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North Leeds District Scout Council

Annual General Meeting 2020

Date: Sunday 18th October 2020 at 2:00PM.

Venue: Zoom, On-Line.

(NB Due to the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic and the Government restrictions in place, the District Executive have taken the decision to hold the AGM on-line this year to ensure the continuation of good governance)

Agenda

1. Chairpersons welcome and opening
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 18 June 2019
4. Reception and adoption of the Annual Report
5. Reception and Adoption of the Annual Accounts for the Year ended 31 January 2020
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 DCs and DECs nominations for membership of the District Scout Council
11. To elect two Scouters to represent the District at the County Scout Council
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 - to note only
17. Presentation of warrants – to note only
18. Close of Meeting

North Leeds District Scout Council

Annual General Meeting Minutes

18th June 2019

1. The meeting was opened by the Chair at 8 pm, welcoming attendees including the County Commissioner, and thanking everyone involved in providing the display boards of activities during the year.
2. An attendance list was circulated for signature by all those present and apologies were received and noted.
3. The minutes of the previous AGM, held on 24th June 2018, were received and accepted as a true record of that meeting. There were no matters arising.
4. The Annual Report had been circulated containing the reports from the District for the year. The Report has more items and photographs this year and contributors were thanked for the efforts everyone had made. The meeting agreed to accept and welcome the various reports.
5. The District Annual Accounts for year ended 31st January 2019 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 for signing subject to receipt of the Independent Examiners Report.
6. The District Commissioner confirmed that Simon Bartle had agreed to stand again as District Chairman for the coming year and the meeting approved his continuation in office.
7. (a) The Chairman proposed that John Lillywhite, District Secretary, be re-elected and the meeting agreed. (b) The Chairman then proposed that Richard Grindrod, District Treasurer, be re-elected and the meeting confirmed its agreement.
8. Four candidates had been proposed for election to the Executive, Gillian Marshall, Duncan Jefferies, Dr Freya Wilson and Max Illingworth. There being four vacancies on the Committee, all four were duly elected.
9. The District Commissioner nominated to the Executive Committee Andrew Watson, Ann McKenna, Ted Fairfax and Mark Sergent.
10. It was further proposed and agreed that Shamine Harding and Lynne Cuthbert be co-opted onto the Executive. They join Mike Baum and David Benedict co-opted last year.
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 and commenting on the excellent turn out for tonight's AGM and congratulating those who had provided display boards of the years activities. Excellent programmes are being delivered across the District, and our young people appreciate them and the hard work our volunteer leaders put in. Those attending the Jamboree this year were congratulated and the meeting heard from some of the attendees about the preparations that are underway. The District has achieved a lot over the last year and there are many exciting developments to anticipate in the coming year.
15. The County Commissioner thanked David for his inspiring leadership of the District. He highlighted the ongoing success of scouting and the growth and development in Central Yorkshire and in particular that in North Leeds. Numbers of young people and adult volunteers continue to grow, with fourteen years of continuous growth in the County. Developments in widening participation to areas where scouting can make a great impact, supported by the Pears Foundation, are moving forward, no more so than in North Leeds. Improvements in training provision are being introduced to make it easier and to help encourage more adults to join in with scouting. Safe scouting and compliance are crucial and we continue our commitment to youth based scouting. On a personal level Ian thanked everyone for their commitment to scouting and the fantastic contribution everyone is making.
16. The Chairman thanked Ian for his inspirational words and wished him every success in his new role as Regional Commissioner for North East England. Simon highlighted the dedication and hard work of the Wike Development Committee, with the kitchen refurbishment ready to go, subject to confirmation of one remaining grant. It was reported that Andrew Watson was stepping down as Wike Chairman, although taking up the role as special adviser, and he was thanked for his great contribution over the years. Fund raising has been very successful and Simon thanked all those who had played their part. Although fund raising has gone well there is always more to do and everyone was asked to play their part in trying to get more funds into the District, for both Wike and for the Make it Happen Fund. Thanks were expressed to all those involved in delivering scouting in the District.
17. Any Other Business – In the Cub Scout Trading Post Competition it was highlighted that 7th North Leeds, St Matthews, had won the competition with 10th North Leeds, St Edmunds, coming second.
18. The presentation of a number of awards was made by the District Commissioner. The meeting closed at 9.09 pm.

