



NORTH LEEDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered Charity Number 1085203

Annual Accounts

Financial Year Ended 31st January 2019



North Leeds
SCOUTING
Everyday Adventure

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Receipts for the Year Ended 31st January 2019

Last Year			£
37,473	MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	Received from Groups for 2018 - 2019	40,681.40
37,473			40,681.40
-	ACTIVITIES	Beaver Scout Section [Note 1]	251.35
-		Cub Scout Section	420.00
2,801	0.00	Scout Section [Note 8]	0.00
9,058		Six Dales Competition	2,566.64
11,859		Wike Camp Site	11,455.46
7,088		Total Activities	14,693.45
11,656	DISTRICT EXPLORER SCOUTS	Membership Fees	6,675.50
2,177		The Goonies & Mavericks ESU	10,202.50
643		Blacksheep (Headingley) ESU	727.00
1887		Headingley Friday ESU - "The Pirates"	323.00
4,176		The Marmots Roundhay ESU	2,016.00
34,823		Red Kite ESU	3,032.00
-		GSAL ESU	7,970.78
62,450		Total Explorer Scouts	30,946.78
5,730	EVENTS	CYCSC Challenge 17	-
-		District Cycle Event	145.00
5,730		World Jamboree	690.00
			835.00
1,000	DONATIONS & GRANTS	Donation from HSBC	500.00
		Grants raised for The Make It Happen Fund	2,050.00
1,000		Grants and Donations to the Wike Kitchen Fund	8,225.00
			10,775.00
-	INVESTMENT INCOME	HSBC Treasurer a/c interest	0.00
28		COIF (General fund)	61.42
44		COIF (Wike Reserve funds)	32.44
14		COIF (Dormant Group Accounts)	33.09
86			126.95
3,454	OTHER RECEIPTS	Badge Sales	2,824.00
-		Transfers from 6 Dales Walk	500.00
196		Scout Shop Commission	298.00
-		Balances Received from Closed Groups & Sections	43.67
1,000.00		Badge Secretary - Dividend	-
4,650			3,665.67
123,248		TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	101,724
Payments for the Year Ended 31st January 2019			
Last Year			£
42,554	MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	Paid to County	43873.00
-		Rebates paid to Groups	-
42,554			43,873.00
-	ACTIVITIES	Beaver Scout Section [Note 7]	-
59		Cub Scout Section	513.19
-		Scout Section [Note 8]	-
2,154		Six Dales Walk	1,933.56
11,192		Wike Camp Site	9,905.06
13,405		Total Activities	12,351.81
-	DISTRICT EXPLORER SCOUTS	Direct payments for Section	-
8,224		The Goonies & Mavericks ESU	6,942.10
1,587		Blacksheep Headingley ESU	1,359.00
610		Headingley Friday ESU "The Pirates"	277.85
1,157		The Marmots Roundhay ESU	2,129.65
3,843		Red Kite ESU	3,052.82
43,700		GSAL ESU	6,818.80
1,115		Hillel ESU	-
60,236		Total Explorer Scouts	20,580.22
175	ADULT TRAINING	Conference fees	-
500	EVENTS EXPENSES	Grant to Six Dales Walk 60th Anniversary	-

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7,535			CYCSC Challenge 17				-
-							-
-			World Jamboree				690.65
			Publicity and Communications				569.00
624	ADMINISTRATION		Room hire, Stationery, post and telephone.				167.37
-			Grant YL - Roverway & Hardship Grant ESU Member				250.00
3,958	OTHER EXPENSES		Badge purchases				2,407.50
-			Grants to Groups	[Note 9 & 10]			1,450.00
			Grants for Events - AGM				29.05
			Bank Fee				4.00
23,770			Wike Car Park Improvements				-
152,756			TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR				82,372.60

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Last Year	Receipts & Payments Summary for the Year			
123,248	Total receipts for the period (page 1)			101,724.25
152,756	Total payments for the period (page 2)			82,372.60
(29,508.06)	Net receipts (payments) for the period			19,351.65
97,900	Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward			68,392.52
68,392	Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward (page 4)			87,744.17

Statement of Assets and Liabilities on 31st January 2019

Last Year					£
	MONETARY ASSETS				
			Bank	Cheque	
2,641	HSBC Treasurer account	[Note 1]			13,714.06
18,222	General Reserve funds	[Notes 2 & 3]		-	18,816.39
5,434	Wike Reserve funds	[Note 3]		-	6,668.84
-	Beaver Scout Section	[Note 7]	251.35	-	251.35
330	Cub Scout Section		236.48	-	236.48
1,823	Scout Section	[Note 8]	1,822.57	-	1,822.57
2,320	Six Dales Walk		2,953.17	-	2,953.17
5,407	Wike Camp Site		6,957.61	-	6,957.61
753	Badge Secretary		1,169.88	-	1,169.88
12,195	Explorer Scout Units:-	The Goonies & Mavericks	15,455.31	-	15,455.31
2,305		Blacksheep Headingley	1,673.00	-	1,673.00
140		Headingley Friday-Pirates	185.21	-	185.21
-		Hillel		-	-
2,155		The Marmots Roundhay	2,041.03	-	2,041.03
200		Loiners	200.00	-	200.00
10,246		GSAL	11,398.25	-	11,398.25
4,222		Red Kite	4,201.02	-	4,201.02
68,392			48,544.88	-	87,744.17
	OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
415	Outstanding debts from badge sales				646.80
-	Due from Inland Revenue (Gift Aid)				-
415					646.80
	NON-MONETARY ASSETS				
3,229	Badge Secretary's stock			[Note 4]	3,034.49
28,000	Wike Camp Site	- Land and Buildings		[Note 5]	28,000.00
6,821		- Equipment		[Note 6]	2,860.54
-					-
38,049					33,895.03
106,856		TOTAL ASSETS			122,286.00
	LIABILITIES				
310	Badge purchase payment due				241.50
310		TOTAL LIABILITIES			241.50
106,546		NET ASSETS			122,044.50

