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Annual Report 2020

01 April 2019 – 31st March 2020

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Agenda

1. Introduction from the Chair of the meeting/Opening Statement and Thought - Point of remembrance for 'gone home' scouters - Introduce key people, Housekeeping arrangements.

2. Agree minutes of previous AGM held **July 13th 2019**

3. Apologies for absence.

4. Receive and adopt the Annual Report for the previous financial year (just ended). ***(Chair/DC)***

5. Receive and adopt the Financial Statements for the previous financial year (just ended). ***(Treasurer)***

Elections and appointments
6. Elect key appointments in the District Scout Council (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Council).
Andre Burns – Chair - **Ex Officio**
Kerry Bullock – Secretary - **Ex Officio**
VACANT – Treasurer - **Ex Officio**
Dawn Rides - **District Scout Council - Elected Members**
Dan Shuard - **District Scout Council - Elected Members**
Paul Cartwright - **District Scout Council - Elected Members**
Bob Heeley - **District Scout Council - Elected Members**
Sam Beach - **District Scout Council - Elected Members**

7. Appoint the Independent Examiner/Scrutineer for the coming year.

8. Nominate and/or co-opt members to the Executive Committee.
Rhiannon Griffiths - **DC - Nominated Member**
Alan Chadwick – QM - **DC - Nominated Member**
Bob Fellows - **DC - Nominated Member**
Paul Parsons - **DC - Nominated Member**

9. District Nomination to County Scout Council
No Nomination put forward for 2019-2020

10. Any Other Relevant Business

11. Close of meeting

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Current Membership of the District Executive Committee
The District Executive is made up of four types of members:

Ex Officio:
Andre Burns - Chair
VACANT Until Jan 2020, Kerry Bullock Jan 2020 Onwards - Secretary
Natasha Shuard - Resigned September 2020 - Treasurer
Ted Batham – TEAM DC
Nick Sandy – TEAM DC
Jon Whitehouse - Deputy DC (Acting DESC)
VACANT - DESC
VACANT - District Youth Commissioner
Bob Fellows (Until Dec 2019), VACANT Jan 2020 Onwards – SASU Manager
VACANT – Network Commissioner
District Scout Council - Elected Members (Normally Between 4 - 6):
Dawn Rides,
Dan Shuard,
Paul Cartwright,
John Sidaway Resigned July 2019,
Bob Heeley,
Sam Beach
DC - Nominated Members (No more nominated members than elected Members):
Rhiannon Griffiths
Alan Chadwick – QM
Paul Parsons
Co-Opted Members (there must be no more co-opted members than elected members)
Beryl Scott - Resigned August 2020
Bob Fellows Jan 2020 Onwards

Bankers: Lloyds
District Gift Aid Number with HMRC: XR76125
District Registration No with Scout Association: 15822
Custodian Trustees: The Scout Association Trust Corporation

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Minutes of AGM held July 13th 2019
Minutes

1. 17:05PM Introduction from the Chair of the meeting/Opening Statement and Thought - Point of remembrance for 'gone home' scouters – Discussed housekeeping arrangements.

2. Agreed minutes of previous AGM held on May 23rd 2018 - 19:30 - Brierley Hill Civic
1st + 2nd

3.1 Apologies

3.2 Attendees
Various Members of All groups

4. Received the Annual Report for the previous financial year – See AGM Report

5. Received and adopt the Financial Statements for the previous financial year.
1st + 2nd

6. Elect key appointments in the District Scout Council (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Council).
Chair: Andre Burns - 1st Ted Batham + 2nd Nick Sandy
Secretary: Not Present so will be co-opted at next meeting 1st + 2nd
Treasurer: Natasha Shuard - 1st Fran Sedgley + 2nd Alan Chadwick
Council Nominations: Dawn Rides, Dan Shuard, Paul Cartwright, John Sidaway, Bob Heeley, Sam Beach
No Objections or contest

7. Appoint the Independent Examiner for the coming year.

8. Nominate and/or co-opt members to the Executive Committee.
DC Nominations: Rhiannon Griffiths, Alan Chadwick, Paul Parsons

9. Any Other Relevant Business

10. 17:25PM Close of meeting/ Beginning of Adult Networking Event

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District AGM Scouters Report –
01 April 2019 – 31st March 2020

Scouters Gone Home

Mike Randle – Stourbridge District – Although not a member of our district Mike did so much for our district and so much for scouting!