Approved:

Chair



Legal & Administrative Information

Membership of the Board of Trustees as at 31 January 2020

Ex Officio

Mr Simon J Bartle	District Chair
Mr John C Lillywhite	District Secretary
Mr Richard J Grindrod	District Treasurer
Mr David L Grindrod	District Commissioner
Mr Joseph M Fletcher	District Youth Commissioner
Dr Stacy-Paul Wilshaw	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
Miss Alexandra J Pearson	District Scout Network Commissioner

Nominated and Elected AGM

Mr Ted Fairfax	Nominated: Chair of the Appointments Advisory Committee
Miss Ann E McKenna	Nominated; Chair of the Six Dales Committee
Mr Andrew D Watson	Nominated; Wike Special Adviser
Mr Mark Sergent	Nominated; Chair of Scouts Active Support
Mr Michael Boam	Co-Opted; Data Protection Officer
Mrs Lynn Cuthbert	Co-Opted; District Administrator
Mr David Benedict	Co-Opted; Chair of the Wike Development Committee
Mrs Shamine Harding	Co-Opted: Deputy District Commissioner (Development)

Elected Representatives

Miss Freya Wilson	
Mrs Gill Marshall	Chair of the Wike Management Committee
Mr Duncan Jefferies	Member of the Wike Management Committee and Warden
Mr Max Ilingworth	Member of the Wike Development Committee and Deputy District Commissioner (Activities)

The Charity Trustees of North Leeds District Scout Council are the ex-officio, nominated and elected members (all voting of the District Executive Committee).

The District Commissioner and District Chair are ex-officio members of all sub-committee.



District Commissioner's Report

Looking back on 2019, we now have great memories of a year of “normal” Scouting; the subsequent pandemic makes us appreciate all the more just how fantastic “normal” really is.

Individual Sections and Groups have continued to provide youngsters with exciting and valuable opportunities.

We had twelve young members and leaders attend the World Jamboree in America, returning with fabulous experiences to report. Our own District expedition to Holland enabled some seventy youngsters to experience overseas Scouting. We had a large contingent of Cubs at the County Cubadoodledoo camp. All tremendous events, which took massive amounts of planning and effort by the leaders involved.

I was also privileged to attend the St George's Parade at Windsor, where twenty of our members from GSAL Explorers formed the largest group in the country to have obtained their Queen's Scout Awards.

The continual effort and commitment that this takes by the 450 or so adults involved in many ways in North Leeds can never be understated. We have been very lucky to have such a large team prepared to undertake this.

The District Team and Executive continued to build on previous work to support the existing provision, as well as new developments in the District. Particular achievements in this regard were the completion of the fundraising and works at Wike campsite to provide the fantastic new kitchen and toilet block facilities. In terms of leader support, excellent efforts all round

saw mandatory leader training being brought to virtually 100% complete.

On the development side, with the support of the Pears funded project, new Groups at Scotland Wood and Little London were established, and new in-school Cub sections at Hillcrest School continued to grow. A new satellite Group has also grown at West Park. These have all contributed to further growth in membership numbers, which have increased in North Leeds by some 30% over the last five years.

It has been pleasing to have now established an Awards Committee, which has resulted in catching up with adult award recommendations. Congratulations are due to all those who have received Awards over the last year.

The writing of this report has been effectively my final DC duty, and I would therefore wish to add my personal note of thanks to all those who have helped in many ways over the last four years, and in particular those who have played a significant role in the continued success of the District. The aim has been to give as many youngsters as possible in our area the opportunity to benefit from the experience of good quality Scouting and it has been a privilege to have served Scouting in North Leeds in this ambition.

David Grindrod
Former District Commissioner North Leeds
(January 2016-February 2020)

District Leadership Team Report

Many thanks to David for his DC Report for last year. Ordinarily that would suffice but we find ourselves in far from ordinary times. When I and the District Leadership Team took the baton from David on 24th February we did so thinking to keep business ticking over for up to six months while the next DC was found. On 17th March, face to face Scouting was suspended in response to the COVID-19 crisis and we were all suddenly working in quite different circumstances. In February we had intended to meet every 4 or 5 weeks with our first meeting being scheduled, oddly enough, for that very date! So that had to be our first online meeting. Our second was at 10 am on Friday 20th March and we've met virtually (nearly) every Friday and virtually (online) since then. As I write, on 8th August, this pattern seems likely to continue for a while yet.

