much worse. Thankfully, none of our unit had needed to make use of the (significantly deficient) medical facilities. Unit 52 were certainly one of the better off units, in some parts of the site it was chaos. The next morning, we were on a coach back to Seoul. The UK Contingent Management Team along with the travel agents did a fantastic job of arranging hotels and coaches for all the UKC overnight.

Back in Seoul! The Korean government and local clubs put on events for us to fill up our unexpected additional week in Seoul. We were invited to watch a football match from a local team, we visited the Blue House – the home of the President until last year, we went to watch 'Fly High Taekwon' – A Taekwondo Musical and also had a guided tour of the Korean War Museum. While in Seoul, on many occasions, we had Korean people coming up to us, personally apologising for the Jamboree and often wanting to buy us water, ice cream or gifts. This generosity was heartwarming.

Two days after the withdrawal of the UK Contingent from site, WOSM made the decision to evacuate the whole of the Jamboree (on the 8th August) due to the site being in the path of the impending Typhoon Khunan. Thousands of Scouts from other nations joined us in Seoul. Many were housed in university gyms or halls, depending on what their country could arrange for them. Some were housed several hours away from Seoul but the Korean government booked coaches for us all to attend the closing ceremony at the Olympic stadium in Seoul. The ceremony had a great atmosphere, and it was amazing that we were all able to be brought together once more. The 'baton

for running the next Jamboree was handed over to Poland and after remaking our promise, we listened to an impressive line-up of K-Pop bands.



On our last Sunday, we had a tour to the de-militarised zone between North and South Korea and found out more about how families had been torn apart in 1950 when North Korea invaded and attempted to take over South Korea. We tied purple ribbons on the fence demarking the border in the hope that the country will one day be united.



On the last evening we all congregated in a meeting room in the hotel. It was a nice way to round off the trip. The unit leaders all thanked the young people for making the trip what it was, they had truly been amazing and embraced their time in Korea. We had not had the Jamboree we expected, but Unit 52 still had an amazing 3 weeks together in South Korea. All the young people were then presented with their You Shape Awards. The next day it was time to go home, and our flight left Seoul at around 1pm. At the point where most of us had taken a little nap, the unit members set about collecting signatures and messages on their Bees with Seoul T shirts or uniform shirts. What a nice end to our journey.

We arrived back in Manchester at 10:30pm on Tuesday 15th August and were welcomed by families with banners and balloons. It was heart-warming.



We all had a different Jamboree – but still had a great time, made deep friendships with our Unit 52 peers and new friends at the Jamboree site and in the city. It was certainly an experience that will be talked about for some time. Thank you to everyone who has supported us on our journey: friends, family, scout groups, explorer units, the county and district teams. You have all been amazing.

A special thanks must go to the members of the International Service Team. They arrived at the site around 5 days before we did and never stopped working. They endured worse conditions than us, had jobs which filled their days in locations. over hours walk from where they were camping but despite this, they would always be there to lend a hand – often with a smile on their face too! Thanks for reading, and we wholeheartedly recommend being a Jamboree Leader. What an incredible experience it has been.

Daz, Norma, Amanda, and Billy

Unit 52 Leadership Team



**GREATER MANCHESTER NORTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**  
**Report of the Treasurer for the year ended 30th April 2023**  
Annual Figures for the Seven Financial Years 2017 to 2023

	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017
<b>INCOME</b>							
<b>Operational Scouting</b>	<b>£143,490.02</b>	<b>£32,913.51</b>	<b>£707.00</b>	<b>£43,016.72</b>	<b>£96,830.53</b>	<b>£55,740.13</b>	<b>£27,934.40</b>
Beaver Section	£1,536.00	£2,400.00				£1,260.00	£17,114.50
Cub Section				£9,973.00		£6,771.32	£9,282.40
Scout Section				£625.00			
Explorer Scout Section	£4,594.00	£2,747.50			£2,447.75	£1,604.18	£660.00
Network Section							
D of E	£492.00	£573.00	£257.00	£108.00	£880.50	£689.00	£420.50
Jamboree	£136,868.02	£27,193.01	£450.00	£32,310.72	£90,137.09	£41,499.23	
Activities					£2,525.19	£3,356.40	
Badges					£840.00	£560.00	£457.00
<b>Administrative &amp; Support</b>	<b>£47,063.46</b>	<b>£66,217.84</b>	<b>£35,071.84</b>	<b>£66,674.51</b>	<b>£45,054.12</b>	<b>£83,290.00</b>	<b>£33,254.95</b>
HQ Building Lettings	£3,740.00	£2,895.00	£2,920.00	£2,866.00	£4,698.42	£4,934.00	£3,689.71
Adult & YL Training	£850.00	£1,011.80	£20.00	£975.00	£600.00	£1,542.00	£782.74
Bank Interest	£501.10	£54.91	£330.06	£346.42			
Grants & Misc Income		£10,972.02	£9,660.21	£10,000.00	£-370.00	£570.00	£3,350.00
Monies in Safe Keeping	£477.56	£12,377.68					
Scout Shop	£12,394.94	£11,276.43	£1,734.07	£8,103.19			
Membership Fee	£29,099.86	£27,630.00	£20,407.50	£44,384.00	£40,125.80	£76,244.00	£25,432.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>£190,553.48</b>	<b>£99,131.85</b>	<b>£35,778.84</b>	<b>£109,691.83</b>	<b>£141,884.65</b>	<b>£139,030.13</b>	<b>£61,189.85</b>

	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>							
<b>Operational Scouting</b>	<b>£129,590.20</b>	<b>£22,566.97</b>	<b>£1,222.86</b>	<b>£41,819.89</b>	<b>£84,540.29</b>	<b>£50,623.03</b>	<b>£26,005.40</b>
Beaver Section	£2,522.00	£1,275.00			£1,074.00		£15,536.75
Cub Section				£8,032.04		£4,068.89	£7,444.15
Scout Section			£194.86	£412.83	£40.00	£79.55	£40.00
Explorer Section	£3,769.55	£2,162.08			£745.00		£1,100.00
Network Section			£100.00		£30.10		£400.00
DofE			£730.00		£1,733.57	£794.50	£729.50
World Scout Jamboree	£123,298.65	£19,129.89	£10.00	£33,374.52	£78,775.88	£45,426.09	£0.00
Badges			£188.00		£800.00	£254.00	£755.00
Activities					£1,342.14		
<b>Administrative &amp; Support</b>	<b>£63,897.23</b>	<b>£52,334.92</b>	<b>£40,136.62</b>	<b>£79,155.81</b>	<b>£49,897.83</b>	<b>£61,047.69</b>	<b>£33,790.69</b>
AGM and Conference Costs	£50.00	£242.88		£972.20	£961.27	£2,864.10	£1,502.82
HQ Building Insurance	£2,797.92	£2,584.95	£3,150.18	£3,211.33	£5,379.68	£4,944.68	£4,260.85
HQ Building Running Costs	£11,443.69	£9,573.76	£15,146.66	£16,074.65	£10,977.67	£22,722.78	£16,768.66
HQ Building Development	£3,850.00	£10,630.00	£6,307.88	£38,986.80	£2,403.97	£13,234.11	£2,012.63
IT and Office Costs	£781.10	£1,096.91	£446.16	£348.85	£1,408.42	£2,854.88	£5,080.41
Adult Training	£5,434.83	£7,474.75	£134.86	£2,527.72	£10,469.43	£3,764.44	£2,718.72
Adult Awards	£103.65	£117.34	£121.25	£306.30	£58.50		£101.50
Honorarium / Trustees Expenses	£30.00						£0.00
Bank Charges / Scrutineers Fee	£184.11	£178.13	£144.00	£149.37	£250.00	£250.00	£250.00
Monies Returned	£15,172.14				£500.00	£737.00	£1,095.00
Online Scout Manager (OSM)	£11,223.00	£10,642.50	£12,577.50	£9,868.50	£9,675.00	£9,675.00	£0.00
Scout Shop	£12,826.89	£9,793.70	£2,108.13	£6,710.09	£7,813.89		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£193,487.43</b>	<b>£74,901.89</b>	<b>£41,359.48</b>	<b>£120,975.20</b>	<b>£134,438.12</b>	<b>£111,670.62</b>	<b>£59,795.99</b>

Clive R Fenn  
23rd July 2023

**GREATER MANCHESTER NORTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**  
**Report of the Treasurer for the year ended 30th April 2023**  
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30/04/2022	£1,973.38	£2,282.84	£62,870.80	£3,246.38	£27,092.45	£43,081.73	£65.44	£8,348.62	£148,961.54
30/04/2021	£780.63	£788.57	£49,860.27	£3,246.04	£18,566.80	£43,037.89	£103.76	£7,371.27	£123,754.73
30/04/2020	£1,516.26	£1,293.73	£53,823.95	£3,425.21	£18,116.80	£42,744.48	£169.05	£8,245.89	£129,335.37
30/04/2019	-	-	-	£33,191.67	£60,365.94	£42,475.65	-£3.17	£4,589.25	£140,619.24
30/04/2018	-	-	-	£33,140.69	£56,378.04	£42,265.15	-	-	£131,784.78
31/03/2017	-	-	-	£33,136.80	£144,623.40	£42,046.40	-	-	£219,806.10
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
								Balancing	
								Estimated	

Totals less Stock
£107,744.68
£140,612.92
£116,383.46
£121,089.48
£136,029.99

County Treasurer

Scrutineer

Reconciliation 2022/2023

Reserved Funds

Jamboree

Clive R Fenn

Robert A McIntyre PFA

Balance brought Forward £148,961.54

Balance brought Forward £29,541.35

Income £190,553.48

Income £136,868.02

Expenditure £193,487.43

Expenditure £123,298.65

Balance £146,027.59

Balance £43,110.72

Accruals £29,486.50

Safe-keeping

Assets to take Forward £116,719.91

Balance brought Forward £12,377.68

Net Income £477.56

Monies Returned £12,377.68

Surplus/Deficit on all activity -£2,755.13

Balance £477.56

Surplus/Deficit on normal activity -£4,424.38

Total Reserved Funds £43,588.28

Clive R Fenn  
23rd July 2023

Robert McIntyre

# England & Wales

Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Greater Manchester North County Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **Greater Manchester North County Scout Council** for the year ended 30th April 2023.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the **Greater Manchester North County Scout Council** you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the **Greater Manchester North County Scout Council** accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the **Greater Manchester North County Scout Council** as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Name:

ROBERT MCINTYRE

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

Address: 10 MAYFIELD AVE FARNWORTH BL4 9WY

Date:

24/8/23

# Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees

## Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the Greater Manchester North County Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the County for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the County's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

### Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the County's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages ...1..... to ...2.....

### Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: ROBERT MCINTYRE  
Address: 10 MAYFIELD AVE  
FARNWORTH  
BOLTON  
BL4 9NY  
Date: 29/5/23

# GREATER MANCHESTER NORTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## Report of the Treasurer for the year ended 30th April 2023

Annual Figures for the Seven Financial Years 2017 to 2023

	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017
<b>INCOME</b>							
<b>Operational Scouting</b>	<b>£143,490.02</b>	<b>£32,913.51</b>	<b>£707.00</b>	<b>£43,016.72</b>	<b>£96,830.53</b>	<b>£55,740.13</b>	<b>£27,934.40</b>
Beaver Section	£1,536.00	£2,400.00				£1,260.00	£17,114.50
Cub Section				£9,973.00		£6,771.32	£9,282.40
Scout Section				£625.00			
Explorer Scout Section	£4,594.00	£2,747.50			£2,447.75	£1,604.18	£660.00
Network Section							
D of E	£492.00	£573.00	£257.00	£108.00	£880.50	£689.00	£420.50
Jamboree	£136,868.02	£27,193.01	£450.00	£32,310.72	£90,137.09	£41,499.23	
Activities					£2,525.19	£3,356.40	
Badges					£840.00	£560.00	£457.00
<b>Administrative &amp; Support</b>	<b>£47,063.46</b>	<b>£66,217.84</b>	<b>£35,071.84</b>	<b>£66,674.61</b>	<b>£45,054.12</b>	<b>£83,290.00</b>	<b>£33,254.95</b>
HQ Building Lettings	£3,740.00	£2,895.00	£2,920.00	£2,866.00	£4,698.62	£4,934.00	£3,689.71
Adult & YL Training	£850.00	£1,011.80	£20.00	£975.00	£600.00	£1,542.00	£782.74
Bank Interest	£501.10	£54.91	£330.06	£346.42			
Grants & Misc Income		£10,972.02	£9,660.21	£10,000.00	-£370.00	£570.00	£3,350.00
Monies in Safe Keeping	£477.56	£12,377.68					
Scout Shop	£12,394.94	£11,276.43	£1,734.07	£8,103.19			
Membership Fee	£29,099.86	£27,630.00	£20,407.50	£44,384.00	£40,125.50	£76,244.00	£25,432.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>£190,553.48</b>	<b>£99,131.35</b>	<b>£35,778.84</b>	<b>£109,691.33</b>	<b>£141,884.65</b>	<b>£139,030.13</b>	<b>£61,189.35</b>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>							
<b>Operational Scouting</b>	<b>£129,590.20</b>	<b>£22,566.97</b>	<b>£1,222.86</b>	<b>£41,819.39</b>	<b>£84,540.29</b>	<b>£50,623.03</b>	<b>£26,005.40</b>
Beaver Section	£2,522.00	£1,275.00			£1,074.00		£15,536.75
Cub Section				£8,032.04		£4,068.89	£7,444.15
Scout Section			£194.86	£412.83	£40.00	£79.55	£40.00
Explorer Section	£3,769.55	£2,162.08			£745.00		£1,100.00
Network Section			£100.00		£30.10		£400.00
DofE			£730.00		£1,733.57	£794.50	£729.50
World Scout Jamboree	£123,298.65	£19,129.89	£10.00	£33,374.52	£78,775.38	£45,426.09	£0.00
Badges			£188.00		£800.00	£254.00	£755.00
Activities					£1,342.24		
<b>Administrative &amp; Support</b>	<b>£63,897.23</b>	<b>£52,334.92</b>	<b>£40,136.62</b>	<b>£79,155.81</b>	<b>£49,897.83</b>	<b>£61,047.59</b>	<b>£33,790.59</b>
AGM and Conference Costs	£50.00	£242.88		£972.20	£961.27	£2,864.70	£1,502.82
HQ Building Insurance	£2,797.92	£2,584.95	£3,150.18	£3,211.33	£5,379.68	£4,944.68	£4,260.85
HQ Building Running Costs	£11,443.59	£9,573.76	£15,146.66	£16,074.65	£10,977.67	£22,722.78	£16,768.66
HQ Building Development	£3,850.00	£10,630.00	£6,307.88	£38,986.80	£2,403.97	£13,234.11	£2,012.63
IT and Office Costs	£781.10	£1,096.91	£446.16	£348.85	£1,408.42	£2,854.88	£5,080.41
Adult Training	£5,434.83	£7,474.75	£134.86	£2,527.72	£10,469.43	£3,764.44	£2,718.72
Adult Awards	£103.65	£117.34	£121.25	£306.30	£58.50		£101.50
Honorarium / Trustees Expenses	£30.00						£0.00
Bank Charges / Scrutineers Fee	£184.11	£178.13	£144.00	£149.37	£250.00	£250.00	£250.00
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Clive R Fenn  
23rd July 2023

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# GREATER MANCHESTER NORTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

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								Balancing Estimated

County Treasurer

Scrutineer

Reconciliation 2022/2023

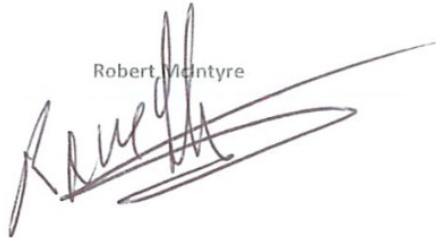
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Clive R Fenn  
23rd July 2023

Robert McIntyre



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**GREATER MANCHESTER NORTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 701997

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# Accounts

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**Greater Manchester North  
County Scout Executive**



# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022**



## County Commissioner Report

I'm going to keep this short as those of you that know me well, know that once I start, I don't always know when to stop talking. Many of the meetings that I hold over run because of my gift of chatter!

This past year has seen us return to Scouting with renewed vigour and a thirst to support our Youth members. All around us we have been embracing life and enjoying our return to delivering a full and balanced programme.

Our county building, which was empty for 18 months now echoes with the sounds of leaders completing face to face training and the recommencement of our young leadership programme. Our campsites across the County have become hives of activity as groups have returned to camping promoting what we all do best- providing fun, laughter while delivering Skills for Life.

Summer 21 saw us a county begin to prepare for WSJ 23. Initially we were allocated half of a contingent with 2 leaders but with a lot of time and planning we were successful in securing a full contingent 36 young people and 4 leaders who will be off to South Korea to enjoy the opportunity of a lifetime. We have since appointed our WSJ contingent leaders and they are currently in the process of building a strong team with our 36 contingent members.

We are also fortunate that we have adult members who are part of the international and contingent service teams for WSJ 23. As you can imagine they are all kept busy fundraising.

October 21 saw us appoint Kim Carmylle into the role of District Commissioner for Bolton Moorland. I'd like to welcome Kim to the County Team and thank my 5 other District Commissioners Dave, Alan, Lee, Rob and Liz as acting DC for the support that they have given Kim as she grows into the role of DC.

Scouting embraced the challenges Covid 19 presented us with and you as leaders have turned these challenges into achievements. Your commitment to our youth members has meant that as a county we achieved the second highest growth of membership in the Country, which is something all of you should be proud of.

I would like to thank Stephen for being my County Chairman. Stephen runs the County Executive smoothly and efficiently and is a really good counter balance when we discuss the challenges and quick wins that we have as an executive. I am very lucky to have such a supportive County Executive composed of Clive treasurer, Sheila Secretary, Pat, Chris, Anne and Keith Chris T and Kim who endeavour to keep us all safe and efficient.

And thank you to our County Team, Paddy Chris, Liz, Ann and Pat and our ACCs Chris, Steve and Kathy who ensure that you all have the support that you need to run a balanced programme.

So finally, can I say a big thank you to all of you here tonight, those of you that are busy running meetings, those of you that were unable to attend the AGM and every wife/husband/partner/grandparent and youth member that supports you the leader to get meet with our youth members every week regardless of the weather. Without you all, I wouldn't be here tonight to support you in delivering Scouting. Thank you.

**Cathy Ward**

## County Chairman's Report

The County Executive continue to provide essential support to our County Team and Districts and I very much appreciate all the hard work and good scouting they do "behind the scenes". It is a great achievement for the Counties membership numbers to bounce back so strongly after two years of little or no Scouting and I thank all the leaders in Districts and Groups for all the hard work that they have put in to make that possible.

We started the Scouting year with selection weekends for the County contingent attending next year's World Jamboree in South Korea. Having attended all the selection weekends, I was hugely impressed by the qualities and enthusiasm shown by all our contingent members, I take enormous encouragement and great pleasure in seeing the contingent coming together as a team, ready for the Jamboree. Congratulations to Darren, Norma, Amanda and Billy on being selected as the Counties Contingent leadership and good luck for all that's ahead.

Over the last year I have managed to get together with all the District Chairmen. This was a long-planned event but only managed this year and I hope we can continue to help support and encourage each other. Welcome to David in Bolton South with Farnworth, Claire in Bolton Moorland, and thank you to Sue, Michael and Garry for sharing all your experience with our two new Chairman. A particular thanks to Michael for all the support he has given Praw's district as acting Chair, whilst still keeping ahead in Bury and Ramsbottom.

The County building has started to come back to life and the meeting rooms and kitchen are all looking good. Our attention now turns to the first floor and an upgrade to the bedrooms and facilities. Chris, Andy and Rachael have made good progress and I thank them and all their teams. For the future, it would be useful to attract grant aid and funding, so if there is anyone in the County who has skills with such applications, I'd love to hear from you.

I look forward to a very busy year ahead, safe in the knowledge that we have the skills and knowledge in our executive teams to meet all challenges.

**Stephen Allan**

## Deputy County Commissioner Programme

With everything going on in PRaWS, I haven't had much time to visibly spend on my DCC role but we have managed to provide a County Mystery trip for the Beaver Scout Section. My thanks to Mole in particular for opening up her District event to the County and organising the trip.

We also organised a County Skills Day in the summer at Ashworth Valley. Although numbers attending were lower than hoped, everyone had a fantastic day learning new skills and picking up new information from our resource desk. Again, my thanks to the organising team.

**Liz Farr**

## County Transformation Lead

As some of you will know we have some changes coming over the next 12-18 months, Cathy has asked me to lead these changes in the County, supporting Districts and Groups to move to the 'new world', the areas of change are :

- How we welcome new volunteers
- A new digital experience to manage membership data
- Changes to our roles and team structure
- Changes to our learning

We are in the understanding and planning phase at the moment so early days but I look forward to supporting the County, District & Groups to implement the changes over the coming months.