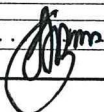
NOTES

Note 1	The HSBC Treasurer A/c balance as at 31/1/2019 was £14115.41. Balance reduced by £251.35 to reflect the balance of the Beavers A/c which is held within the HSBC A/C, also reduced by £150.00 for unrepresented cheque.
Note 2	The General Reserve A/c Balance £12,192.18 and Closed Group Bank Balances are £6,121.94 and World Jamboree A/c 502.27 Total £18,816.39
Note 3	The General Reserve Fund, the Wike Reserve Fund and the Closed Group Accounts are held in separate COIF Charities Deposit Fund Accounts. The average interest rate over the year was 0.45250% p.a.(Previous year 0.23325%).
Note 4	Badge stock valued at cost on 31/01/2019.
Note 5	The land and buildings at Wike were valued in December 2001.
Note 6	The value of Wike equipment is estimated as 75% of last year's value £6820.63 less write off for Quad Bike and associated Equipment £3837.56 + new equipment £623.24).
Note 7	Beavers - No Annual A/cs - no Receipts and Payments. Bank Balance £251.35 held within HSBC A/c.
Note 8	This was the dormant balance reclaimed from HSBC.
Note 9	Scout Section - Accounts received but there were no Receipts or Payments during the year hence Bank Balance unchanged.
Note 10	Scout HQ Start Up Grant for Leeds Grand Mosque (LGM) - post accounts on 10/2/18 the Grant of £1000 was paid across to LGM
Note 10	MICE Grant was received from LCC for £450 for benefit of 8th Staenwald and these monies were paid across to the 8th Staenwald Group

APPROVAL BY THE TRUSTEES

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This statement of assets and liabilities on 31st January 2019 and the accompanying receipts and		
payments account were approved by the Trustees on 18 June 2019 and signed on their behalf by		
Simon J Bartle		Chairman

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts of the North Leeds District Scout Council for the year ended 31st January 2019.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

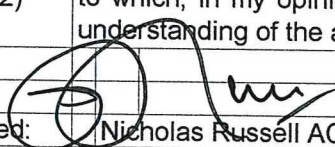
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  Nicholas Russell ACIB

Nicholas Russell
Retired Bank Relationship Director
224 Otley Road
Leeds
LS16 5AB

Date: 22/10/2019



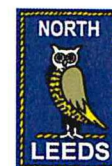
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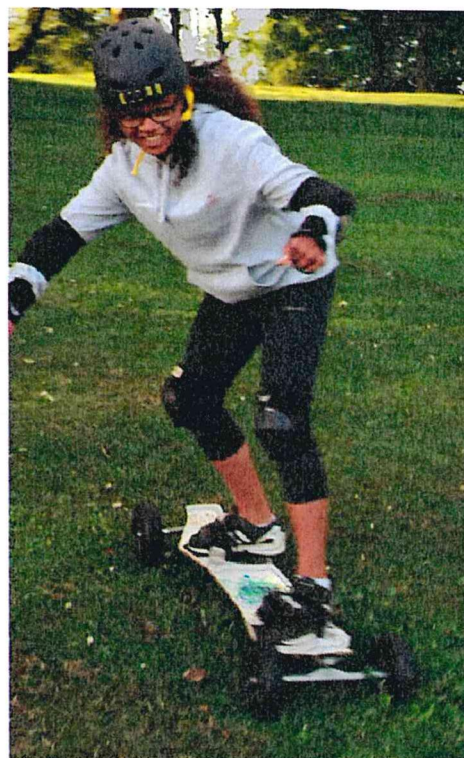
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Overall Contribution to Making Leeds a Child Friendly City

ANNUAL REPORT

2019





Agenda

1. Chairperson's welcome and opening remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the meeting of 24th June 2018
4. Reception and adoption of the Annual Reports
5. Reception and adoption of the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 January 2019
6. To approve the District Commissioner's nomination for District Chairperson
7. To elect a District Secretary and District Treasurer
8. To elect members to the District Executive Committee
9. To approve the District Commissioner's (DC) nominations for membership of the District Executive Committee (DEC)
10. To approve the DC's and DEC's nominations for membership of the District Scout Council
11. To elect two Scouters to represent the District
12. To appoint an Independent Examiner for the accounts.
13. Address by the District Commissioner
14. Address by the County Commissioner
15. Any other Business
16. Presentation of Awards
17. Presentation of Warrants
18. Close of Meeting