We have applied ourselves to keeping in touch with all Scout Groups and Explorer Units around the District with a view to understanding how the crisis affects each of them and providing as much support as we could wherever it has been needed.

The outputs from Scout HQ or County until early May included:

DC Update from County Commissioner – 17th March

The Great Indoors launched – 20th March
Supporting each other. Protecting the future of our movement – an online call to DCs, Treasurers and Chairs by Tim Kidd, UK Chief Commissioner, on 26th March followed by a sequence of emails to the same roles from 27th March to 8th April.

DC and All Member online briefings by Tim Kidd on 27th and 29th April respectively.

Membership bulletins from HQ on 3rd, 7th, 17th and 21st April and 7th May

Updates from HQ continue at fortnightly intervals and have recently included the launch of Bringing Everyone Back Together Safely on 25th June followed by the first step out of lockdown on 6th July. All of us have quickly become acquainted with the control measures necessary for safe face to face Scouting in small Groups outdoors and with the processes for preparation and approval by District of COVID-19 Risk Assessments to enable restarts. The requirements and implications of the Red, Amber, Yellow and Green states of readiness are increasingly familiar. Now in October, we are still in Amber and we have Sections in 14 Groups and 6 Explorer Units with approved readiness to start face to face Scouting, and many Young People getting back safely to outdoor Scouting.

We reported to the District Executive formally on 13th May and 15th July and have been supported by the officers and members throughout. From our report on 15th July we can summarise the positions as follows:

With regard to Supporting each other (ongoing Scouting programmes) recent conversations with GSLs have confirmed that all Groups are as comfortable with their respective positions as they can be. Even though some have chosen not to or been unable to maintain Virtual Meetings or other ongoing activity we are all aware of the possible effect on membership and are addressing this in restarting. It should be added that all Explorer Units have engaged with Virtual Meetings.

With regard to Protecting the future of our movement (financial robustness) the position for most Groups is secure or reasonably so. With our Treasurer, we have assessed that the position of only three Groups could be stressed by a loss of subscriptions income for one term or up to 5 months in the current year. In each of these cases we believe it will be possible to provide or obtain support at District, County or HQ level.

Looking forward, one aspect of uncertainty has recently been removed in that the total amount of Membership Fee for HQ, County and District is now known and the overall amount per member will be £49.00 (after 50p discount) for March 2021.

The variable factor remaining is the level of membership for each Group. Until recently HQ had proposed to hold the Census in October this year, which could have helped for budgeting in this regard, but has now reverted to 31st January 2021.

In the process of dealing with the effects of this crisis each of us in the District Leadership Team has found new skills or honed the ones we already had. We are sure that our experience in this regard is not unique!

In conclusion, we believe that all Groups, Units and the District of North Leeds should be able to weather the storm and thrive again in 2021.

**Ted Fairfax, Max Illingworth, Shamine Harding, Stacy Wilshaw and Joseph Fletcher
District Leadership Team, North Leeds**

At this point, I would like to capture my considerable thanks to colleagues in the District Leadership Team and to all of the District Team and District Executive for their support in the current year. The challenges continue but we are well able to overcome them together. Ted



Beavers

Beavers is a strong section within the District with full waiting lists and Colonies currently running at close to, or over capacity.

The welcome addition of new Colonies created in the previous year has generated additional demand in North Leeds, rather than relieving the pressure for places on existing Colonies.

We continue to make shared resources available for Beaver leaders and communicate via the District "Online Scout Manager" group.

The majority of Groups are now using Online Scout Manager which provides the following information based on the Colonies registered.

- Number of Beaver Colonies: 9
- Number of Beavers 166
- Outside Events 32

Table 1 shows the percentage of activities taken by Beavers, for challenge badges, which contribute towards their bronze award.

(These results will have been impacted by the suspension of face to face meetings during Lockdown.)

In addition to the wide range of skills and activities organised by Colonies at their weekly meetings we have helped organise District and County events to increase the range of activities available which can be used to fulfil badge requirements:

- Junior Total Warrior
- Games at Wike
- Christmas Crafts
- Festive Fun at Bramhope
- Panto - The Monster Panto!
- Virtual Challenge 20!