Bron Olma – 1st Sedgley – Former Assistant Scout Leader - he has been in scouting for years at 1st Sedgley and a massive loss to scouting.

Joyce Robinson – 1st Quarry Bank – Former Group Secretary – helped with the fundraising for the erection of the group building in the late 70's early 80's.

Well Wishes

We know it has been a troublesome year for many, and we've had many reports of people not being well and overcoming ailments and illnesses – we are glad to hear in most cases you have either recovered, on the road to recovery or dealing with the situation as best you can! – please take Care and we wish you all the best!

Executive Committee

Edward Yates Grant Fund – This was a new fund that was setup by the District to help groups financially for the long-term benefit of scouting. Several people have applied so far and we will continually encourage groups to apply!

International Support – The Exec continues to help fund youngsters applying for once in a lifetime international event. We pledged to put 20% towards WSJ attendees and 10% for attendees of all other international events.

1st Bromley Pensnett – The Group has been Closed. A New group is being proposed and looking to open in the Pensnett Area following Trials – 5th Dudley.

Network

The Network was officially closed by the Exec and The Accounts Wrapped up.

SASU

The SASU was officially accepted as closed by the Exec and The Accounts Wrapped up. The previous membership has become district OCH's and District made a donation for the Sum of the accounts to the new 'Club' that has formed as a result.

Groups in Need – Too Many to mentioned which is unfortunate, the main source of this is Adult leadership. Adults in groups need to be aware of their responsibilities and although district are helping, by giving Adults the tools to help recruit more we can build a stronger set of groups for a stronger district. This has been our focus and will continue to be. Every group is feeling the struggle; we have had to prioritise unfortunately – it would be a big help if some of the larger groups would volunteer with district roles where we have gaps.

District HQ – The aim of the Exec has been to provide the best facility's possible for the District bringing your District HQ up to a standard and maintain it and encourage its use into the future. Over the last year the use of your District HQ by Exec, Daac, ADC's, Explorers and the Training team has increased dramatically. The building is now dry, warm and welcoming.

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Provisions are being put in place to make the HQ more accessible and provide the right equipment and encourage more use also a memorabilia wall is being created (anyone with plaques or notices from the old groups pass them on). Camping bookings are on the up from last year and more sections are programming activities at the HQ.

Future plans include the securing of a small compound where Alter fires and other activity equipment can be stored safely and to look at what activities and equipment could be provided on your site. The BP container is now temporarily situated on the field. We have also had issues with the water pipe which future options are currently being scoped out.

Remember it's your District HQ, your money is being used maintaining the facility, I doubt there a Colony, Pack or Troop in the district that could not get some use out of the facilities at the HQ

General – The exec is also undertaking constant review on what we can do to modernise and speed up our processes as well as meeting all of our obligations. Part of this will be bringing ourselves in line with the Associations recommendations as well as removing unnecessary barriers whilst understanding and undertaking our full duties. This is an ongoing process. We are still in need of a Secretary to allow us to become more efficient with the Exec business.

DAAC

Beryl Scott, Chris McEwan and the team over the past 12 months have eliminated our entire backlog of adults waiting to be interviewed into scouting. There are currently 8 and most of these people have been appointed within the past 3 months. Continual progress will streamline this and its only as effective as the line manager inducting new adults into scouting and explaining the end to end process. We had a big task eliminating all the admin that had been surrounding this and now all adults have moved from Preprovisional roles we can focus on the provisional roles.

Groups and Executives

We are happy that we are still in a good position manager wise, with GSLS/Acting GSLS in place across all groups – However all groups and committee members need to really push the requirement of an AGM to allow for the regulatory Charity commissions rule to be followed as well as using this as an event to engage with parents. Hopefully new creative ideas across the district will allow for the most benefit to be gained by groups from such events!

Beavers

Unfortunately we are still without ADC Beavers, but did start having the meetings to allow us to get closer to where we should be.