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

24th JUNE 2018

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 4 pm, welcoming attendees and thanking staff at Wike camp site for providing the venue for the meeting.
2. The meeting commenced with a moment of thought, led by the Chairman.
3. An attendance list was circulated for signature by all those present and apologies were received and noted.
4. The minutes of the previous AGM, held on 18th June 2017, were received and accepted as a true record of that meeting. There were no matters arising.
5. The Annual Report had been circulated containing the reports from the District for the year. The meeting agreed to accept and welcome the various reports.
6. The District Annual Accounts for year ended 31st January 2018 had been circulated together with the Treasurer's Report. It was reported that the District's finances remain sound. No questions were raised. The Accounts were approved and signed.
7. The District Commissioner stated that the Chairman was stepping down from the role and thanked Andrew Watson for his service to the Exec and scouting in North Leeds generally. He then nominated Simon Bartle as District Chairman for the coming year and the meeting approved, at which point Simon took the Chair. The Chairman then set out the position regarding the purpose of the Executive and its Sub-Committees, in particular that Sub-Committees consist of members nominated by the Exec; Chairs of Sub-Committees will be on the Exec; the DC and the Chair are ex-officio members of any Sub-Committee of the Exec; any fundraising committee must include at least two members of the Exec and that no Section Leader or Assistant Leader should serve on such a fundraising Sub-Committee. It was also confirmed that the following roles have ex officio positions on the Executive: District Chair, District Commissioner, District Youth Commissioner, District Secretary, District Treasurer, District Explorer Scout Commissioner and District Network Commissioner. Two resolutions were then proposed:

Resolution 1 - The number of **elected members** of the Executive (POR Rule 4.25 f iii) to be agreed as four, which has been our practice. The total membership of the Executive could then consist of seven ex officio, four elected, up to four nominated by the DC and up to four co-opted, a maximum of nineteen people. This was carried unanimously.

Resolution 2 - The defining of a **quorum for meetings** of the Council, Executive and Sub-Committees (POR Rule 4.25 i iii) to be agreed as twenty for meetings of the Council and one person more than half the membership for the Executive and Sub Committees. (e.g. if the membership is sixteen, the quorum will be nine.) This was carried unanimously.

8. (a) The Chairman proposed that John Lillywhite, District Secretary, be re-elected and the meeting agreed. (b) Simon was thanked by the DC for his years of service as Treasurer and it was proposed that Richard Grindrod, who was willing to stand as Treasurer, should be appointed to the post to which the meeting agreed.
9. The District Commissioner nominated to the Executive Committee Andrew Watson (Wike Sub- Committee), Ann McKenna (Six Dales Sub-Committee) and Mark Sergent (SAS).
10. The Meeting was asked to put forward candidates for election to the four vacancies. Gillian Marshall was proposed and elected. It was agreed that at future meetings advance notice would be given for nominees for election. Any nominations for co-option to the Executive should be forwarded to the Secretary after the meeting, to be considered for appointment by the Executive. Jim Hazle and James Rothschild, having resigned from the Executive, were thanked for their years of service.
11. The District Commissioner and District Executive nominated Steve Farnill, Jim Hazle, Liz Naylor and Colin Harman for membership of the District Scout Council, and the meeting approved.
12. Two Scouters were elected to represent the District on the County Scout Council, Alan Naylor and Ted Fairfax.
13. It was proposed that Nicholas Russell continue as Independent Examiner for the accounts and the meeting supported the proposal.
14. The District Commissioner addressed the meeting, thanking all those who had worked hard for the District over the last year. The role of the District is to support groups and their leaders in providing a great scouting experience for young people and giving them skills for life. Whilst a lot has been achieved there is always more to be done, and there are many areas within the District where scouting needs to be made more accessible. The County have funding to provide more opportunities for scouting and we as a District are taking steps to support these initiatives and develop our capacity, including two new Deputy District Commissioner roles, new leader recruitment, encouraging leader training and improving market presence through effective social media usage.
15. The County Commissioner highlighted the ongoing success of scouting and the growth and development in Central Yorkshire and in particular that in North Leeds. The County has great aspirations with the highest growth rate in the North East and great results for top awards in all areas. In particular being winner of "The Child Friendly Leeds Awards 2018 Overall Contribution to Making Leeds a Child Friendly City" by Leeds City Council is a great accolade and recognition of the fantastic work being done by leaders, volunteers and young people in North Leeds and all Districts across the County.
16. The Chairman raised one item under Any Other Business, the steps being taken to raise funds to support the needs of members in less affluent areas and the ongoing development of Wike. A number of grants have already been obtained and discussions are underway with Leeds City Council to help coordinate a concerted effort to improve the funding available for use in the District. A target of £80,000 is our objective and potential corporate sponsors have been approached. Everyone was asked to try to identify potential sponsors given the importance of achieving the funding target.
17. A presentation of awards was made by the District Commissioner. The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

Approved: Simon Bartle

Chairman

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Another action packed year of Scouting has been provided for over 1200 young people, across North Leeds, with 54 sections, in 17 Groups. The effort and commitment shown by some 450 adult volunteers in supporting, organising and implementing an exciting and valued programme cannot be understated. This is illustrated by the fact that there were 376,845 nights camped out by our young members during 2018! An absolutely massive effort.

