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Annual Report 2021

01 April 2020 – 31st March 2021

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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 **December 14th 2020 19:30**

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**
Chris Soper – 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 2020-2021 – Requesting Volunteers

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
Kerry Bullock - Secretary
VACANT - Treasurer
Ted Batham – TEAM DC
Nick Sandy – TEAM DC
Jon Whitehouse - Deputy DC (Acting DESC)
VACANT - DESC
VACANT - District Youth Commissioner
VACANT - SASU Manager
VACANT - Network Commissioner
District Scout Council - Elected Members (Normally Between 4 - 6):
Dawn Rides,
Dan Shuard,
Paul Cartwright,
Bob Heeley,
Sam Beach
DC - Nominated Members (No more nominated members than elected Members):
Rhiannon Griffiths
Alan Chadwick – QM
Paul Parsons
Bob Fellows

Co-Opted Members (there must be no more co-opted members than elected members)

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 December 14th 2020 19:30
Minutes

1. 19:35 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 13th July 2019 at District Field
1st + 2nd – Paul Cartwright + Nick Sandy

3.1 Apologies
Ian Skidmore - County Chair
Rob Bailey - County Treasurer
Sue Slimm - 1N ESL
Mike Abrahams - DAAC Member/County DoE Adviser
Christine McKechnie - ACC Beavers
Dawn Rides - Exec Member
Natasha Taylor - Outgoing Treasurer
Bob Heeley – Exec Member

3.2 Attendees
Alan Chadwick - Field Manager
Kerry Bullock - District Secretary
Fran Sedgley - ADC Cubs/3BH
Ted Batham - DC
Andre Burns - Chair
Steve Lowe - 2W SL
Nick Sandy - DC
Chris Soper - 2K
Louise Griffiths - ADC Cubs
Jon Whitehouse - DDC / 2W
Mark Bache - CC
Jon Clark - 3S
Nigel Stone - 1UG
Jenny Nicholls - 3S
Dan Shuard - Exec Member/1QB AGSL
Dave Moss - 1UG SL
Ellis Mclaughlin - 1N AGSL
Dawn Beach - 2W
Neil Watts - 1UG CSL
Pauline Porter - 3S BSL
Sam Beach - 2W/1WH
Guy Sheppard ADC Scouts
Kay Sheppard - 3K
Joseph Ingram – 1UG ACSL
Paul Cartwright - 2K GSL
Tina Pennington - 1C GSL
Karen Shaw - 1WH Chair
Paul Parsons - DWES / NAA

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. – Dan Shuard

6. Elect key appointments in the District Scout Council (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Council).
Chair: Andre Burns - 1st Ted Batham + 2nd Nick Sandy
Secretary: Kerry Bullock – 1st Fran Sedgley + 2nd Paul Cartwright
Treasurer: Vacant – No Nomination
Council Nominations: Dawn Rides, Dan Shuard, Paul Cartwright, John Sidaway, Bob Heeley, Sam Beach
No Objections or contest

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

8. Nominate and/or co-opt members to the Executive Committee.
DC Nominations: Rhiannon Griffiths, Alan Chadwick, Paul Parsons, Bob Fellows
No Objections or contest

9. District Nomination to County Scout Council **No Nomination put forward for 2020-2021 at this time**

10. Any Other Relevant Business

11. 20:00 Close of meeting

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District AGM Scouters Report –

01 April 2020 – 31st March 2021

Scouters Gone Home

Thankfully since our last AGM we haven't had any reports of gone home scouters, but still a moment of remembrance for them.

COVID-19

Unprecedented year for scouting! Not much to say following on from the last AGM in December 2020.

Supporting the groups that are still closed and supporting the groups that are opening through risk assessments.

Census has revealed a 1/3 drop in our numbers, but thankfully adult numbers have remained steady, leaving us with a good foundation to recoup our numbers over the next 12 months.

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! a moment of reflection for all that have unfortunately been ill during this period.

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.