Cubs

Thank you to Louise and Fran and Alan Bowater as District Cub Scout Leader
The work they continue to do supports all the Cub sections in the district.

Minutes are now available online for all their meetings

Scouts

Thank you to Rhiannon and Guy and Matt Hardy as District Scout Leader
The work they continue to do supports all the Scouts sections in the district.

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Explorers/Young Leaders

The explorer units are all in a good position (DWES, DY5, 1st Coseley, 1st Netherton, Beacon, Gornal X) they are now having quarterly meetings to discuss cooperation, and they are looking to hold a District event purely for explorers then look to build upon its success in the future. Although numbers are not huge, they are stable and working more closely with groups.

Young leaders have also been going well and under the guidance of Harry Sargent we are starting to see more and more young people gain their YL Belts. We are also sad to say good bye to Harry and thank him for his Excellent contribution over the past 2 years and awarding so many young leader belts. We were the best in the county for our young leaders' provision and we have big boots to fill.

Although we are Absent a DESC Role, this is not holding us back! Jon the Deputy DC is making headways with the ESLS and looking to onboard OSM, dealing with Partnership agreements and addressing the recruitment issues that lie within this District Provision.

Events

St Georges – Dudley District Fun Day – A good event that was enjoyed by all. There is room for improvement and hopefully with the introduction of a district events team we can fine tune this superb event. The District Exec have signed off on us spending slightly more next year to allow us to put a wider range of activities on to fulfil the needs of all in attendance.

Sponsored Walk – Dudley Trail Continues to run and its brilliant to hear that more and more groups are taking part.

District Raffle – We know this is a big fundraiser for many groups and for a small overhead of management there are big benefits to scouting; we had a large amount of money raised and this made a big impact at local level to groups in need of funding.

Adult Thank You + Networking Event – We put this together to thank you all and showing that even a simple gesture as getting together and having a drink is a good way to show our appreciation to all adults in scouting. We had over 60 People attend and it would be nice to run this again in the future to remind adults that their time and efforts are appreciated. Tonight's AGM is a scouting environment with a Bar and BBQ – Hopefully we have people from all different backgrounds in scouting for you to meet, share a drink and have a chat with. This will enable us to take this District Scouting Vision forward.

Training

Big Focus on Issues and we are aware it's a sore subject for a lot of Adults. We have been focusing on all adults with provisional roles and as the association has changed over time mandatory training is now a key aspect of all regular roles in scouting.

We have been focusing on 1+3 for Adults who have changed Roles/New to Scouting (Following their DAAC Interviews) as well as looking at First Response. Safety and Safeguarding Numbers as a whole have gone down. Because of the changes to POR about Nights away, these are being checked for all adults in attendance as this has brought us as a district closer to compliance. We (in percentage terms) are currently better than the average for Mandatory training which puts us in the best position we have been in ever. There is still ground to go and we want to be awarding as many wood badges as possible.

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Big thank you to Pauline for all her hard work on this over the past few months.

General
Communication is always one of our Key Objectives, hopefully the District Website has been a good reference for people and helps. There is room for improvement and we will be looking at how to calendar all events across the district alongside County and Groups.

OSM

We are definitely pushing a positive message and all the good work that is being undertaken by all, from young leaders to Sectional Assistants to Section leaders – it's paying off!

Keep on the DBS's – this legal requirement protects us all – Whilst we understand they are out of date as soon as printed and checked… they do protect us – and our record in Dudley is of a high Standard – Keep up the good work. Please don't add Adults to compass until ready to Complete a DBS.

County Awards event is a big agenda item all should be taking note of to see our young people recognised by visitors such as our National Leadership team!! It's an opportunity not to be missed. Hopefully we are all pushing for the Chief Scout Award in all sections and I hope the numbers following the changes in the district for awarding this continue to increase.

A Big thank you to everyone for all the work in completing the Census in time for the February Deadline.

Thank you to Cheryl Langford for her time at 1st Coseley, she is staying with county and Tina the former cub leader has recently taken the post of GSL continuing the good scouting work in that area. We wish them both all the best!

Thank you to Iris Heeley for all her work as Badge Secretary who continues to do good work for the district and her group in her Many roles, she has served her noticed for the role and we appreciate everything she has done.