The role of the District team is to try and ensure that a fantastic programme of Scouting is delivered safely and well, by supporting the leaders with training and the necessary administrative processes, as well as ensuring that all members feel part of the wider movement. With the numbers involved, this is no easy task, and I am grateful to all those who have contributed throughout 2018 in many ways. During the year we have embraced a new Scout Association "Skills for Life" strategy and branding, and part of our effort has been in communicating this across the District. The strategy will provide us with an excellent focus and structure over the next few years.

We have held Full District Meetings, for all leaders, once a term, where latest information is passed on, section plans made and leaders get the opportunity to meet and chat. In January we also held an afternoon forum, covering issues such as mental health and inclusivity.

The main District event of the year was the St George's Day Cycle at Boddington cycle track – a well attended and exciting afternoon. We had good participation and support at County organised events, including Beaver and Cub Fundays, and a Total Warrior event. We also held the 61st Annual Six Dales Walk in September, another successful event, involving enormous amounts of planning and support.

We were pleased to welcome to the District Team Joe Fletcher as District Youth Commissioner, who has been developing plans for the Youth Team to become fully involved with the running of the District.

Development of Scouting through all parts of North Leeds has been high on the agenda. We were delighted to appoint Shamine Harding as Deputy DC for Development, a role she has enthusiastically embraced. Our County have been successful in arranging a project funded by the Pear's Foundation to provide Scouting in areas classified as deprived, and a good deal of time and effort went into planning for this during the year, the results from which will begin to become established during 2019. We oversaw the transition of the small group at Chapeltown into a school-based cub section at Hillcrest, culminating in January with the investiture of over 60 cubs. New sections were also opened at West Park, initially within the support structure of the 16th Group.

Wike campsite was a big focus during 2018, with the team there working hard to successfully support its greater use, and fantastic efforts made to fundraise in preparation for the planned improved facilities. The successful online voting for a substantial Aviva grant gave an indicator of the wider community support for what we are doing generally in Scouting, as well as specifically at Wike.

We also benefited from support from Lloyds Bank volunteers, in a day looking at our District plans, and in on-site work at Wike campsite.

There is plenty of evidence that the benefit of the Scouting experience given to the young people will last a lifetime. The immeasurable time and effort put in by our volunteers is ensuring that this happens in North Leeds, and as we move through 2019 with exciting new opportunities it is great to look back on 2018 as another fantastic Scouting year.

David Grindrod



BEAVER SCOUT SECTION

Beavers is a strong section within the district with all current groups running colonies at, or very close to, capacity, with long waiting lists. We are fortunate that some new groups have been created, thank you to all involved. There is still a large demand for places in groups.

In addition to shared resources for activities, beaver leaders and assistant leaders are now part of a district "Online Scout Manager" group to help communication and register interest for events.

In addition to the wide range of skill and activities organised by colonies at their weekly meetings we have helped organised district and county events to increase the range of activities available which can be used to fulfil badge requirements:

- The County Beaver Fun Day
- Junior Total Warrior
- Games in Roundhay Park
- Christmas Crafts
- Panto - Sinbad
- Walk Harewood Estate
- County Beavers Badge Bonanza (Fun Days) June 2019 @ Bramhope Campsite

It is great to see groups joining together to organise future events such as sleep overs at the Deep.

Groups are making good use of the District Wike Campsite within their normal program of activities.

We are looking for ways we can increase activities available at Wike for children in the Beaver age range 6-8yrs

A big thank you, for all the wonderful work leaders and helpers have done to support Beavers over the past year.

It's greatly appreciated.

Michael Boam
ADC Beavers
North Leeds

Scouts

CUB SCOUT SECTION

The Cub Scout Section year extends from February 2018 to January 2019.

Our year began with teams from St Edmunds, Hillel and GSAL participating in our Trading Post Event. GSAL ran out eventual winners and went on to represent North Leeds in the Central Yorkshire County Trading Post event in May, which was won by a team from Wakefield.

About 90 cubs started their evening with a warm-up session before embarking on activities for the Athletics and Athletics plus badges utilising the excellent sports track facilities of GSaL on what started out to be a cloudy but calm evening. The Cubs ran, skipped, jumped and threw balls of varying types in 15 different events whilst the winds of Hurricane Hector began to arrive whipping up the sand of the long jump and off the running track into everyone's faces. Thanks to GSaL for hosting this, for all the leaders and helpers who manned bases, to Angie for the warm-up and to Gill for her organisation.