**Liz Farr**

## County Treasurer's Report

The CAF and NatWest Bank Accounts are all functioning well with a minimum of two signatories on all payments. We have now updated our mandates and have any two from four authorised signatories for all expenditure payments. As I alluded to last year, activity since restrictions were lifted following Covid has increased my workload some ten-fold since this time last year with Jamboree monies coming in and scouting activities now in full swing but this is what it should be like. Communications with HQ are still difficult but it is starting to ease as new staff are employed following redundancies and losses during the pandemic.

The year being reported is the first full year of trading since taking over the County Scout Shop. Nearly all sales have been on-line and we have now moved to essentially a cashless system. During the year we had sales of around £1000 each month and over the year showed a surplus of around £1,500. The online activity was supported by Alan Sharkey who also undertook an electronic stock take for me at year end. Thank you, Alan for your endeavours. Monica Fowler as always has been a stalwart in running the Scout Shop on a day-to-day basis – thank you Monica. Finally, on the Scout Shop, I must offer my thanks to all the helpers who 'man' or 'pack-up' parcels for the Shop throughout the year.

Now looking at the financials, income exceeded expenditure in the financial year to 30th April 2022 with our reserves increasing by some £24,500 to around £148,000. The increase in reserves is associated with Jamboree fundraising and monies transferred from Districts / Groups / Sections which have been transferred to the County for 'safe keeping' while new bank accounts are opened for these entities. These funds are classed as restricted funds and will be paid back in due course. This year the surplus on normal activity was approximately £4,500 compared to a deficit of £5,600 the previous year.

Income in the financial year was nearly 80% of the last pre-pandemic year 2019/20 and was more than double last year's income. As last year, we again received some £10,700 in the form of Covid grant aid. Without which, we would have shown an overall deficit. Expenditure this year was just under £75,000 with operational scouting expenditure just under a third of this figure. The vast majority of the operational figure was associated with the first Jamboree payment, together with costs of the Scout's Monopoly event in October 2021 and pre-costs for the Beaver trip to Chester Zoo just after year-end in May 2022. Total administrative costs amounted to more than £52,000 included the cost of replacing the two gas boilers and overhaul of the central heating system at over £10,000, adult training costs of £7,500, the purchase of Online Scout Manager licences costing nearly £11,000 and the Scout Shop stock purchases of £10,000 (reported previously) with £13,000 covering HQ utilities, minor repairs and insurance costs.

From the County Levy of £7.50 per young person (unchanged from 2021 and still below the levy of £9.50 in 2020) we raised £27,630 (£20,470.50 in 2021) from 3,684 (2,721 in 2021) members. This level of membership is still some 20% lower than the most recent peak pre-pandemic of 4,672 members in 2020. The County is rebuilding its numbers and we hope we will recover the ground lost in the next two years. After all our young members and adult leaders are our most important asset. Without them we would not be here.

One aspect I have never reported on is the HQ building at Middleton, the property is our largest valued asset with my estimate around £750,000. In recent years we have heavily invested in the property in an attempt to get it in a good condition and attract local business to use the site for meetings and training activities in conjunction with Cardinal Langley School use. Much of this work has been coordinated by the Building Team who are unpaid volunteers headed by Andy (Eddie) Edwards and Rachael Barron. We should express our thanks to all who work on our behalf and benefit of Greater Manchester North County Scout Council's young people.

Finally, at year end we had total monetary reserves of £148,000 of which some £42,000 are restricted funds. Giving a figure for our un-restricted funds at around £106,000 over the past 3 to 4 years these un-restricted funds have reduced by about £5,500 annually to a level I personally feel happy with. Even though there is still uncertainty as we move out of Covid with the added war in the Ukraine, I believe the Executive will feel we have ample reserves moving forward.

**Clive R Fenn**

## DCC Active Support AGM Report

### County Shop: - Key focus

After the successful implementation of Phase1 for the GMN County shop I think it is important to reflect briefly on some of the important steps as we move forward to **Phase 2**.

#### Phase 1: -1st year 2018:

- Bought the shop from Rochdale/Pennine borough and room provided in County HQ
- Installation of the shop with volunteers mainly from existing pool
- New manager appointed from County Exec
- Cash and till based, only opened regularly with a Monday opening and occasionally to support events at HQ
- Stock control and admin usually done by Monica Fowler every 6 monthly
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#### Phase 1a: -2nd-3rd year 2018-2022

- Manager left
- Covid
- Digital shop established with new shop web page
- New volunteers to support the mail ordering from the digital shop, new equipment to support cashless payments with order system and till removed
- New door fitted to support Covid restrictions
- Policy of no single occupancy at HQ
- Small profit made each month
- Stock control and admin usually done by Monica Fowler
- Scout association branding change

Massive thank you to all concerned as I consider that getting through COVID, opening the digital shop and eventually the reopening the HQ shop is a major success.

As we move forward into the 4th year of the GMN shop we are entering the Phase 2 of the plan.

#### Main Goals and plans for Sept 2022 onwards:

- Return on investment. Pay back in full on initial investment.
- Profit maximisation, target figure of 30%. Profit to be ploughed back into HQ to improve infrastructure, challenging, I am sure.
- New Shop Manager appointed, trained and installed.
- New Manager to establish new stock control and ordering processes with Monica, introduce bespoke product lines and pricing strategy to achieve targets, and continue to improve existing digital shop.
- Old branded items already removed with help from the Buildings HQ team.

- Support other GMN Scout activities with sales promotions. e.g., promote and sell badges for WSJ jamboree and redirect profits to that fund.
- Additional opening
  - An additional evening opening.
  - Weekend opening.
  - Extra volunteer staff to be recruited to support additional opening times.
  - Opportunities for working in shop to support scout programme for DofE and Scout awards.
- Shop redevelopment. We have already had a working weekend and as discussed in previous forums and with advice from potential new manager, we are actively changing the look and feel of the shop. The reopening will be in September with the main aim of improving the customer experience and implement recommendations from the Safety Team. Major changes as follows:
  - The old counter is no longer required and removed.
  - Extra space in the shop will allow more items to be displayed, including examples of bespoke clothing ranges on offer.
  - Badges restructured to an easier method for new and old volunteers.
  - Old stock completely removed from shop and advertised as sales deals via the existing website.
  - Customers will be served at the door to protect the volunteers for any future restrictions such as Covid, plus addressing other personal safety concerns.
  - Extra card reader to allow others to be served to improve throughput time and enhance the customer experience.

I do know the above sounds quite challenging but we are now entering a phase which will be more crucial as we move forward. Some of you will not be happy with the changes but we feel as and HQ team and County shop management team that these changes are required to move forward with our goal of making our shop the number one go to Scout shop outside Scout HQ which people use in the UK. This will be our phase 3 target.

### **Building Team**

Opening up after COVID meant that the building needed some TLC. The priority has always been to get the downstairs into a good usable safe condition, at the expense of the upstairs. However, this is now being addressed. Also, along with the rest of the country, the impact of the Fuel crisis is yet to be fully realised.

### **Successes**

Eddie and the team have had 2 successful open weekends crewed by volunteers doing numerous tidy up activities and reorganisations of the HQ plus the general day to day activities supported by Rachel and the team.

New kitchen emergency exit fitted

new signage

new blinds approved

emergency plumbing all upstairs rooms cupboards ripped out

shop refit and new shop door

### **Improvement Activities still outstanding**

There are some immediate issues which need a fix such as the roof above the Gladstone building is leaking and the carpets and flooring are in need of some TLC, upstairs emergency lighting and corridor lighting still out of commission, new beds required upstairs. Then we will be able to offer a full range of activities at the HQ.

### **Other activities**

Climbing and Water Activities GMN run are still suspended unless run at the HQ. All equipment has now been transferred to Bibbies. Assessors now have permits after a successful event held this year. D of E from GMN is still being coordinated by Ann, this along with top award support need to be readdressed as we move forward.

My thanks to all the team whom supports GMN activities and give up their time to make Scouting great.

**Chris Taylor**

## County Training Manager

This year has felt like a new start with face-to-face Scouting really getting underway. We were delighted to run a number of courses.

Management and Supervisory courses aimed at Group Leaders and District Supporters are designed for adults to be equipped with leadership and people management skills that are so important for our meetings with young people.

The modular courses have been successful and in running them at several places across the County has resulted in awarding 186 Wood Badges – the premier award for Adult Leadership.

Every Scout Group and District has Trustees to ensure their Leadership manages the provision to young people and through their training we can expect this support to continue.

The training that every should adult undertakes – Safeguarding, Safety and First Aid skills is now mandatory for all adults and because its gives us skilled adults we can be assured that our young people are safe and do what Scouting is all about, having FUN and ADVENTURE.



I also record the expert support and skills of our team of Trainers, and Training Advisors that, often behind the scenes, train, record and validate our adults showing their commitment to the development of our young people.

**Pat Farr**

## County Appointment Secretary

### Good Service Awards received from Aug 2021 – April 2022

The award process is working well now in the simplified online format. However, for any award to be considered, every volunteer must be up to date with their mandatory training units and the training required for their specific role(s). This includes all leaders and administrative volunteers. If anyone has a completed PLP please make sure that this has been converted into a Wood badge, where required.

Listed below are the details of those Good Service awards received since August 2021

Name	Award	District
Rod Lloyd	SW	Bury & Ramsbottom
David Butterworth	BSA	Bury & Ramsbottom

Tygga Wright	SA	Pennine
Richard Gahan	SA	Bury & Ramsbottom
Austin Thornber (Cub Scout)	Meritorious Conduct Award	Bolton Moorland

In addition to these we have had **15** other awards across the County

- 9 Awards for Merit
- 6 Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

I'm sure there are many more worthy people out there. If you know anyone who has completed a minimum of 5 years' service and holds a Wood badge for their role, or anyone who has held an administrative post for 5 or more years, with appropriate training, then they are eligible for consideration for an award. If you know of someone or would like further information, then please contact me.

During the coming months, the Compass database is due to be migrated to a new system. It is essential that everyone's records reflect their service and training before the new system is operative. Please pass this message out to all our volunteers.