Lastly, it's sad to inform you that Beryl has stepped down as DAAC Secretary and will still continue within scouting. A big that you to her from all of us for the help, dedication and focus as well as her massive contribution to scouting.

Also, to inform you that Natasha has stepped down as Treasurer and will continue within scouting. A big thank you to her from all of us for the help. We are currently looking to fill the post ASAP as a matter of urgency.

And finally, thank you to everyone for everything they do for scouting across the district……

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Annual Financial Report – District Treasurer (Natasha Shuard)

Balance Sheet

DUDLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL			
Statement of Assets and Liabilities			
at 31 March 2020			
	Current Year	**Previous Year**	**Net Movement**
	£	**£**	**£**
MONETARY ASSETS			
Bank Current Accounts	**7,524**	**9,636**	(2,112)
Scout Association Short Term Investment	**87,521**	**87,215**	306
Debtors - Outstanding Payments From Groups			
Cash in Hand			
	95,046	**96,851**	**(1,805)**
NON-MONETARY ASSETS			
Training Ground Building	**40,000**	**40,000**	
Training Ground Fence(Cost)	**23,000**	**23,000**	
Depreciation on above	**(23,000)**	**(23,000)**	
Radios	**1,998**	**1,998**	
Depreciation on above	**(1,998)**	**(1,998)**	
Container and racking	**1,240**	**1,240**	
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc.	**4,900**	**4,900**	
Badge Secretary's stock	**979**	**4,740**	(3,761)
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES and FUTURE OBLIGATIONS			
at 31 March 2020			
	Total	**Total**	**Total**
	£	**£**	**£**
MONETARY LIABILITIES			
Creditors - Outstanding Payments			

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Income and Expenditure

DUDLEY DISTRICT ACCOUNTS April 2019- March 2020					
	General	Badges	STIS	Total	Previous Year
	£	£	£	£	£
OPENING BALANCE	**7,148**	**2,488**	**87,215**	**96,851**	**108,418**
INCOME					
ADC Cub	4,470			**4,470**	
ADC Scout					**198**
Badges		1,766		**1,766**	**5,840**
Capitation	37,066			**37,066**	**40,861**
Capitation - Rebate					**442**
District Raffle	2,700			**2,700**	**2,623**
Donation	388			**388**	
Insurance	660			**660**	
Start Up Grants	4,000			**4,000**	
STIS Investment			306	**306**	**472**
Transfer	1,500			**1,500**	
TOTAL INCOME	**50,783**	**1,766**	**306**	**52,856**	**50,436**
EXPENDITURE					
ADC Cub	(2,829)			**(2,829)**	**(52)**
ADC Scout					**(1,470)**
Administration Expenses	(429)	(34)		**(463)**	**(1,544)**
Badges		(1,012)		**(1,012)**	**(2,547)**
Badge Transfer					**(2,019)**
Capitation	(33,688)			**(33,688)**	**(32,925)**
District Equipment					**(2,540)**
District Raffle	(3,124)			**(3,124)**	**(2,600)**
Donation					**(2,100)**
Edwards Yates Trust	(1,000)			**(1,000)**	**(5,000)**
Electricity	(792)			**(792)**	**(808)**
Insurance	(2,165)			**(2,165)**	**(1,436)**
Jamboree Deposits	(630)			**(630)**	
Lease					**(1,403)**
Payments to Groups	(805)			**(805)**	
Repairs & Maintenance	(585)			**(585)**	**(1,582)**
St George's Day	(2,199)			**(2,199)**	**(2,508)**
Start Up Grants	(195)			**(195)**	
STIS Investment					
Training					**(515)**
Transfer		(1,500)		**(1,500)**	
Water Rates	(3,676)			**(3,676)**	**(954)**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**(52,115)**	**(2,546)**		**(54,661)**	**(62,003)**
CLOSING BALANCE	**5,816**	**1,708**	**87,521**	**95,046**	**96,851**
Net Movt	**1,332**	**780**	**(306)**	**1,805**	**11,567**