Four packs joined together for a District camp at Wike at the end of June. The weather was hot so large quantities of water, juice and sun cream were used as the Cubs had a very active programme from a postman game on the Friday evening right up to non-stop cricket on the Sunday afternoon with archery, shooting, cooking on fires, pioneering, team building and the Naturalist badge amongst the activities which were run. A superb team work by all the leaders involved backed up by Liz and Dave from the SAS keeping cooking for us and keeping the juice constantly topped up.

Only 3 packs took part in the District emergency aid stage 2 badge hosted at Wike, but over one of the 3-hour sessions over 50 Cubs attained the badge and it has been reported that some of them have put what they learned into practice, so an event well worth running.

St. Matthews was the host of the Cub Good Turn Carol service and the Cubs from the 7th along with others presented 'The alternative nativity play' and the '12 days of the alternative nativity'. Many items of food were collected for the Leeds Lions to distribute, Chief Scout Silver award certificates were presented to Cubs from the 7th St. Matthews, 10th St. Edmunds and the 16th Alwoodley and the Cubs were able to renew their promise.

In November two new Cub packs of 30 members in each were opened at Hillcrest Academy and the leaders and the Cubs were all invested in mid-January with those who were instrumental in getting this off the ground along with parents, leaders from the District and the County and Councillor Jane Dowson in attendance.

February, we held the District Trading Post with help from around the district to man the trading post and to run games for those waiting, thanks to all. 6 packs took part and all the Cubs were very competitive at the Trading post, with the outcome being close, 1st were 10th St Edmunds Gold pack, 2nd were the 7th St Matthews and 3rd the 16th Alwoodley, these teams will now progress to the county event in the Summer.

Janet Illingworth

ADB Cubs

North Leeds

SCOUT SECTION REPORT

Scouts in North Leeds continues to flourish. We welcomed back Scouts at the 26th Meanwood Parish which re-launched after being closed for several years.



May, the Leeds half Marathon was again helped out by Scouts from our district. 7 groups with the support of 60 scouts helped distribute over 21,000 bottles of water across 3 drinks stations on the route. The scouts had a great time and it was an opportunity for scouts from different groups to work together in a community role. The groups were:

Water Station 1 - Stonegate Road 7th and 8th, Water Station 2 - Ring Road 1st, 16th and Falkoner, Water Station 3 - Hawksworth Road 19th and 10th.



Aldwark district boating weekend in June was a great success, and this year the weather was kind. 7 groups from North Leeds attended with around 60 scouts and as always everyone had a great time.



June, Scouts from across North Leeds took part in the Junior Warrior event at Bramham Park organised by the Central Yorkshire Scouts County team. Some very messy car seats I'm sure!



July, The Leeds 10K finish line, once again 2 groups from our district, the 7th and 8th, ran the water station on the finish line for the Leeds 10k, with around 20 scouts being on hand. 15,000 bottles of water and Power-aid were distributed to the finishing runners, they even had time for the odd picture.



September was as always Six Dales, and we had one of the largest turn outs from North Leeds Scout groups for many years with 12 teams taking part, some groups being their first time. This was gratefully assisted by the 19th running a bus service from St Chads.



Frosty Camp / Muddy Camp, was new to the district calendar. Several groups had booked Wike for the last days in November and first days of December for a weekend camp. This soon became a district event with the groups pooling together to run a back to basic's activity camp. Scout skills such as Axe and Saw, pioneering, lamps and stoves were mixed with rifle shooting and archery to give a

full weekend of activities. We even survived the mud.



Silly Chilly Challenge in January, saw several of our scout groups take part in county camping weekend at Bramhope.

Richard Trout ADC Scouts

EXPLORERS

We currently have approximately 140 Explorer Scouts (13½ - 18 year-olds) in North Leeds across seven Explorer units plus our Young Leader unit. Each unit is open to young people from any group in the District and some explorers attend more than one unit each week. Each unit has its' own innovative programme, which challenges the young people and offers new skills, and youth leadership opportunities.

2018 was another action-packed year for explorers and whether they took part in expeditions in the Brecon Beacons, zorbing down a hill, or just for a fun weekend away with their mates, we're proud that the Explorer Scouting has created a unique atmosphere in which young people can develop and challenge themselves physically.

Over the last year Explorers from across North Leeds have joined together for a winter camp, summer expedition, Christmas sleepover, and various evening activities.

At the start of these joint camps and events it is often visible to see Explorers grouped by unit but by the end of the camp they have built new links across the units and work together very easily and naturally.



The young leader unit provides training for all young leaders, and we have around 65 explorers volunteering as young leaders across Beaver, Cub and Scout sections in every group in North Leeds.



The Duke of Edinburgh award has been a major part of the program again this year with more Explorers taking part than ever before.

It was a privilege to see first-hand all the amazing activities undertaken by the explorers over the last year. Activities have included survival skills, night hikes, mountain boarding, escape the room, biking, clay pigeon shooting, pioneering, tomahawk throwing, paintballing, raft building, refugee awareness and volunteering in our local communities by undertaking environmental projects and helping at charity shops and care homes.

20 Explorers in North Leeds achieved the Queens Scout Award

Thank you!

A huge thanks to all our awesome leaders and supporters who have once again worked tirelessly to provide amazing opportunities and make Explorer Scouting in North Leeds a success.