Unfortunately due to Lockdown the following activities were cancelled or rescheduled:

- St George's Day Cycling
- Walk around the Harewood Estate
- Challenge 20

In September 2019, this was the first year that Beavers who gained the Chief Scout's Bronze Award were invited to take part in the County "Day of Celebration." 21 Beavers from North Leeds were invited to take part in the celebrations and receive a printed award.

All face to face Beaver meetings have been suspended since Lockdown in March. Many leaders and parents have been finding it difficult to help with Beaver activities due to increased workloads caused by the pandemic. Some Colonies have been offering virtual meetings and/or content.

The young age of Beavers makes it particularly difficult to conduct virtual meetings and socially distanced activities without a lot of support from parents.

A big thank you to all leaders and helpers who have supported Beavers both up to and during Lockdown.

Our focus for the coming year, when it is safe to do so, will be to support Colonies to navigate the process of returning back to "normal" face to face meetings.

Michael Boam ADC Beavers

Just imagine how much noise nearly 300 Beaver Scouts will make when they join together to say THANK YOU to Mike and our Beaver Section Leaders and Supporters for all the activities and fun they enjoy.

Ted Fairfax, Acting District Commissioner 2020

Cubs

In February 2019, we held the District Trading Post with help from around the District to man the trading post itself and to run games for those waiting, thanks to all 6 packs took part. All the Cubs were very competitive at the Trading post, with the outcome being close, 1st were 10th St Edmund's Gold pack, 2nd were the 7th St Matthew's and 3rd the 16th Alwoodley, these teams then progressed to the County event in the summer (see below).

Cubadoodledoo was a County arranged camp at Hesley Wood held at Spring Bank holiday which was very successful and attended by quite a few packs from North Leeds.

The County Trading post, five Districts entered teams and congratulations to 7th St Matthew's who won with the team from St Edmund's coming second. We will now host the event next year.

The Good Turn Carol service was at St John's Moorallerton with a few packs, parents and leaders taking part in 'pass the parcel' to tell the story of Christmas, donation of food to the Leeds Lions, presentation of Chief Scout Silver awards and of a medal of merit to Patrick Tivey of the 24th North Leeds pack. The service was concluded by a celebration of the nativity story with 'Celebration' chocolates.

On the 1st March 2020 we had the District Trading Post at St Edmund's with 7 packs competing to earn the most money at the Trading Post. The results were very close with GSAL coming first, and with 10th St Edmund's Blue and Gold packs coming second and third respectively. These packs will go on to the County event in May (Postponed).

Janet Illingworth
ADC Cubs

On behalf of our nearly 600 Cub Scouts, a big THANK YOU to Janet and all our Cub Section Leaders and Supporters for the activities, events and programmes you provide and the fun we have at Cubs every week and all through the year.

Ted Fairfax, Acting District Commissioner 2020

Scouts

Scouts in North Leeds continues to flourish. We welcomed 2 new Groups; West Park and Little London.

In May 2019, the Leeds half Marathon was again helped out by Scouts from our District. 7 Groups with the support of over 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 unfortunately had to be cancelled due to heavy rainfall and risks of flooding.

In 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 and handed out medals 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.

Frosty Camp, and this year it was. Several Groups joined for camp at Wike for the last days in November and first days of December. The Groups pooled together to run a back to basic's activity camp. Scout skills such as Axe and Saw, pioneering, lamps and stoves where

mixed with rifle shooting and archery to give a full weekend of activities. We even survived the mud.

The crowning point of the weekend was the build of a solid weather shelter. Every scout took a shift at digging foundations, pouring cement and building the structure.

District MasterChef was brought back to the calendar, on a March Saturday; around 20 Scouts from 5 Groups took part in the competition. The level of cooking was outstanding from all the Groups and the judges were extremely impressed. The winners being a team from the 10th St Eds.

On the following Monday, the County went into lockdown! Not sure if this was a coincidence, since then most Groups have managed to keep scouting going in some form or another,

Richard Trout ADC Scouts

It's so good to know that our 400 Scouts have so much opportunity for adventurous activity and to engage in supporting community events. So I'm sure they'd like me to say THANK YOU to Richard and our teams of Scout Leaders for everything they do to make things happen for them every week and all year round.