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. Obviously, this still in place going forward at present but is always subject to review given the financial situation.

Groups in Need – Too Many to mentioned which is unfortunate, the main source of this is Adult leadership and funding. 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. RST are helping with support to existing groups now and we are reviewing the waiting lists hoping to ensure our numbers grow.

District HQ – By the start of 2021 we planned to have the HQ COVID-19 compliant, and will be putting together the work program for next year very soon. If anybody fancy's joining us or bringing a unit down for a project you are more than welcome just give me a call.

We also hold large a large amount of tents of all ages, size, design and quality. All Free to use as you want just give me a call

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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
Chris McEwan and the team over the past 12 months have made continual progress and will streamline this and its only as effective as the line manager inducting new adults into scouting and explaining the end-to-end process.

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 Team for Beavers. Hopefully addressing this Post Covid.

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.

Minutes are now available online for all their meetings

Explorers/Young Leaders
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.

District Youth Commissioner
We have someone currently going through the appointments process - We Wish them the best in their role and most of you should be seeing them at meetings and helping in the district going forward. An announcement will follow in due course.

Events
St Georges – Dudley District Fun Day – Was cancelled for 2021
Sponsored Walk – Dudley Trail was cancelled for 2020, Waiting on Dudley Council
District Raffle – Was cancelled for 2020, Maybe we can hold one this year
Adult Thank You + Networking Event – Was cancelled for 2021

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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.

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.

Keep on the Training – this mandatory minimum requirement protects us all.

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 Iris Heeley for all her work as Badge Secretary who continues to do good work for the district but has finally decided to step down as Badge Secretary.

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

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Annual Financial Report – District Treasurer

Balance Sheet

DUDLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL			
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2021			
	Current Year	**Previous Year**	**Net Movement**
	£	**£**	**£**
MONETARY ASSETS			
Bank Current Accounts	**16,952**	**7,524**	9,428
Scout Association Short Term Investment	**78,101**	**87,521**	(9,421)
Debtors - Outstanding Payments From Groups			
Cash in Hand			
	95,053	**95,046**	**7**
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	**450**	**979**	(529)
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES and FUTURE OBLIGATIONS at 31 March 2021			
	Total	**Total**	**Total**
	£	**£**	**£**
MONETARY LIABILITIES			
Creditors - Outstanding Payments			

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Income and Expenditure

DUDLEY DISTRICT ACCOUNTS April 2020- March 2021					
	General	Badges	STIS	Total	Previous Year
	£	£	£	£	£
OPENING BALANCE	**5,816**	**1,708**	**87,521**	**95,046**	**96,851**
INCOME					
ADC Cub	240			**240**	**4,031**
ADC Scout					
Badges		701		**701**	**1,766**
Capitation	27,395			**27,395**	**37,066**
Capitation - Rebate	438			**438**	**439**
District Raffle					**2,700**
Donation					**388**
Insurance					**660**
Start Up Grants					**4,000**
Interest			579	**579**	**306**
Transfer	10,000			**10,000**	**1,500**
TOTAL INCOME	**38,072**	**701**	**579**	**39,352**	**52,856**
EXPENDITURE					
ADC Cub	(32)			**(32)**	**(2,829)**
ADC Scout	(160)			**(160)**	
Administration Expenses	(583)			**(583)**	**(463)**
Badges					**(1,012)**
Badge Transfer					
Capitation	(25,810)			**(25,810)**	**(33,688)**
District Equipment					
District Raffle					**(3,124)**
Donation					
Edwards Yates Trust					**(1,000)**
Electricity	(621)			**(621)**	**(792)**
Insurance	(1,404)			**(1,404)**	**(2,165)**
Jamboree Deposits					**(630)**
Lease					
Payments to Groups					**(805)**
Repairs & Maintenance	(581)			**(581)**	**(585)**
St George's Day					**(2,199)**
Start Up Grants					**(195)**
STIS Investment					
Training					
Transfer			(10,000)	**(10,000)**	**(1,500)**
Water Rates	(155)			**(155)**	**(3,676)**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**(29,345)**		**(10,000)**	**(39,345)**	**(54,661)**
CLOSING BALANCE	**14,543**	**2,409**	**78,101**	**95,053**	**95,046**
Net Movt	**(8,727)**	**(701)**	**9,421**	**(7)**	**1,805**