Stacy Wilshaw DESC



DISTRICT NETWORK REPORT

Since the last report, we have visited GSAL and the Mavericks Explorer Scout Units to explain what Network is about with the hope to engage more Explorers when they move on. We look forward to been able to visit more Explorer Scout Units whether to engage Explorers in our own Network, or give them contacts with network groups as they move away to University.

Our Network members supported the Leeds Half Marathon as the first event since going trampolining last September. Current plans include planning more County Network Events such as an activity weekend camp and a tennis event. There have been opportunities for Network to complete their Gold Duke of Edinburgh, or Queens Scout award.

Network is a Group whose purpose is to facilitate anyone between the ages 18-25 to be able to carry on the Scouting experiences beyond Explorers in an exciting way. Any leaders / explorers reaching 18 are always welcomed.

Alex Pearson
District Network Commissioner

WIKE DISTRICT CAMPSITE REPORT

Last year Wike Camp-site saw the highest number of site users over the last 7 years, 3881 campers, day and evening visitors. Not just Scout and Guide Groups from our own District, but we have also had numerous camps from the 208 Air Training Corp, as usual. Mid Yorkshire Expedition are very frequent visitors for their DOE expedition training, and we have recently had 2 groups from West Yorkshire Police Cadets, they were delighted with Wike and they WILL be coming again.

We have had several schools visit, from Day visits, to visits for just an hour or two. These young people get to explore the outdoors and experience some freedom. We have also had visits from 3 religious Youth Groups over the last year. The number of evening visitors from our District, for which we don't charge a fee, was 1,056. One group that was camping recently, from another county, stated that they had been to Wike every year for 38 years, so we must be doing something right. Archery is still a popular activity, and Oliver Pugh (7th NL) is operating an Air Rifle session once a month.

The site is still being maintained by the Senior service team volunteers and occasionally by the Junior Service team, and my thanks to them for that. We have had a number of visits from Scouts from GSAL completing their Camp Site Service Award, which is much appreciated, and this is available to all Scouts and Explorers. If any volunteer adults who have spare time on their hands on a Thursday then please to join us for a few hours to help with site maintenance.

We have also had a number of corporate working days and have received some excellent work from them, particularly from Engie, who are keen to book three days per year as they enjoy it so much, and my thanks to Richard Frank for organising them. If any leader in the District is aware of any company who organises corporate volunteering/team building days for their colleagues, please get in touch with me.

The planning of the redevelopment of the hut kitchen and toilet block are well under-way and will be commencing soon. On behalf of North Leeds District I would like to thank our Chair and Secretary, Simon Bartle and John Lillywhite, for their persistent and tenacious fund-raising from generous donors.

Duncan Jefferies: Wike Warden.

SIX DALES WALK: 2018

The 61st Six Dales Walk was held on 30th September 2018 and was a huge success thanks to a great team of volunteers from many districts and counties. We had 144 walkers enter and they set off on the walk, in the dark with plenty of enthusiasm.

It was a record breaking year. There were more people finish this year than ever before and 20 gold badges were awarded for finishing, plus the trophies below:-

The Junior Trophies

The Junior Novice Trophy was awarded to 6th Ripon Scouts - Hornblower
The under 15 with no adults - the AIRE Trophy was awarded to GSAL Junior Team 1
The U15 with adults . The URE was awarded to GSAL Junior Team 2

The Senior Trophies

Open Intrepid Moody Teenagers.
Novice Trophy was awarded to Intrepid Juvenile Delinquents
North Leeds Trophy was awarded to GSAL Senior Team 2
Mixed 13 to 19 Trophy SWALE was awarded to GSAL Senior Team 1
The Female 13-19 WHARFE Trophy was awarded to Alwoodley Team 1

The Ribble trophy for Youngest 15-19 who gets the furthest was awarded to Dante Constanti, Team senior Team 2 – GSAL.

The Peter Page Trophy was awarded to Daniel Wright From 10 th St Edmunds Scout Group, the youngest walker in the Junior section.

Daniel and Dante were both presented with a rucksack each, donated by our sponsor Go Outdoors

The Trophy for The Male 13-19 NIDD senior trophy was not presented because two of the teams who had entered were awarded other trophies and the other team was changed on the day to a mixed team.

I would like to thank all the staff and walkers who helped make it a very successful day we could not run without you. A big thank you to the committee, our prize sponsors, and to all the people who helped with the checkpoint envelopes before the walk. Many thanks to all.

Next Year's walk will have to be on 22 September 2019, and we look forward to seeing you there..

Ann McKenna

NORTH LEEDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL DISTRICT CHAIR'S REPORT 2018-19

The year 2018-19 has been an exceptional and transformational year on very many fronts.

After at least two decades of virtually no fundraising we have implemented a major campaign of fundraising, and opened up three major project initiatives to confront head on challenges that have remained unaddressed for far too long.

We changed our culture. We were no longer prepared to accept 'no' for an answer. Why? Because at long last we began to believe in ourselves, and what could actually be achieved. In short we changed our 'mindset'.