Ted Fairfax, Acting District Commissioner 2020

Explorers

It has been another exciting year for Explorers in North Leeds, we have grown to 160 Young People and we have a new unit starting in September; Salam Explorers. Over the summer of 2019 we undertook a joint ten-day expedition to Holland, 80 Explorers and Scouts from four units and three Scout Troops camped on a Dutch Scout site near Baarn. We undertook expeditions on foot and by bike, visited Arnhem, Amsterdam and took in the Dutch culture.

The 2019 academic year started out as another action-packed year for explorers and whether they took part in expeditions in the Lake District, shooting, foraging or just for a fun weekend away in a hammock with their mates, we're proud that the Explorer Scouting has created a unique atmosphere in which young people can develop, challenge themselves physically and grow in confidence. Red Kites and the Goonies took part in a weekend Challenge in October in the grounds of the Ampleforth estate along with Scouts from all over the North of England.

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

In January we had an action-packed winter weekend away in Hebden Bridge with Explores from five different Units and then sadly a few months later we had to suspend face to face scouting. Whilst in lockdown the ExplorerS united to embrace online Scouting taking part in individual and joint unit Zoom sessions including quizzes, cook along, murder mysteries and mocktail making. Explorer units in North Leeds were the first to return to Face to Face Scouting in the County when restrictions were lifted, and four units are continuing to deliver a Scouting programme throughout the Summer.

It was a privilege to see first-hand all the amazing activities undertaken by the Explorers over the last year, especially how well the Leaders and Young People adapted to Online sessions. Activities have included survival skills, night hikes, Skiing, escape rooms, Zorbing, clay pigeon shooting, pioneering, tomahawk throwing, paintballing, raft building, virtual Pride, debates on current affairs and volunteering in our local communities by undertaking environmental projects and helping in Hospitals, care homes and mentoring.

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-Paul Wilshaw
District Explorer Scout Commissioner

Section charts to show the percentage of members completing badges

Percentage of Beavers who have completed the badges



● Adventure ● Outdoors ● Skills ● World ● Personal ● Teamwork ● Chief Scout's Bronze

Percentage of Cubs who have completed the badges



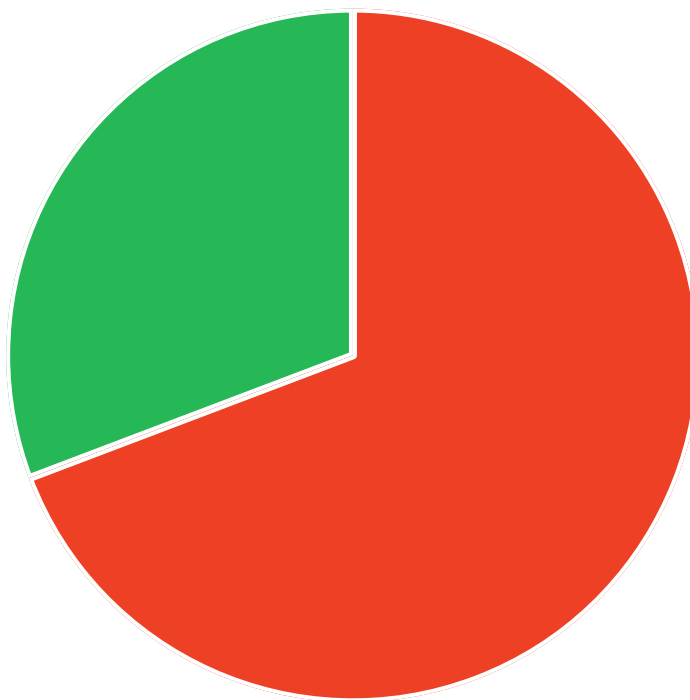
● Adventure ● Outdoors ● Skills ● World ● Personal ● Teamwork ● Team Leader ● Chief Scout's Silver

Percentage of Scouts who have completed the badges



● Adventure
 ● Creative
 ● Expedition
 ● Outdoors
 ● Personal
 ● Skills
 ● Teamwork
 ● Team Leader
● World
● Chief Scout's Gold

Percentage of Explorers who have completed the badges



● Platinum
 ● Diamond
 ● Explorer Belt
 ● Queen's Scout Award



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Wike Campsite

Wike has been a busy place during 2019. We have had lots of people camping but we have also seen the construction of our new kitchen which was completed in September. It has really updated the facilities in the main hut and was worth the wait! Then we had the replacement of the old toilet block which was completed just as we all went into lockdown so to many of you it is a new area yet to be explored! We had a working day just prior to lock down and amongst many tasks completed we planted some hornbeams to create a hedge near the new toilet block.