**Anne Williams – County Awards Recipient** [secretary@pennine.gmnscouts.org.uk](mailto:secretary@pennine.gmnscouts.org.uk)

## ACC Scouts

What year we have had! Our Scouts from all across the county have been making good use of the "return to normality" to get out and about camping, conducting expeditions, day trips to far flung attractions and pretty much everywhere else you could imagine to find a troop of Scouts. It has been great to hear stories from Scouts who not only have travelled to places such as Switzerland, Austria and Red Rose jamboree but also those who have stayed closer to home for their overnight experiences this year. We have amazing camping facilities on our doorstep at Ashworth Valley, Bibby's Farm, Dog-Hill and Giants Seat all within the county boundary and I have had the pleasure to visit all over the past 12 months to see our Scouts having a great time with their mates, the smiles on their faces are so infectious it's a pleasure to be a part of this (even if it's just a small part) this is why we do what do.

My year has seen me visit a number of troops to present Chief Scouts Awards which I love to do as it gives me the opportunity to hear about all the hard work our "kids" are putting in to their own self development and it gives me the chance to be inspired by all the amazing adult volunteers and young leaders that spend their week nights ensuring these awards are attainable to all. I thank every one of

you and I hope you know how AMAZING you all are. I have supported leaders with obstacles to their training and also advised adults and young leaders on how to get the best out of their programmes (they know what they're doing they just needed a nudge to be confident).

I have also had the pleasure of organising the now annual "Monopoly Run Manchester" event aimed at Scouts and Explorers spending the day running around the Manchester city region completing various tasks and hoping to be declared the winner. We had Scouts attend from as far away as Aberdeen, Milton Keynes and Norfolk and our County Scouts did an amazing job with GMN teams coming in joint 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place so a huge well done to them and also to all the GMN leaders who volunteered on the day.

We cannot escape the sad times over the past twelve months and I have been supporting a number of charities and Scout troops who are supporting the refugees coming out of Ukraine, a wonderful occasional badge was commissioned and our CC has authorised the wearing of this badge as an occasional badge, a huge thanks to Cathy for this. The badge has raised thousands of pounds which has all gone to directly support those displaced by the war.

Thank you to all our volunteers who have made my job easier by you all being so amazing and full of the enthusiasm that is evident in the number of Scouts we have within the county, if they didn't enjoy it then they wouldn't be here!

**Steve McNee**



## ACC Cubs Report

I met with the ADCs for the first-time face to face in May 2022. Unfortunately, only two districts were represented but it was discussed and agreed that we would not offer any County Cub Activities this year. The ADC's would concentrate on supporting the packs within their districts. It was felt that Leaders in general are lacking motivation and enthusiasm following the pandemic and recruiting adult volunteers continues to be very difficult

However, there has been lots of activities at District levels including Incident hikes, district rambles, St Georges Day activity days including renewal of promises and opportunities for nights away at district camps.

With lots of ideas to discuss during our meeting in September for the forthcoming year I am hopeful that more Districts will be represented. I will continue to be there to support the ADCs to provide great opportunities for our Cub Scouts and to ensure our Cub Leaders feel valued and well supported.

**Kathy Temple-Heald**

## GMN DofE County Adviser Annual Report

### Bolton South with Farnworth (includes all ESUs in the District)

Level	Active Participants	Awards completed since the last AGM
Bronze	21	5
Silver	7	
Gold	1	

### Heywood ESU

Level	Active Participants	Awards completed since the last AGM
Silver		3
Gold	7	

### Phoenix ESU

Level	Active Participants	Awards completed since the last AGM
Bronze	3	

### Network Age Group for Participants without a DofE Leader (looked after by County Adviser)

Level	Active Participants	Awards completed since the last AGM
Silver		1
Gold	1	

### Rouhi ESU

Level	Active Participants	Awards completed since the last AGM
Bronze	8	

#### Number of current participants active and inactive

Gold=32; Silver=37; Bronze=87

#### Participant usage - number of logins

In past month=21; In past 2-6 months 34; No login for 6+ months 89

There are fourteen DofE groups registered in GMN, but only five have active participants. This decline is partly due to Covid restrictions and partly due to more Scouts choosing to do the Awards through their schools.

**Ann Chambers**

## Acting District Commissioner Prestwich, Radcliffe & Whitefield

Who knew a year ago when we last met what the next 12 months would bring. After some difficult times in PRaWS District, I was asked by Cathy in September 2021 to take on the role of Acting District Commissioner. Firstly, I would like to thank everyone in the District for making me feel welcome, continuing to provide quality programmes week in, week out. I have really appreciated the honesty and openness in conversations & meetings so that together we have been able to resolve issues and move forward. The role of a District Commissioner can be a lonely place but I'm pleased that everyone has worked as a team to develop the district.

We have done a lot of work in implementing correct processes and systems where that was needed, encouraging and supporting where necessary and through it all having a great deal of fun. My time as Acting District Commissioner has now come to an end and a new DC recently appointed. There is still more to do and I have every confidence that the new District Commissioner will do just that.

Sadly the 23<sup>rd</sup> Group has recently closed due to low numbers, lack of adults coming forward to support the Group and Peter's (GSL) ill health. I would very much like to record my grateful thanks to Keith and the Leaders from the 25<sup>th</sup> who helped Peter run the Group over its last months and also to Peter for his very long service in the District and County. Peter continues to be Local Training Manager.

We have been very lucky in that three of our young people were selected to attend the next World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in 2023. They are now busy fundraising to get them there, we hope they have a fantastic time before during and indeed after the Jamboree. The District Executive approved a donation of £250 each towards their fundraising.

PRaWS put on a District Fun Day in the summer when Groups laid on events to raise funds for our three Jamboree participants. A great day was had by all and an additional £340 was donated to each participant.

**Liz Farr**

## District Commissioner – Bolton South with Farnworth

In Last year's report, we made a promise to the district on four points.

1. Delivering more skills into the district  
Thanks to the Whole District Team, we undertook this at the District Skill Day last year at Bibby's Farm. We also continue to support groups or sections who ask for help or need some support.
2. Recruiting more Adult Volunteers  
Census shows we have increased on adults joining the district by: 2.1% keeping our appointment chairman busy.
3. Funding District Scouting.  
We have helped x2 groups this year with funds and have plans in place to continue subsidising the District Camp in 2023. We also supported our Jamboree contingents with a donation.
4. Keeping everyone safe  
Thanks to everyone for keeping on top of training and DBS checks. We have seen an increase of outdoor events and nights away and thanks to everyone for keeping all safe.

Again, year on year we are humbled by the dedication of our inspiring adults. This year saw the 1st Rumworth begin its taster sessions. The 1st Rumworth is based at Rumworth School and delivering Scouting as a special skill set to those pupils. A huge thanks to the district leaders for giving up their Monday for the District Taster we offered to the school. We are also in talks with Kings School, whom are very open minded in bringing Scouting to that area.

As for census figures, we are up across all sections since pre-covid and close to our pre-pandemic numbers in young people and adults.

This year saw us return for the St Georges Day Parade. This outdoor event again saw the weather turn up for us and we had some amazing feedback, mainly from parents, who passed on many messages in regards to feeding back on the awards. It was good to see leaders receiving awards and being thanked.

Lastly, I'd like to pay tribute to all the leaders, exec members, helpers and everyone involved within Scouting. The past few years have been difficult and the support you gave young people and the growth the district has seen is something we will never forget. Thanks for everything you do.

**Rob Pimblett**

## Pennine District Commissioners Report

It's been a year of recovery for the Pennine District. As we entered March 2021, we were just out of the lockdown but Zoom meetings were still rampant and some groups hadn't started back. The group I run didn't start back in our hut until after Easter and I am sure others were the same.

But from there, it got better and better. I've looked at the census figures for 2021 and compared them with 2022. We had a 19% increase in young people over that period – which is almost 1 in 5. This is fantastic in two ways – firstly that we were able to keep so many during the pandemic and that we have managed to regain so many since it. We are still not yet back to the 2020 figures, but to be honest, with all the changes at group level, I don't expect us to get there any time soon. All groups apart from one have now restarted and that one is planned to start in July.

The biggest impact has been on the leader numbers. We dropped a long way and are finding it hard to regain our numbers from 2020. I think everyone recognises this and we are all pushing hard on recruitment. I know TSA have some new initiatives which Pennine will be looking closely at over the next few months.

But enough of the doom and gloom. Scouting is still well established in the Pennine District and we are all enjoying getting back to normality – especially now that summer has arrived (as I write this, a heavy rain cloud is overhead – but I don't care. As DC I have to approve Nights Aways and I am seeing an increasing number of these landing in my inbox. This all bodes well for scouting. As a GSL I am looking at my group's numbers for now and in the future and I have already had to close my forward waiting list as we are full for anyone over the age of 4. I am also seeing an increase in days and evenings out – indicating a healthy growth in section activities. All good stuff.

We have started two Squirrel Drey's at the 1<sup>st</sup> Heywood and the 7thA Rochdale and they are doing fantastically well. I visited one evening and was delighted by the fun and enjoyment that the Squirrels and the leaders were having. We plan to open more Squirrel sections during the coming year and I can only see this getting better.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Heywood have completed the rebuild of their Scout HQ. I visited it and it is superb. If you get a chance for a visit, please go.

Awards are still coming through. I was proud to see silver Wolf awards for Stephen Walthall, Doug Sutton, John Salisbury, Alan Hart, and, Gail Walthall. We also had silver Acorn awards for Norma Brandon, Chris McLaren, Sandra Roberts, Neil McClure, Paul Forrest, and Mark Hollis. There have been

many other awards as well; far too many to mention in this short report. Congratulations to everyone – they are all well deserved.

Of course, none of this would be possible without our great leaders. From the occasional helpers up to section leaders and GSLs; I see happy smiling faces and it is obvious that everyone involved enjoys being there and sees Scouting as something essential to our future. So, a very big **THANK YOU** from me to all of you. Without you all, we would not have Scouting in Pennine.

I'll close the report here and stop rambling on. I wish you all Happy Scouting for the future.

**Alan Sharkey**

## **Bolton Moorland District Commissioner's Report**

Following a year of change for the District, in April 2021 we were allowed to come back to face-to-face meetings. Even so there were some restrictions still in place, but we coped and what a joy it was! Some groups were still unable to return as they couldn't gain access to their meeting place, some chose to delay further just to be certain we would be back and stay back, but in general, as a district, we have recovered well. That can only be due to the hard work by all our leaders, the young people, and the parents. So many risk assessments, so many updates on what and when and how but we did it.

Inevitably there have been some casualties and these are mainly due to lack of leaders. However, there has been some imaginative thinking by groups, and as a result some have found new premises to meet that are better than where they were before. Sadly, we have closed 1 Explorer Unit and another group has not been able to reopen all sections.