Sometimes the impetus is just one lucky break, born out of a deep belief in one's cause, and sheer assertiveness. Most of the time it all of these things? Not taking no for an answer goes a very long way to achieving goals, however ambitious they may seem.

Whatever it takes we have had it in abundance this year, and these are the monies that we have raised for the following priority projects:

Wike Kitchen Fund £8,775

The Make It Happen Fund £2,050

In February, the month following our year end we received the following further major donations:

Wike Toilet and Shower Block Fund £25,000

The Make It Happen Fund £5,000

In the months following February kind and generous donations have continued to flow in, and both Wike Projects are up and running and we will release further updates to you all as important milestones are reached.

We record here two major votes of thanks. Firstly, to Gill Marshall and her colleagues at 8th Staenwald for introducing us to the concept of their 'Make It Happen Fund' (MIHF), and for allowing us at District level to adopt the idea and take it forward. Secondly, a huge vote of thanks to John Lillywhite who almost singlehandedly tirelessly submitted, Grant application after application, to get MIHF off the ground, a staggering achievement.

Equal representation on the Executive Committee has also been a priority. It should be simple, but it is not. We have materially addressed it, and we are moving forward. With the strong momentum that we have created, we are wholly confident that we will achieve it by the next year end, and we will not rest until we do.

We are conscious that the flood of generous donations from Groups and Explorer Scout Units to the Wike Projects are a post year end event, but the groundwork to the appeal began much earlier. We record here our heartfelt thanks for all these donations, we are truly appreciative. We are also grateful for the very many Donations and Grants from Corporate donors, Trusts and our own Leeds City Councillors. Without your kind generosity and vision we could not begin to prepare our 'young people with skills for life'.

We also extend a big thank you to all our volunteer leaders and helpers. When we make the rounds and speak to our stakeholder donors, they are dumbfounded to learn that all our volunteers are just that, they are all unpaid. Thank you one and all for the contribution that you make to Scouting in North Leeds. You should all be truly proud of all that you achieve.

Lastly, many thanks to all the partners and parents who very quietly provide superb support which is crucial to making Scouting in North Leeds the huge success story that it is.

Simon Bartle Chair

NORTH LEEDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT 2018-19

The District Executive Committee has approved the District's Annual Accounts for the year to 31 January 2019.

This year has seen a number of significant changes to the district finances both from a personnel and structural point of view.

In June 2018 I took over as Treasurer from Simon Bartle who took up the role of District Chairperson. It turned out to be one Barclays old boy handing over to another as both of us had worked there in the past.

The mandates for the District's day to day current account with HSBC and the Reserve Accounts with COIF were amended to reflect the changes in authorised signatories and we also took the opportunity to open a separate CIOF Reserve Account to hold donations for the Wike Kitchen Fund.

A further Yorkshire Bank account is also being opened to manage donations and subsequent awards under the "Make It Happen Fund".

The District are also currently managing the finances for the newly formed Scotland Wood Cub whilst they establish their unit structure. We also directly manage centrally at District level the District Beaver Section banking affairs.

On a day to day level the district's finances are in healthy state allowing us to support many initiatives around the district such as participation in the World Jamboree and district cycle events in addition to managing the activities of or major initiative, the Wike Kitchen Project, which has been brought about by the many generous donations from our sponsors and within the district.

The collection and subsequent payment of membership subscriptions to the County was a relatively straight forward process mainly due to individual groups making their payments within the required timeframe. Many thanks to all the groups this made my job a lot easier and was much appreciated.

In 2019 we paid to the Headquarters and County £47,138 in membership fees.

In addition to the collection of subscriptions Groups and Explorer Scout Units from across the District were very generous with their donations towards the Wike Kitchen Project and raised more than we anticipated. We are truly grateful to all those Groups and Explorer Scout Units for their kind financial support.

All relevant District Sections also provided their annual accounts on time to enable me to consolidate these in with the NLDSC general accounts to produce a final submission which will now be audited. I am very grateful for their continued assistance in this matter.

Looking forward I think this coming year will require more activity than previously encountered from a finance front as movement of funds from the dedicated Wike Kitchen Project Fund to settle invoices will be required. Additionally, and the management of the "Make It Happen Fund" and the Wike Toilet Project will also increase the flow of funds through the District's accounts.

Richard Grindrod District Treasurer

31 May 2019

District Policy on Reserve Funds:

The District at present holds more money than is required to manage its normal activities each year. The purpose of the reserve funds are: -

General Reserve

1. To underwrite any potential losses on District events.
2. To replace District equipment.
3. To support District activities.

Wike Reserve

4. To enable the District's camp site at Wike to undertake major exceptional maintenance or improvements.

Dormant Group Reserves

5. Dormant Group funds to be each held on separate designated bank accounts, where these funds should remain for 5 years to assist the funding as and when those Scout Groups reopen. Should those Groups not reopen within that specified period then those monies will be transferred and absorbed into District General Funds.