Lockdown has impacted heavily on Wike and little has been done apart from basic maintenance. We are trying to plan a few working days but naturally these will be limited in numbers. We need your input to help tidy things up as we begin to reopen. Watch out for information and come and join us please.

Duncan Jefferies
Wike Warden

Six Dales Walk

Last year, the Walk had to be cancelled owing to the occurrence of the Yorkshire 2019 UCI Road World Championships.

This years walk cannot go ahead on Sunday 27th September as planned due to the current restrictions. The halls were all ready until Covid-19. Then there was a complete shut down, the school and halls all said that no one was allowed to use the properties and so we decided to run a virtual walk instead.

We have had numerous meetings and decided to run “The 6 Dales Walk- with a Difference”. This will allow anyone to take part, for example families, friends, Scouts, Guides etc. Registration began on 1 August and the walk itself begins on 30 August. There are challenges that you can do along the way to increase your points. A badge and certificate will be awarded to all. The web page is “Six Dales Walk – with a Difference “details of the rules etc are found there.

Sadly our treasurer John Miller of many years, has resigned this year and we would like to thank him for his loyal service over the years. Enjoy your “retirement” John.

Hopefully we will be back to normal for future years.

Ann McKenna
Chair of Six Dales Walk Committee

Appointments Committee

The Appointments Advisory Committee panel met 13 times between 1st February 2019 and 31st January 2020, seeing 66 applicants for Leadership roles, 55 new and 11 Changes of Roles. This included a meeting at the location of the new Group at Scotland Wood to see 5 applicants for roles in the Beaver and Cub Sections there. Also a panel meeting at the HQ of 1st North Leeds to meet 3 Assistant Leaders changing roles to be Section Leaders. (There were 68 in the period February 2018 to January 2019).

We saw the retirement of Ann Miller in November and thank her for her membership and contribution over the years.

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

“Gone Home”

In November we said goodbye to Bev Wilkinson in a service of Celebration of his Life. We remembered with fondness and thanks his many involvements in our community, not least in Scouting as a Cub Scout Leader and Group Treasurer as well as a member of the Appointments Advisory Committee.

Ted Fairfax
Chair of the Appointments Advisory Committee

District Chair

This Report in extraordinary times by necessity covers four distinct topics:

1. The achievements of our year 2019 -2020
2. Our response to the Covid 19 lockdown and beyond
3. Planning for Membership Fees payable March 2021
4. Online Scout Manager and District IT Upgrade

1. Achievements

The focus of the year 2019 - 2020 at District Executive level has been largely centred on the two major Wike Campsite Development Projects which were both started and completed during the financial year 2019 - 2020.

The projects were:

- (i) The New Kitchen Project
- (ii) The New Toilet and Shower Block

These projects were on the back of the Enlarged Car Park and Improved Site Entrance Project which was carried out previously.

All three projects were brought in on time and within budget and that is a huge achievement.

The three projects taken together completed the Wike Campsite Development Scheme and were very ably managed by our appointed Wike Development Team comprising David Benedict, Max Illingworth, and Alan Naylor, our former Wike Warden. We owe our heartfelt thanks to this Team for the dedication, and effective 'hands on' management of all three projects. Generations of Young People, and their Leaders owe a debt of gratitude to this Team for all that they have achieved. David, Max and Alan, thank you so much, we are truly grateful.