We have provided financial support to groups as well, paying capitation for some and supporting refurbishment of a building where the group does not have access to the funds to do it themselves.

In July Paul Mather resigned as DC. Following a search and recruitment campaign by the County, I was appointed as DC at the AGM in October 2021. I was told by several people outside the district that I had a lot of work to do, as we were a broken district. I absolutely disagree, I have found a district that provides amazing opportunities for young people, some inspiring programmes, and leaders who very quietly work together without any fanfare. I'm also very grateful that I have a group of people happy to work with me and support the district, brimming with ideas. I took on the role with a tiny Executive, no treasurer, no Chair, and a minimal District Team. We now have a nearly full District Team, and we most certainly have more than any of the original districts had for a very long time plus a new Treasurer and a Chair.

This year we changed how we celebrate Scouting and St Georges Day. Originally, we planned a fun day at Bibby's. This quickly evolved into a District badge day for all sections, including Explorers. With over 400 young people present, our parade of flags around the campsite was of a size that it took over 6 minutes for the entirety to pass a given point. It was a joy to be able to support the renewal of promises, with many parents and friends present. The Beaver promise was also signed in BSL. The Cubs collectively renewed theirs in Makaton. The highlight is always the presentation of awards. There were tears when David Allen's family was presented with his 70-year award posthumously. It was also a great joy to present an award for Meritorious Conduct to a young cub who despite complex medical needs had been fundraising for the Alder Hey Childrens' Hospital 'Wish upon a star' campaign.

This year we also have 8 young people selected to join the Greater Manchester North Contingent to the WSJ in South Korea in 2023, and a further 3 leaders (one of whom will turn 18 3 weeks before they leave) going as part of the International Support Team (IST).

So, while the past year has been a year of change and upheaval, hopefully the ripples are settling and we can look forward to being able to provide fantastic opportunities for young people, and have a lot of fun along the way.

**Kim Carmyllie**



## World Scout Jamboree 2023 Report

The county Jamboree Journey started last May with the allocation of 2 patrols (a patrol consists of 9 young people and 1 leader) for the 2023 Jamboree in Korea. As the county led a whole unit consisting of 36 young people supported by 4 leaders to the 2019 Jamboree in West Virginia reaping many benefits to Scouting within the county during and after the Jamboree, it was considered essential that we applied for an additional 2 patrols with the aim of supporting a full unit from within the county.

In late June, we received the exciting news that the county's bid had been granted and Unit 52 from Greater Manchester North Scout County was conceived.

Selection of leaders was very much influenced by the young people who had attended the last Jamboree. Nineteen adults with an adult Scouting role within GMN applied and after two selection rounds, the four leaders were chosen. The leadership team Daz Widdrington (Leader), Norma Brandon (Deputy Leader), Amanda Whitehead and Billy Pullan as Assistant Leaders.

### **One of the hardest things we've had to do**

The four leaders were then tasked with running a selection process for young people. Overall, eight live recruitment evenings were held throughout the six districts, one being recorded. Attendance was great on most of the evenings and it was heartening to have 66 young people apply for the 36 places at the deadline date of 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022.

The selection process was run over three selection days and consisted of a number of team challenges completed throughout the day. The aim was to recruit a diverse group of young people reflective of the county scout membership who demonstrated their aptitude to work as members of a team. Thank you to the many members of the county who ran bases or supported a team during that event, the standard was very high, scoring was difficult and despite dealing with the many challenges that the Covid restrictions threw at us, the process was fair and resulted in an even split of 18 male and 18 female young people. Selection 36 from the 66 applicants was one of the hardest things we've ever been asked to do.

All young people involved in the process were informed by close of business on 30<sup>th</sup> January whether they had been successful, and our first meeting was at the end of that week in Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February when the county commissioner presented their UK scarves and their Jamboree journey began.



## Fundraising

The Jamboree journey consists of some camps, some socials, some Scouting activities and a lot of fundraising. The young people and the leadership team are challenged with raising £4000 to attend the Jamboree and have to come up with a plan to meet this challenge. We've asked everyone to keep a fundraising diary and we have been astonished at the commitment of the young people, their parents, their families, their scout groups and scout districts and their friends in supporting the amazing effort.

Unit 52 has to raise a total of £160,000 by the end of May 2024; fundraising started in February and the unit has raised over 45% of the total needed – at least two of the young people have already exceeded their target of £4000 and are continuing to raise the funds to help other members of the unit. Seven of the young people have also been successful in applying for assistance from the National Jamboree Dream fund, meaning their totals have been reduced from between 40% and 7% of the total sum due. The response of the general public has been terrific and a number of councils have also looked very favourable on grant requests from parents and scout groups. There are a number of requests still to be submitted.

By the end of September, each member will have been required to pay £1200 into the Jamboree fund, with further payments in November, January, March and May. It's a pretty gruelling schedule – but most parents and young people have found some way of garnering support from their local area and most of the young people are confident that they will meet the payment schedules provided they continue to receive support from their scout group and district.

The young people have fundraised at spring and summer fairs, bag packing, bucket collections, fitness classes, village days, the Heywood 1940s-day, Coffee mornings, cake sales, Afternoon teas, Movie Nights, Quiz Nights and refreshment stalls. Billy organised the Heywood Summer Fair and invited all the Jamboree members to run a stall, this was very well supported by stallholders and local people. People have been very generous and very supportive.



We'd like to hold a Christmas black tie event with the young people serving their families and friends but don't have a room large enough with a kitchen to allow us to do so. If anyone can help us bring the idea to fruition, that would be fantastic.

### **County contribution to the Unit:**

The first payment of £400 was due at the end of February 2022. This initial was paid by the county, with the participants repaying the £400 sum over their payment plan. This payment plus lots of initial outgoings means that the county does have to substantially support the Jamboree Unit in its first year. The team are very grateful for this support. This support is very much appreciated as is the mentoring and support of the unit leadership team.

### **First Challenges**

Our first challenge was to make some decisions and design our Unit badge. We met at the end of February at the PRaWs district HQ in Whitefield. The young people brainstormed a unit name and concluded that Bees with Seoul was a great name and from that developed our unit badge (in the footer). We are all very proud to wear it.



We also decided that we'd like to go to Naples to visit Pompeii as a practice at going through an airport and dealing with another country. With the price of flights increasing significantly, this is proving hard to do as group flight prices are not reflective of the internet cheap pricing strategy.

### **Paperclip Challenge**

On the camp at St Annes in May, the young people split into their patrols and visited local towns and retail centres. Their challenge was to upgrade their paperclip into something more valuable. All patrols returned with items far more valuable than their paperclip and all had gained in their confidence with dealing with members of the public.



### **Red Rose Camp**

As a lot of the young people had no camping experience over the last 3 years due to the Covid restrictions, it was thought imperative that the unit members attend a 7-night camp to help them to prepare for the 3 weeks of the Jamboree and pre-Jamboree event in Seoul. The objectives were also to gel them more as a unit and to start to understand how they will be supporting each other whilst ensuring they get the most of their Jamboree experience next year. Many lessons were learned as the temperatures on camp were similar to those, we are likely to experience in Korea. I think everyone learned that they'd need more Powerpacks to keep their mobiles charged and that sitting in the shade is much more preferable once the temperature gets up towards 30 degrees C.



## Socials

We've also held a few socials – a planning day with Bowling, a meal out at Kimji Korean Restaurant in Ramsbottom and a hike with a BBQ in order to encourage the young people to make friends with each



other. The socials tend to be more ad hoc dates with the camps fully scheduled.

## Unit 52 DIARY DATES

8th October 2022: Monopoly Run Manchester

14th – 16th: October 2022: Training camp 3

5th – 6th November 2022: Sleepover/Movie night, Brookside, 19<sup>th</sup> Bolton Scout HQ

13th – 15th January 2023: Late Christmas Camp, County HQ, Training Camp 4

24th – 26th March 2023: Training Camp 5, venue TBC

30th June – 2nd July 2023: Training Camp 6, venue TBC

1st – 12th August 2023: Actual dates for the!!!25th World Scout Jamboree!!! Travel dates yet to be confirmed.

We would very much like to do a weekend trip abroad to testing going through an airport and being properly away from home too – but flight prices for next year have increased considerably and we are having difficulty doing this within our training budget.

All of our fundraising and meetings are on our Teamup calendar

<https://teamup.com/ks9t7bib61niad1ryd>

# GREATER MANCHESTER NORTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## Report of the Treasurer for the year ended 30th April 2022

Annual Figures for the Six Financial Years 2016 to 2022

	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017	2015-2016
<b>INCOME</b>							
Operational Scouting	£32,913.51	£707.00	£43,016.72	£96,830.53	£55,740.13	£27,934.40	£13,173.36
Beaver Section	£2,400.00				£1,260.00	£17,114.50	
Cub Section			£9,973.00		£6,771.32	£9,282.40	£5,648.31
Scout Section			£625.00				£4,149.05
Explorer Scout Section	£2,747.50						
Network Section				£2,447.75	£1,604.18	£660.00	£18.00
D of E	£573.00	£257.00	£108.00	£880.50	£689.00	£420.50	£2,969.00
Jamboree	£27,193.01	£450.00	£32,310.72	£90,137.09	£41,499.23		£389.00
Activities				£2,525.19	£3,356.40		
Badges				£840.00	£560.00	£457.00	£0.00
Administrative & Support	£66,217.84	£35,071.84	£66,674.61	£45,054.12	£83,290.00	£33,254.95	£37,355.40
HQ Building Lettings	£2,895.00	£2,920.00	£2,866.00	£4,698.62	£4,934.00	£3,689.71	£456.00
Adult & YL Training	£1,011.80	£20.00	£975.00	£600.00	£1,542.00	£782.74	£4,863.64
Bank Interest	£54.91	£330.06	£346.42				
Grants & Misc Income	£10,972.02	£9,660.21	£10,000.00	£-370.00	£570.00	£3,350.00	£1,136.76
Monies in Safe Keeping	£12,377.68						
Scout Shop	£11,276.43	£1,734.07	£8,103.19				
Membership Fee	£27,630.00	£20,407.50	£44,384.00	£40,125.50	£76,244.00	£25,432.50	£30,899.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£99,131.35</b>	<b>£35,778.84</b>	<b>£109,691.33</b>	<b>£141,884.65</b>	<b>£139,030.13</b>	<b>£61,189.35</b>	<b>£50,528.76</b>