"THE MAKE IT HAPPEN FUND"

ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

The Make It Happen Fund was established in 2018 to provide a source of funding to young people from primarily income deprived backgrounds to try to ensure that financial hardship does not prevent anyone from participating in scouting in North Leeds. Our District covers different areas of the City, some of which have the most deprived communities in the country. By participating in the Pears Project, the District is also broadening its reach into areas of the city where scouting has not been present for many years and in communities where scouting can offer skills and experiences that would otherwise not be available to those youngsters. Initially funding applications were made specifically for one or two groups, but we are now applying for funds to support scouting across the District for any Group which has young people in financial need.

The Fund provides financial contributions for membership subscriptions, uniforms, activity costs, tents and equipment, in the form of grants. The application comes from the section leaders, who are best placed to know the local area they cover and the backgrounds of youngsters wishing to join scouting, with the support of the Group Scout Leader or Explorer Commissioner. Funding has been obtained through applications to the City Council and charities, and it is intended to ensure that the funding remains available in perpetuity through ongoing fund raising. A small group of trustees are to be appointed to raise funds and administer distribution of grants.

During 2018/19 financial year the Fund has raised £2,050 and distributed £1,063. It is estimated to have provided financial assistance to around 50 young people across North Leeds, helping them to participate in Scouting and benefit from the fun, excitement and life skills which Scouting offers and who otherwise could have missed out.

The following quote from one GSL speaks for itself:

"The XX North Leeds were delighted to become recipients of a grant from the 'Make it Happen Fund', which was used towards equipment and uniforms for young people within our local vicinity to enable them to fully participate in Scouting activities. So far, a number of uniforms have been given out, and most of the sleeping bags have also been handed out to young people who didn't have the means to get a suitable sleeping bag for all year round use. The range of boots and waterproof clothing have also enabled us to kit out Scouts for activities in the winter months, and will also be available for use throughout the year as well. The award has made a huge difference to these young people and we are extremely grateful to the Fund which has indeed, 'Made it Happen'."

Applications for support for young people from Groups can be made to the District Office on the Application Form which will shortly be available on the web site. Any donations to the Fund from groups, parents or other organisations are always welcome and can be made to the District Treasurer.

THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

The Appointments Advisory Committee met 15 times between 1st February 2018 and 31st January 2019, seeing 68 applicants for Leadership roles. This included meetings at Hillcrest Academy and West Park for 2 and 3 applicants respectively for new Cub Scout provision in each location. (There were 62 in the period February 2017 to January 2018).

The Appointments team comprises Amy Connor, Ann Miller, Bev Wilkinson, Fred Overfield, Helen Lee, John Lillywhite, Keith Warner, and Pam Warburton. Roger Cook and Ted Fairfax continue as Secretary and Chair respectively.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

At the AGM last year we reported that:

"The District Executive Committee has recommended to the AGM that the District levy should continue in 2018, but that the amount should be increased from £3 to £4 per Youth Member, payable in March 2019. The amount will continue to be reviewed on a year by year basis, depending on the level of income that the District requires to meet its annual obligations. However, with the cost of planned improvements at Wike Camp Site it may be necessary at the AGM in 2019 to seek a further increase to the District levy, for payment in March 2020."

The outturn was that we did not increase the District levy to £4, but left it unchanged at £3. The rationale was that we could not ask for an increase against the background of making a more general appeal to Groups and ESUs for direct donations for the two Wike Projects. That remains our view going forward, but we undertake to notify you at the earliest possible time should circumstances change.

NORTH LEEDS DISTRICT SCOUTS CENSUS RETURN 2019

Youth Membership	2017	2018	2019		Total
			Male	Female	
Beaver Scouts	218	230	217	36	253
Cub Scouts	386	419	387	112	499
Scouts	390	368	296	86	382
Explorer Scouts	198	185	99	40	139
Network members	18	23	31	9	40
Totals	1210	1225			1313

Leadership	2017	2018	2019		Total
			Male	Female	
Section Leaders	172	183	120	91	211
Section Assistants	62	65	25	26	51
Group Scout Leaders	21	21	16	6	22
District Skills Instructors	0	0	0	0	0
District Advisers	0	0	0	0	0
District Scouters	0	1	0	1	1
District Commissioners	5	6	3	1	4
Totals	260	276			289

Organisational Support	2017	2018	2019		Total
			Male	Female	
Group Execs	-	-	36	20	56
District Office Bearers	3	3	3	0	3
Active Support	31	28	25	11	36
Individual and Associate Members	140	105	42	13	55
	174	136			151

Total Membership	1644	1637			1753
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Units	2017	2018	2019
	Beaver Scout Colonies	14	14
Cub Scout Packs	16	17	18
Scout Troops	16	17	17
Explorer Scout Units	9	9	8
Young Leader Units	0	1	1
Active Support Units	3	3	3
Groups	16	17	17

Commentary

- Youth membership continues to grow strongly with a 7% increase over 2018.
- The number of adult volunteers has also increased, with an 11% rise over the last two years.
- Organisational support numbers were up by 11% on the previous year.
- The Scotland Wood Group has opened as part of the Pears Initiative, although was included in the Census as part of the 16th, due to timing.
- Hillcrest School Group opened during the year, whilst the Chapeltown Group was closed (until planned reopening under Pears Project)