We also extend our deep gratitude to the many Grant Providers, Private Donors, Scout Groups and Explorer Scout Units who contributed so generously and the hard financial figures for the Projects completed during the year were:

The total cost of The New Kitchen Project was £46,910 and the amount raised came from the following kind Donors and Grant Providers:

Name of Funding Body	Amount £
Wm Morrisons	5,000
Howdens Joinery	200
Halifax Bank	4,858
Tesco	1,000
Alwoodley Councillors	300
Kirkstall Councillors	300
Richard Goldberg Foundation	2,000
Donations from - North Leeds Scout Groups & ESUs	2,500
Emmerdale Foundation	26,500
North Leeds District Scout Council contribution from District Funds	2,000
Wike Development Fund - withdrawal	2,252
Total	46,910

The actual New Toilet / Shower Project costs were £65,568 and we have raised the monies for the Project thanks to the kind generosity of the following Grant providers and donors:

Name of Funding Body	Amount £
Corporate Donor - Aviva	25,000
Emmerdale Foundation	33,500
Donations from North Leeds Scout Groups & ESUs	1,600
North Leeds District Scout Council own contribution from District Funds	2,468
Leeds City Councillors MICE Grant	500
Wades Fund	2,500
Total	65,568

Additionally we have raised Funds for the District's "Make It Happen Fund" to assist our Young People from deprived, and economically challenged backgrounds to meet the costs of Scouting.

2. Covid 19

We have faced unprecedented challenges during this lockdown period and beyond, and we have an extraordinary Interim District Leadership who have excelled and responded to the challenges which have arisen. Their excellent cohesion and insightfulness has produced a wonderful innovative response which has kept our Groups, ESUs and Young People informed and energised. It has been a Team effort and we extend our deepest thanks to Ted Fairfax, Stacy Wilshaw, Max Illingworth, Joseph Fletcher and Shamine Harding for their devotion and focus on the welfare of our Young People. We thank them for their kindness, caring and sensitivity in supporting our Young People through these difficult times.

Ted, Stacy, Max, Shamine and Joseph your efforts and resourcefulness have not gone unnoticed, and are greatly valued.

On behalf of the District Executive Committee I congratulated you on what you achieved.

3. Membership Fees - Payable March 2021

These have already been determined and are as follows:

Fees:	Proposed Next Year March 2021 £	Actual Last year March 2020 £
HQ	35.00	29.00
HQ - Optional ring fenced for Groups in hardship	1.50	Nil
County	10.00	10.00
District	3.00	4.00
Total payable	49.50*	43.00*

* Discounted by 50p for early payment.

NLDSC has taken the decision to reduce the District element of the Fee from £4 to £3 to assist Groups and ESU's in these extraordinarily financially challenging times Our District Fee is the lowest in Central Yorkshire and we remain mindful that Scouting has to remain affordable to all.

4. Online Scout Manager and District IT Upgrade

Joseph Fletcher, Stacy Wilshaw and Team have very efficiently and effectively enhanced our IT capability and in any other year their achievements would have earned top billing, but this has been an extraordinary year and their achievements warrant mention here and they are to be congratulated for what they have achieved. Thank you.

Conclusion

We are truly grateful for the Donations and Grants from our Corporate donors, Trusts and our own Leeds City Councillors. you have made our programme of transformational change possible. Without your kind generosity and vision we could not have moved to a new level in our ability to prepare our 'young people with skills for life'.

We also take this opportunity to thank all our volunteer leaders and helpers, you are the very bedrock of all that our Young People achieve. Our stakeholder donors and sponsors are always spellbound when they learn that you are all unpaid. Thank you one and all for the profound contribution that you make to the wellbeing and development of our Young People.

Also we extend our warm thanks to all the parents and carers of our young People who silently provide support for all that we do. Your contribution is crucial to making Scouting in North Leeds the huge success which it is - thank you so much.

Finally, this Meeting would not have been possible without the sterling efforts of our District Secretary, John Lillywhite who is retiring from that position. John has not only been an efficient and committed District Secretary, but has also been a considerable force in the extensive fundraising effort which the District has embarked in recent years. The Aviva Grant was the jewel in the crown of a string of John's Grant Application successes. We will cherish that success for years to come, and we shall not forget his very fine contribution to the life of Scouting in North Leeds District.

Simon Bartle
District Chair



Treasurer's Report

Due to the postponement of the Annual General Meeting due to Covid-19 the District's Annual Accounts have yet to be approved. Measures are in place to ensure that this is completed before the AGM.

The District financial position is still in a healthy state however the total amount of cash assets have reduced over the period due to District supporting the Wike projects. The transfer of monies from the general Reserve account to replenish funds has been authorised by the District Executive.

This year has been an unusually busy period in relation to the District's finances due to a number of factors.