	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017	2015-2016
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>							
Operational Scouting	£22,566.97	£1,222.86	£41,819.39	£84,540.29	£50,623.03	£26,005.40	£21,864.27
Beaver Section	£1,275.00			£1,074.00		£15,536.75	£146.19
Cub Section			£8,032.04		£4,068.89	£7,444.15	£11,988.51
Scout Section		£194.86	£412.83	£40.00	£79.55	£40.00	£67.20
Explorer Section	£2,162.08			£745.00		£1,100.00	£0.00
Network Section		£100.00		£30.10		£400.00	£0.00
DofE		£730.00		£1,733.57	£794.50	£729.50	£422.00
World Scout Jamboree	£19,129.89	£10.00	£33,374.52	£78,775.38	£45,426.09	£0.00	£7,247.89
Badges		£188.00		£800.00	£254.00	£755.00	£1,992.48
Activities				£1,342.24			
Administrative & Support	£52,334.92	£40,136.62	£79,155.81	£49,897.83	£61,047.59	£33,790.59	£27,460.62
AGM and Conference Costs	£242.88		£972.20	£961.27	£2,864.70	£1,502.82	£1,069.20
HQ Building Insurance	£2,584.95	£3,150.18	£3,211.33	£5,379.68	£4,944.68	£4,260.85	£4,207.83
HQ Building Running Costs	£9,573.76	£15,146.66	£16,074.65	£10,977.67	£22,722.78	£16,768.66	£13,802.44
HQ Building Development	£10,630.00	£6,307.88	£38,986.80	£2,403.97	£13,234.11	£2,012.63	£1,668.48
IT and Office Costs	£1,096.91	£446.16	£348.85	£1,408.42	£2,854.88	£5,080.41	£1,406.88
Adult Training	£7,474.75	£134.86	£2,527.72	£10,469.43	£3,764.44	£2,718.72	£1,103.04
Adult Awards	£117.34	£121.25	£306.30	£58.50		£101.50	£1,772.75
Honorarium / Trustees Expenses						£0.00	£1,630.00
Bank Charges / Scrutineers Fee	£178.13	£144.00	£149.37	£250.00	£250.00	£250.00	£250.00
Monies Returned				£500.00	£737.00	£1,095.00	£550.00
Online Scout Manager (OSM)	£10,642.50	£12,577.50	£9,868.50	£9,675.00	£9,675.00	£0.00	
Scout Shop	£9,793.70	£2,108.13	£6,710.09	£7,813.89			
<b>Total</b>	<b>£74,901.89</b>	<b>£41,359.48</b>	<b>£120,975.20</b>	<b>£134,438.12</b>	<b>£111,670.62</b>	<b>£59,795.95</b>	<b>£49,324.89</b>

# GREAT MANCHESTER NORTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Report of the Treasurer for the year ended 30th April 2022

Balances and Reconciliation Figures for the Six Financial Years 2016 to 2022

Reserves at year end	CAF Accounts				NatWest		Savings	Scout Investment	Cash Account	Scout Shop Stock	Totals
	Main	Scout Shop	Gold	Reserve Account	Current Account						
30/04/2022	£1,973.58	£2,282.84	£62,870.30	£3,246.58	£27,092.45		£43,081.73	£65.44	£8,348.62	£148,961.54	
30/04/2021	£780.63	£788.57	£49,860.27	£3,246.04	£18,566.80		£43,037.39	£103.76	£7,371.27	£123,754.73	
30/04/2020	£1,516.26	£1,293.73	£53,823.95	£3,425.21	£18,116.80		£42,744.48	£169.05	£8,245.89	£129,335.37	
30/04/2019	-	-	-	£33,191.57	£60,365.94		£42,475.65	-£3.17	£4,589.25	£140,619.24	
30/04/2018	-	-	-	£33,140.69	£56,378.94	Closed	£42,265.15	-	-	£131,784.78	
31/03/2017	-	-	-	£33,136.30	£144,623.40		£42,046.40	-	-	£219,806.10	
31/03/2016	-	-	-	£73,123.92	£117,679.00		£2,001.38	-	-	£199,531.44	
										Estimated	

Balancing Figure

County Treasurer

*Clive R Fenn*  
Clive R Fenn

Scrutineer

Robert A McIntyre PFA (retired)

*Robert A McIntyre*  
Robert McIntyre  
26 June 2022

Clive R Fenn  
29th May 2022

Reconciliation 2021/2022

Reserved Funds

Jamboree

Balance brought Forward	£123,754.73	Balance brought Forward	£21,478.23
Income	£99,131.35	Income	£27,193.01
Expenditure	£74,901.89	Expenditure	£19,129.89
Balance	£147,984.19	Balance	£29,541.35
		<b>Safe-keeping</b>	
Assets to take Forward	£148,961.54	Balance brought Forward	£0.00
Surplus/Deficit on all activity	£25,206.81	Income	£12,377.68
Surplus/Deficit on normal activity	£4,766.01	Balance	£12,377.68
		<b>Total Reserved Funds</b>	<b>£41,919.03</b>

# England & Wales

## Template 1: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of **Greater Manchester north county Scout Council**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **Greater Manchester north county** for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the **Greater Manchester north county** you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the **Greater Manchester north county** accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

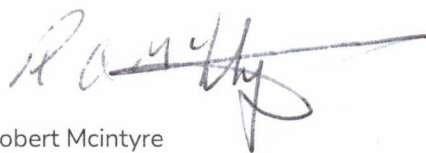
#### Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the **[Insert Scout Group/District name]** as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Name: Robert McIntyre

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

Address: 10 Mayfield Avenue, Farnworth Bolton

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**GREATER MANCHESTER NORTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 701997

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# Accounts

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## **ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21**

**Greater Manchester North Scout County**

Annual Report and Accounts 2020 -2021

380 Rochdale Road, Middleton Manchester M24 2ST

Charity No. 701997

# Greater Manchester North County Scout Executive



## ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

### County Commissioner

Who could have envisaged when we started our Scouting year in April 2020 that we would not be able to deliver face to face Scouting for near enough the whole year? April 2020 saw us all in lockdown, as Covid 19 took hold of our nation, and we were advised to protect the NHS, who advised us to remain socially distanced and we were not allowed to meet. Leaders had to learn to use new ways of delivering a balanced Scouting programme straight to the front room of many homes using Zoom and Teams. Leaders became very innovative in enlisting the support of parents and grandparents in supporting our youth members as they took an active part in the Scouting programme. Other leaders who weren't comfortable in delivering a Scouting programme virtually, hand delivered activity packs to the youth members' homes so that our section members could have some fun activities to complete with their parents.

As a result, our membership in Greater Manchester North did suffer but we have retained 62% of our youth membership in the annual census. This retention of membership is quite remarkable as only a handful of groups (approximately 5) managed to meet when meeting restrictions were eased in December 2020 and in other parts of the country, Counties who were only subjected to the national lockdowns succeeded in retaining only 80% of their membership while we were subjected to additional localised lockdowns. However, the rise in Covid figures led to all Scout meetings being suspended after Christmas until March 2021. We in GMN were also subject to additional localised lockdowns which saw the County do a dance of "We're RED, We're Amber" which left a lot of us really confused but thankfully most of us held tight and we returned to Scouting after our Easter break in 2021.

Leaders, you have been amazing! I cannot thank you enough on the behalf of our youth membership for the effort you have put in this past year. I have got to grips with Covid Risk Assessments which initially allowed you to meet outdoors when we were allowed to return to Scouting. You kept in contact with the parents of all our youth members and you have risen to the challenge of ensuring your mandatory training- safeguarding, safety and First Aid has been kept up to date by engaging with new delivery methods online.

**Cathy Ward**

## **County Chairman**

When I wrote last year's report, I expressed concern for Scouting's future at that time of lockdowns and restrictions on Scouting meetings. We now know that our membership numbers have fallen substantially, although it appears the adult leader numbers have not been as badly affected as youth members.

The positive though, is that Leaders are rising to the challenge, and making good use of outdoor space to relaunch section meetings. Early signs are that they are succeeding. Thank you to all our adult leaders, for everything they are doing. For the imagination, enthusiasm and innovation they use in presenting the programmes that will bring out scouts back to the Groups.

Thank you also to those working as trustees on Group committees, District and County Executives. All that you do in supporting the uniformed leadership is hugely important and makes a great deal of difference.

**Stephen Allan**

## County Treasurer

### Report of the Treasurer for the year ended 30th April 2021 – see also Appendix A

In my second full year as County Treasurer, I have continued my steep learning curve, this has been slightly eased by Covid-19 due to very little face to face Scouting being undertaken leaving more time to catch up.

The CAF Bank Accounts are all functioning well, but it has taken over two years getting the NatWest accounts working online and getting statements posted to my home address, but all is well now. It is fortunate that we did not have any Jamboree activity in the last financial year because it would have been very difficult. I am sure the next two years will be very busy on Jamboree activity and having online banking will make it so much easier. Due to furlough of the Scout Association staff it has been difficult getting information on the investment account held by TSA but this has now been resolved.

The year being reported should have been our first full year of trading with the Scout Shop but due to Covid we were only trading a few months. As a result of inactivity Alan Sharkey launched the Scout Shop online and we have been trading nearly wholly online since February 2021. Thank you, Alan for your endeavours in this. Monica Fowler as always has been a stalwart in running the Scout Shop on a day-to-day basis – thank you Monica. Finally, on the Scout Shop, I must offer my thanks to all the helpers who ‘man’ or ‘pack-up’ parcels for the Shop throughout the year.

Now looking at the financials, expenditure exceeded income in the financial year up 30th April 2021 so our reserves have been depleted by some £5,600. Income in the financial year was less than a 1/3 of the previous year due to Covid with £20,000 coming from the County levy and £10,000 in Government grants. As income was down, so was expenditure with total outgoings of some £41,000. Headquarter costs accounted for more than 50% of these outgoings while Online Scout Manager (OSM) costs accounted for a further 25%. Scout Shop expenditure exceeded income by some £400, this is attributed to an increase in stock so that more items are shown in stock when people are placing orders online.

From Membership fees this year we raised £20,470.50 (£44,384 in 2020) from 2,721 (4,672 in 2020) members at a county charge of £7.50 per person (£9.50 in 2020). At year end we had total reserves of £123,754.73 down some £5,600 on the previous year. At the start of the year, we thought our reserves would have been depleted by some £40,000 so a reduction of only £5,600

is very positive. Even though there is still uncertainty as we move out of Covid, I am sure the Executive will feel we have ample reserves moving forward and can ease the cost to our Districts and Groups by a further reduction in the county membership charge to members in January 2022. A reduction in the County membership levy coupled with additional activity following Covid could lead to a reduction in our reserves of around £10,000.