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Receipts

RECEIPTS for the year ended 31 March 2020	Current Year	Previous Year	Net Movement
	£	£	£
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	37,066	41,304	(4,238)
Less Paid	(33,688)	(32,925)	(763)
	3,379	8,379	(5,000)
INVESTMENT INCOME			
STIS Investment	306	472	(166)
Property Rent / Donations			
DONATIONS/GRANTS			
Start Up Grants	4,000		
ADC Scout		198	(198)
ADC Cub	4,470		4,470
FUND RAISING			
Donation	388		388
District Raffle	2,700	2,623	77
SUNDRY RECEIPTS			
Gift Aid			
Insurance	660		
Badges	1,766	3,821	(2,055)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	17,668	15,492	2,176

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Payments

PAYMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2020	Current Year	Previous Year	Net Movement
	£	£	£
PREMISES			
Water Rates	(3,676)	(954)	(2,721)
Electricity	(792)	(808)	16
Insurance	(2,165)	(1,436)	(728)
Repairs & Maintenance	(585)	(1,582)	998
	(7,216)	(4,781)	(2,436)
DONATIONS/GRANTS			
Jamboree Deposits	(630)		(630)
Edwards Yates Trust	(1,000)	(5,000)	4,000
Donation		(2,100)	
Payments to Groups	(805)		
Start Up Grants	(195)		(195)
ACTIVITIES			
District Equipment		(2,540)	2,540
ADC Cub	(2,829)	(52)	(2,778)
ADC Scout		(1,470)	
St George's Day	(2,199)	(2,508)	309
FUND RAISING			
District Raffle	(3,124)	(2,600)	(524)
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES			
Administration Expenses	(463)	(1,544)	1,081
Badges	(1,012)	(2,547)	
Training		(515)	515
Lease		(1,403)	1,403
INVESTMENT			
STIS Investment			
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(19,474)	(27,059)	7,585

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Receipts and Payments Summary

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY
for the year ended 31 March 2020

	Current Year	Previous Year	Movement
	£	£	£
Total Receipts	**17,668**	**15,492**	2,176
Total Payments	**(19,474)**	**(27,059)**	7,585
	(1,805)	**(11,567)**	9,761
Cash,Bank and similar funds b/fwd	**96,851**	**108,418**	(11,567)
Cash,Bank and similar funds c/fwd	**95,046**	**96,851**	(1,806)

The above account and accompanying statements of asset and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 15 December 2020 and signed on their behalf by :

..... **A Burns** **Chairman**

..... **N Shuard** **Treasurer**

Note: It doesn't contain interest earnt on the SSTI for the last 6 months of the year as no statement has been sent out. Potentially due to COVID19.

The classifications of general and restricted funds have now been removed so these are presented as current year and prior year. I have added a net movement column on the balance sheet and the P&L tab. This is for ease of reference in evaluating the spend.

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District Badge Accounts – Iris Heeley (Badge Secretary)

Accounts Submitted
Opening Balance: £2487.69
Payments In: £720.19
Payments Out: £1500 (Transfer to District Accounts)
Closing Balance: £1707.88 – 31/3/2020

Badge Stocks: £979.38
Admin Costs: £33.79

£181.69 - Outstanding at April 2020 to be paid by Groups for Orders.

Explorers Accounts – Jon Whitehouse (Acting DESC)

1C Account – Accounts Submitted
Opening Balance: £1696.30
Payments In: £1100
Payments Out: £889.96
Closing Balance: £1906.34

DY5 Account – Accounts Submitted
Opening Balance: £492.98
Payments In: £741.79
Payments Out: £27.30
Closing Balance: £1178.37

DWES Account – Accounts Submitted
Opening Balance: £736.39
Payments In: £5481.87
Payments Out: £4266.26
Closing Balance: £1952.00

1N Account – Accounts Submitted
Opening Balance: £0
Payments In: £3123
Payments Out: £3123
Closing Balance: £0

Gornal X Account– Accounts Submitted
Opening Balance: £1038.89
Payments In: £228
Payments Out: £203.68
Closing Balance: £1063.21

Beacon Account – Accounts Submitted
Opening Balance: £3942.22
Payments In: £7606.35
Payments Out: £5249.52
Closing Balance: £6299.27