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Receipts

RECEIPTS for the year ended 31 March 2021	Current Year	Previous Year	Net Movement
	£	£	£
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	**27,832**	**37,505**	(9,673)
Less Paid	**(25,810)**	**(33,688)**	7,878
	2,022	**3,818**	(1,796)
INVESTMENT INCOME			
STIS Investment	**579**	**306**	273
Property Rent / Donations			
DONATIONS/GRANTS			
Start Up Grants		**4,000**	
ADC Scout			
ADC Cub	**240**	**4,031**	(3,791)
FUND RAISING			
Donation		**388**	(388)
District Raffle		**2,700**	(2,700)
SUNDRY RECEIPTS			
Gift Aid			
Insurance		**660**	
Badges	**701**	**1,766**	(1,065)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**3,542**	**17,668**	(14,126)

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Payments

PAYMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2021	Current Year	Previous Year	Net Movement
	£	£	£
PREMISES			
Water Rates	(155)	(3,676)	3,521
Electricity	(621)	(792)	171
Insurance	(1,404)	(2,165)	760
Repairs & Maintenance	(581)	(585)	4
	(2,760)	(7,216)	4,456
DONATIONS/GRANTS			
Jamboree Deposits		(630)	630
Edwards Yates Trust		(1,000)	1,000
Donation			
Payments to Groups		(805)	
Start Up Grants		(195)	195
ACTIVITIES			
District Equipment			
ADC Cub	(32)	(2,829)	2,797
ADC Scout	(160)		
St George's Day		(2,199)	2,199
FUND RAISING			
District Raffle		(3,124)	3,124
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES			
Administration Expenses	(583)	(463)	(120)
Badges		(1,012)	
Training			
Lease			
INVESTMENT			
STIS Investment			
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(3,535)	(19,474)	15,938

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Receipts and Payments Summary

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Current Year	Previous Year	Net Movement
	£	£	£
Total Receipts	**3,542**	**17,668**	(14,126)
Total Payments	**(3,535)**	**(19,474)**	15,938
	7	**(1,805)**	1,813
Cash,Bank and similar funds b/fwd	**95,046**	**96,851**	(1,805)
Cash,Bank and similar funds c/fwd	**95,053**	**95,046**	7

The above account and accompanying statements of asset and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 05 MAY 2021 and signed on their behalf by :

.....	**A Burns**	**Chairman**
.....	**D Shuard**	**Interim Treasurer**

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District Badge Accounts – Iris Heeley (Badge Secretary)

Account closure in 2021 and funds transferred to General District Account.
The Stock will be sold Off for cost.

Explorers Accounts – Jon Whitehouse (Acting DESC)

1C Account – Accounts Submitted
Opening Balance: £1906.34
Payments In:
Payments Out:
Closing Balance: £1903.34

DY5 Account – Accounts Submitted
Opening Balance: £1178.37
Payments In: £0
Payments Out: £0
Closing Balance: £1178.37

DWES Account – Accounts Submitted
Opening Balance: £1952.00
Payments In: £500
Payments Out: £1197.62
Closing Balance: £1254.38

1N Account – Accounts Submitted
Opening Balance: £0
Payments In: £356
Payments Out: £356
Closing Balance: £0

Gornal X Account– Accounts Submitted
Opening Balance: £1063.21
Payments In: £0
Payments Out: £0
Closing Balance: £1063.21

Beacon Account – Accounts Submitted
Opening Balance: £6299.27
Payments In: £2333.60
Payments Out: £4278.07
Closing Balance: £4354.80