**Clive R Fenn**

## **County Appointments Secretary - Awards**

Listed below are the details of those Good Service awards received since April 2020:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>District</b>
Stephen Walthall	SILVER WOLF	Pennine
Doug Sutton	SILVER WOLF	Pennine
Janice Butterworth	Bar to SILVER ACORN	Bury & Ramsbottom
Alan Whittaker	SILVER ACORN	Bury & Ramsbottom
David Fox	SILVER ACORN	Bury & Ramsbottom
Dawn Wight	SILVER ACORN	Bury & Ramsbottom
Patricia Easey	SILVER ACORN	Bury & Ramsbottom
Robert Airey	SILVER ACORN	Bury & Ramsbottom
William Whitehead	SILVER ACORN	Oldham
Tracey Kayley	SILVER ACORN	Oldham
Peter Joy	SILVER ACORN	Oldham
David Garnett	SILVER ACORN	Oldham
Norma Brandon	SILVER ACORN	Pennine
Chris McLaren	SILVER ACORN	Pennine
Mark Hollis	SILVER ACORN	Pennine

Neil McClure	SILVER ACORN	Pennine
Sandra Roberts	SILVER ACORN	Pennine
Frank Emsley (Cub Scout)	Meritorious Conduct Award	Pennine

The award process is working well now in the simplified online format. However, for any award to be considered, **every** volunteer must be up to date with their mandatory training units and the training required for their specific role(s). This includes all leaders and administrative volunteers. If anyone has a completed PLP please make sure that this has been converted into a Wood badge, where required.

Having been furloughed for most of the past year the awards team at Gilwell are now catching up, particularly with the Long Service awards.

In addition to these we have had **59** other awards across the County:

- **9 Bar to the Award for Merit**
- **24 Award for Merit**
- **26 Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service**

I'm sure there are many more worthy people out there. If you know anyone who has completed a minimum of 5 years' service and holds a Wood badge for their role, or anyone who has held an administrative post for 5 or more years, with appropriate training, then they are eligible for consideration for an award. If you know of someone or would like further information, then please contact me.

**Anne Williams – County Awards Recipient** [secretary@pennine.gmnscouts.org.uk](mailto:secretary@pennine.gmnscouts.org.uk)

## **Deputy County Commissioner Active Support**

- New kitchen completed. Electrics fixed, new interior roof tiles installed, re-decoration on all downstairs rooms.
- Major work on making the outside trees safe, involving 3 major tree fells.
- Team expanded to include more support to kitchen team.
- HQ team focused on providing additional activities to support hiring of HQ, such as archery & axe throwing, climbing suspended due to trees having to be felled which supported that activity.
- Team are now all working well with each other good planning of work to be done.
- Safety report activities being followed and worked towards
- Rebrand quotes given no decision made on out come
- Still concerns with health and safety of team in school opening hours.

Event requiring support of all County team & volunteers to make Face to Face Scouting at HQ 12th September.

## **Shop**

- Digital shop created to support normal shop activities.
- Rebranding requires careful management to reduce obsolete stock.
- Staffing & management to be reviewed through 2021, new Stock lines to be introduced.

## **Water Activities & Climbing**

- County Teams suspended, with a view to close.
- Current profile of team is no longer viable due to permits.
- Volunteers and equipment are currently not being maintained or up to date, equipment for Kayaks and Canoes to be redistributed across County facilities. Boats to be offered to Elton.
- Climbing equipment needs to be reviewed, Leaders required to pick climbing up as and when the demand comes back.

## **Special Projects**

World Scout Jamboree project for S Korea, began lessons learnt being absorbed, planning and activities for selection in place.

**Chris Taylor**

## **District Commissioner Bolton South with Farnworth**

Welcome, as you may have encountered, this year has been unlike any we've experienced in our lifetimes.

I passionately believe that scouting today, is more important now than ever before. I feel, we need to give young people a sense of connection and communicate. To help wellbeing and feel belonged, instead of the isolation and distance. To give hope to a generation, to develop #SkillsForLife during this pandemic.

During this period of Covid recovery, as we start to get back together safely, we've been focusing on some key areas, in relation to the paragraph before:

- 1. Delivering more skills into the district.**
- 2. Recruiting & Motivating Adult Volunteers.**
- 3. Funding District Scouting.**
- 4. Keeping Everyone Safe.**

I have been humbled by the dedication of our inspiring adults across Bolton South with Farnworth. Last year we were forced to change and adapt into a new digital and online world overnight. If this had been pre-planned, I am sure it would have taken months and months to prepare zoom meetings and set up programmes suitable for online use. Pulling together over night was an incredible achievement by all. Within the early days of lockdown, we had around **60%** of our Sections and Groups delivering some form of Scouting digitally over the past 12 months. The pandemic has tested our resilience, encouraged us to be innovative and increased our awareness of the importance of prioritising our mental health.

As we look ahead there's so much to look forward to in 2021-22, with the SAS Training Weekend.

Groups opening and welcoming back young people this September and a new group 39<sup>th</sup> Bolton which I hope you will make them feel welcomed. Possibility of a new group starting at Rumworth School based on Ladybridge / Deane.

We also see the World Scout Jamboree for South Korea in 2023, plans going ahead and be great to see anyone from our District attending.

Meetings will also underway, with the preparations for 2022 – Pike View Hike and St Georges Day. We will also see BSWF 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2023 and discussions are already taking place for the Birthday District Camp.

Lastly, I'd like to pay tribute to all our amazing volunteers; you've kept our District going and we couldn't have done it without you. We'll never forget how you supported young people when it mattered most.

Quite simply, you are amazing. Stay safe, stay well.

**Rob Pimblett**

## **District Commissioner Pennine**

Hello everyone.

As we all know, it's been a funny old year, but I have to say that out of all the districts I am in contact with, Pennine has made the greatest effort to overcome the disabilities of the pandemic and keep Scouting flying and in the minds of everyone around.

Some notable examples stand out.

- We should all applaud the 2<sup>nd</sup> Middleton's efforts in starting and running a food bank for the needy during this time. Without their efforts, a lot more people would have gone hungry.
- All the groups who have been doing virtual scouting – I congratulate you all. You've all had to learn new skills very quickly and it's been a pleasure watching the faces of the young people as they enjoy Scouting 'from afar'. I think this, more than anything else has had a major contribution to the mental well-being of the scouting community and their families.
- To all the young people and the number of badges they have earned, it has been a real pleasure to hand out these rewards for the hard work.
- To everyone who has earned a Chief Scouts Award, I've seen the pictures of Facebook. – It is lovely to appreciate the efforts that they have gone through to get them.
- To the leaders who have struggled through the pandemic but have still managed to put on a decent programme for their sections.
- To my District leaders for interacting with their sections and encouraging and supporting everyone.
- To The Scout Association (TSA) and the 1<sup>st</sup> Virtual Facebook group who have given us a lot of support with new programme ideas to help us through the last 12 months.
- And, of course, to my Exec team for providing some stability and support to me and the district.

We are just beginning to get back to normality. It will take time, but we are starting to grow again. I know from personal experience that there are a lot of children out there who now see Scouting as their next big thing. I am getting enquiries from adults wanting to help and, of course, our existing leaders are getting their enthusiasm back (some never lost it!).

Looking to the future, we will be running district activities as soon as we can. We will also be opening new sections and possibly new groups once we have achieved the stability we had before all this lockdown started.

I will close off this short report by just thanking every leader and helper for all the hard work they have done in very trying times. You have not been forgotten and I am very grateful that you have been around to support Scouting.

**Alan Sharkey** (slightly frazzled around the edges – but still having fun).

## **Assistant County Commissioner Scouts**

Hello all.

This past year has seen Scouting flipped upside down, spun around and chucked as far as a custard filled wellie can be flung however, what it has also seen is the amazing grit and determination of our adult volunteers to ensure our young people do not miss out on a fantastic Scout programme filled with innovative activities delivered (in the main) online but also when allowed; in the great outdoors. Our “grown-ups” spend an immense amount of time planning and delivering the activities and projects that keep our Scouts coming back week after week and they really should be praised for this dedication so THANK YOU.

County Scouting has been extremely minimal over the past year due to the lockdown however, I have managed to support several adults with programme planning ideas, night’s away/camping advice and I’ve even had some time to plan 2 large County wide events for 2021-2022, keep an eye on the county Facebook page for more information. If you are interested in assisting me to support Scouting across the County, then please do not hesitate to give me a call/email or alternatively we have ADC Scouts in most districts now who are always appreciative of any district level support you can offer so if you do not know who yours is then please speak to your DC and they can pass on the details.

Thank you for everything you do and here’s to an exciting 2022 full of adventures and memories for everyone!

**Steve McNee**

## **Assistant County Commissioner Cubs**

After accepting the role of Assistant County Commissioner Cubs in January 2021 in the middle of a global pandemic it is fair to say it hasn’t been the easiest start to a new role. I have engaged successfully, all be it very briefly with three districts, but I am keen to start getting out and about to meet people across our County. With the current COVID situation beginning to improve and more Groups returning to face to face Scouting I will be there to support the ADCs to provide great opportunities for our Cub Scouts and to ensure our Cub Leaders feel valued and well supported.

**Kathy Temple-Heald**

## **Queen’s Scout Award Co-ordinator & Assistant County Commissioner (Programme Support)**

This year has been strange, difficult and challenging to say the least although many leaders have used their imagination to give as many young people as possible, some form of scouting and this has included completing

the various Sectional Challenges and undertaking those parts of the “Top Awards” that did not involve actual face to face scouting, hoping to complete the outstanding sections when times become more normal.

This included working towards the Queen’s Scout Award, and I congratulate **DARREN LORD** of the Pennine District on an excellent zoom presentation evening when we were joined by both adult and young people from his Group and District. This was comprehensive, covering all the activities and challenges he had completed, illustrated by appropriate photographs etc.



The Queen’s Scout Award is the highest youth award achievable in the Scouting movement and requires considerable commitment and effort focusing on personal development involving completing challenges from areas such as community involvement, adventurous activities and expeditions besides developing new skills, personal growth and leadership potential over a period of several years.

To achieve the Award the Explorer Scout or Network member must be between 16 and 25, complete 18 nights away and undertake six International, Community and Values (ICV) projects besides undertaking Challenges which necessitate developing a new skill and a physical activity, undertaking a period of service (e.g., assisting with another section of the Movement), completing a four-day expedition and a five-day residential project. Quite an undertaking BUT if members have gained the Chief Scout’s Platinum and Diamond Awards or /and the Duke of Edinburgh’s Gold Award they are nearly there!!

The Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award covered all the Skills, Physical Activity, Service, Expedition and Residential Challenges whereas the nights away and the International, Community and Values projects achieved when completing the Platinum and Diamond Awards count even if gained before the 16<sup>th</sup> birthday and remember that the Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards cover most of the Chief Scout’s Platinum and Diamond Award requirements. So again “Two Awards for the price of One”

The requirements for the Award are covered in detail in “Reach for the Top”, (December 2018 edition) found on the Scout Web site.

**Paul Raine**

**District Commissioner Bury & Ramsbottom** (Report not Available)

**District Commissioner Prestwich Radcliffe and Whitefield** (Report not Available)

## **Special Needs Report 2021**

Due to the prolonged lockdown and Groups not being able to meet face to face, we have received few requests for help. One very recent one is a shining example of how we should welcome and support new members. A Leader with a severe visual impairment has joined a Group. Both the Group and the District Team are offering support. BRAVO!!

As we begin to resume more normal activities, it is more likely that you will find you are encountering problems. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you do need any support. Our email address is [snteam@gmnscouts.org.uk](mailto:snteam@gmnscouts.org.uk)

**Peter North**

## **Deputy County Commissioner (Programme)**

Firstly, I'd like to say a massive thank you to all the adults, both Leaders and Supporters, who have kept going with Scouting Zoom style! Whilst being unable to visit anybody the programme team has assisted Leaders with Programme hints & tips and we have launched the first edition of the Programme newsletter to continue that theme. The newsletter will become a regular feature. I don't think any of us envisaged that Zoom meetings would continue for so long then followed up by blended programmes – a mixture of Zoom and face to face - and eventually back to some measure of face-to-face Scouting. I hope that all our young people can now come back to Scouting and have great fun enjoying their Scouting once again.

I've also been busy working with a small team so that we are ready to select a team of adults and subsequently young people to form the Unit that will represent Greater Manchester North at the next World Jamboree in South Korea in 2023 for a once in a lifetime experience. Good luck to all applicants.

In the upcoming year, I will be working with the Programme Team to hopefully get out and about once again around the County supporting you all in providing really good quality programmes for all our young people – please let me know how we can help support you so that we can continue to grow and develop Greater Manchester North – see you soon.

**Liz Farr**

## Duke of Edinburgh Awards Adviser

### Bolton Moorland (Paradox ESU)

Level	Active Participants Working towards the Award	Awards Completed Since the last AGM
Gold	1	1

### Bolton South with Farnworth (includes all ESUs in the District)

Level	Active Participants	Awards Completed Since the last AGM
Bronze	0	1
Silver	3	
Gold	2	

### Heywood ESU

Level	Active Participants	Awards Completed Since the last AGM
Silver	7	1
Gold	1	

### Oldham Scouts

Level	Active Participants	Awards Completed Since the last AGM
Gold	4	

### Phoenix ESU

Level	Active Participants	Awards Completed Since the last AGM
Silver	4	
Gold	1	

### Network Age Group for Participants without a DofE Leader (looked after by County Adviser)

Level	Active Participants	Awards Completed Since the last AGM
Gold	0	1

**Spotland, Oldham Xtreme and Royton** Explorer Scout Units have several young people who are interested in doing the DofE Awards. Oldham Districts were successful in receiving free Participant Places from the DofE Resilience Fund. There has been a renewed interest in DofE from the ESLs, which should encourage more Explorers to participate in the Scheme from September 2021.

### Ann Chambers



# GREATER MANCHESTER NORTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Report of the Treasurer for the year ended 30th April 2021

Annual Figures for the Seven Financial Years 2015 to 2021

	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017	2015-2016
<b>INCOME</b>						
<b>Operational Scouting</b>	<b>£707.00</b>	<b>£43,016.72</b>	<b>£96,830.53</b>	<b>£55,740.13</b>	<b>£27,934.40</b>	<b>£13,173.36</b>
Beaver Section				£1,260.00	£17,114.50	
Cub Section		£9,973.00		£6,771.32	£9,282.40	£5,648.31
Scout Section		£625.00				£4,149.05
Explorer Scout Section			£2,447.75	£1,604.18	£660.00	£18.00
Network Section						
D of E	£257.00	£108.00	£880.50	£689.00	£420.50	£2,969.00
Jamboree	£450.00	£32,310.72	£90,137.09	£41,499.23		£389.00
Activities			£2,525.19	£3,356.40		
Badges			£840.00	£560.00	£457.00	£0.00
<b>Administrative &amp; Support</b>	<b>£35,071.84</b>	<b>£66,674.61</b>	<b>£45,054.12</b>	<b>£83,290.00</b>	<b>£33,254.95</b>	<b>£37,355.40</b>
HQ Building Lettings	£2,920.00	£2,866.00	£4,698.62	£4,934.00	£3,689.71	£456.00
Adult & YL Training	£20.00	£975.00	£600.00	£1,542.00	£782.74	£4,863.64
Bank Interest	£330.06	£346.42				
Grants & Misc Income	£9,660.21	£10,000.00	-£370.00	£570.00	£3,350.00	£1,136.76
Scout Shop	£1,734.07	£8,103.19				
Membership Fee	£20,407.50	£44,384.00	£40,125.50	£76,244.00	£25,432.50	£30,899.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£35,778.84</b>	<b>£109,691.33</b>	<b>£141,884.65</b>	<b>£139,030.13</b>	<b>£61,189.35</b>	<b>£50,528.76</b>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
<b>Operational Scouting</b>	<b>£1,222.86</b>	<b>£41,819.39</b>	<b>£84,540.29</b>	<b>£50,623.03</b>	<b>£26,005.40</b>	<b>£21,864.27</b>
Beaver Section			£1,074.00		£15,536.75	£146.19
Cub Section		£8,032.04		£4,068.89	£7,444.15	£11,988.51
Scout Section	£194.86	£412.83	£40.00	£79.55	£40.00	£67.20
Explorer Section			£745.00		£1,100.00	£0.00
Network Section	£100.00		£30.10		£400.00	£0.00
DofE	£730.00		£1,733.57	£794.50	£729.50	£422.00
World Scout Jamboree	£10.00	£33,374.52	£78,775.38	£45,426.09	£0.00	£7,247.89
Badges	£188.00		£800.00	£254.00	£755.00	£1,992.48
Activities			£1,342.24			
<b>Administrative &amp; Support</b>	<b>£40,136.62</b>	<b>£79,155.81</b>	<b>£49,897.83</b>	<b>£61,047.59</b>	<b>£33,790.59</b>	<b>£27,460.62</b>
AGM and Conference Costs		£972.20	£961.27	£2,864.70	£1,502.82	£1,069.20
HQ Building Insurance	£3,150.18	£3,211.33	£5,379.68	£4,944.68	£4,260.85	£4,207.83
HQ Building Running Costs	£15,146.66	£16,074.65	£10,977.67	£22,722.78	£16,768.66	£13,802.44
HQ Building Development	£6,307.88	£38,986.80	£2,403.97	£13,234.11	£2,012.63	£1,668.48
IT and Office Costs	£446.16	£348.85	£1,408.42	£2,854.88	£5,080.41	£1,406.88
Adult Training	£134.86	£2,527.72	£10,469.43	£3,764.44	£2,718.72	£1,103.04
Adult Awards	£121.25	£306.30	£58.50		£101.50	£1,772.75
Honorarium / Trustees Expenses					£0.00	£1,630.00
Bank Charges / Scrutineers Fee	£144.00	£149.37	£250.00	£250.00	£250.00	£250.00
Heywood / Levy re-paid			£500.00	£737.00	£1,095.00	£550.00
Online Scout Manager (OSM)	£12,577.50	£9,868.50	£9,675.00	£9,675.00	£0.00	
Scout Shop	£2,108.13	£6,710.09	£7,813.89			
<b>Total</b>	<b>£41,359.48</b>	<b>£120,975.20</b>	<b>£134,438.12</b>	<b>£111,670.62</b>	<b>£59,795.99</b>	<b>£49,324.89</b>

Clive R Fenn  
8th August 2021

## GREATER MANCHESTER NORTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Report of the Treasurer for the year ended 30th April 2021

Balances and Reconciliation Figures for the Six Financial Years 2015 to 2021

Reserves at year end	CAF Accounts			NatWest		National	Scout Investment	Cash Account	Scout Shop Stock	Totals
	Main	Scout Shop	Gold	Reserve Account	Current Account					
30/04/2021	£780.63	£788.57	£49,860.27	£3,246.04	£18,566.80		£43,037.39	£103.76	£7,371.27	£123,754.73
30/04/2020	£1,516.26	£1,293.73	£53,823.95	£3,425.21	£18,116.80		£42,744.48	£169.05	£8,245.89	£129,335.37
30/04/2019	-	-	-	£33,191.57	£60,365.94		£42,475.65	-£3.17	£4,589.25	£140,619.24
30/04/2018	-	-	-	£33,140.69	£56,378.94		£42,265.15	-	-	£131,784.78
31/03/2017	-	-	-	£33,136.30	£144,623.40	Closed	£42,046.40	-	-	£219,806.10
31/03/2016	-	-	-	£73,123.92	£117,679.00	£6,727.14	£2,001.38	-	-	£199,531.44
31/03/2015	-	-	-	£73,087.29	£11,220.63	£6,677.06	£2,001.02	-	-	£92,986.00
									Balancing Figure	Estimated

County Treasurer

Scrutineer

Reconciliation 2020/2021

Reserved Funds / Jamboree

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*Robert A McIntyre PFA (retired)*

Balance brought Forward	£129,335.37	Balance brought Forward	£21,038.23
Income	£35,778.84	Income	£450.00
Expenditure	£41,359.48	Expenditure	£10.00
Balance	£123,754.73	Balance	£21,478.23

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08/08/2021

Robert McIntyre

Assets to take Forward	£123,754.73
Surplus/Deficit on activity	-£5,580.64

# England & Wales

**Template 1: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Greater Manchester North Scout Council**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Greater Manchester North Scout Council for the year ended

## Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Greater Manchester North Scout Council, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

## Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Greater Manchester North Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:

Name:

ROBERT MCKENZIE

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

Address: 16, MAYFIELD AVENUE, FARNWORTH, BOLDS 9WY

Date: 15/4/21