1. This year saw a dramatic increase in the number of invoices submitted for payment as a result of the successful completion of the Wike Kitchen and Toilet Block project. A big thank you to members of the District who either managed to gathering and submitting of contractor's invoices or who paid them out of their own resources and claimed reimbursement.
2. Additional bank accounts being opened to support the Little London and Scotland Wood Groups and a further account to act as a contingency.
3. The assessment of the District and individual Group's ability to maintain financial stability throughout the Covid-19 crisis in light of a reduction of income whilst face to face Scouting was suspended.

Once again the invoicing and collection of Annual Membership Fees was a relatively straight forward process entirely due to Groups responding in a timely manner which I am very grateful to all Groups for their support. This enabled us to make our

payment of £47137.50 to HQ and County by the target date.

Most Groups also rose to the challenge of responding to the additional requests for financial information as part of the Covid-19 review.

I am hoping that next year will be less eventful and normality will return. This will allow me to streamline the Annual Membership Fee collection process and activate an internet banking capability for the District's bank accounts which will reduce the burden on the signatories on the District's mandate.

The Make It Happen Fund.

The Fund was established in 2018 to raise money to provide financial support to young people from around the North Leeds District, primarily from financially disadvantaged backgrounds. Money raised is used to help fund many things including subscriptions, activity costs, equipment and uniform which enable our young people to fully participate in scouting across the District regardless of parental financial constraints.

During the year donations to the Fund amounted to £7270 from various charitable sources. Contributions towards scouting costs for young people, including for trips, equipment and uniforms, totalled £1746. The Fund was able to help around 32 young people during the year.

The balance of the Fund at the end of the year totalled £6,179.

Richard Grindrod
District Treasurer

Census Report

Youth Membership	2018	2019	2020			Total
			Male	Female	Self-Identify	
Beaver Scouts	230	253	240	44	0	284
Cub Scouts	419	499	413	176	0	589
Scouts	368	382	287	103	0	390
Explorer Scouts	185	139	98	63	0	161
Network	23	40	28	15	0	43
Totals	1225	1313				1467

Leadership	2018	2019	2020			Total
			Male	Female	Self-Identify	
Section Leaders	183	211	103	99	1	203
Section Assists/Instructors	65	51	22	26	0	48
Group Scout Leaders	21	22	13	6	0	19
District Skills Instructors	0	0	1	0	0	1
District Advisers	0	0	0	0	0	0
District Leaders	1	1	10	7	0	17
Commissioners	6	4	4	1	0	5
Totals	276	289				293

Organisational Support	2018	2019	2020			Total
			Male	Female	Self-Identify	
District Administrators	3	56	0	1	0	1
District Office Bearers & Exec	3	3	8	3	0	11
Group Office Bearers & Exec	-	-	34	22	0	56
Active Support	28	36	24	9	0	33
Individual or Associate Members	102	55	56	14	1	71
	136	151				171

Total Membership	1637	1753				1931
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Units	2018	2019	2020
Beaver Scout Colonies	14	14	16
Cub Scout Packs	17	18	20
Scout Troops	17	17	19
Explorer Scout Units	9	8	8
Young Leader Units	1	1	1
Active Support Units	3	3	3
Groups	17	17	19





NORTH LEEDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered Charity Number 1085203

Annual Accounts

Financial Year Ended 31st January 2020



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Receipts for the Year Ended 31st January 2020

Last Year				
40,681.40	MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	Received from Groups		46,121.00
-	RECEIPTS NEW GROUPS	Scotland Wood Group		668.60
-		Little London Group		160.00
40,681.40				46,949.60
251.35	ACTIVITIES	Beaver Scout Section [Note 6]		-
420.00		Cub Scout Section		120.00
0.00		Scout Section [Note 7]		-
2,566.64		Six Dales Walk		300.00
11,455.46		Wike Camp Site		10,108.35
		Badge Secretary		3821.52
14,693.45		Total Activities		14,349.87
6,675.50	DISTRICT EXPLORER SCOUTS	Membership Fees		5,725.80
10,202.50		The Goonies & Mavericks ESU		45,705.04
727.00		Blacksheep (Headingley) ESU		1,416.50
323.00		Headingley Friday ESU - "The Pirates"		329.50
2,016.00		The Marmots Roundhay ESU		1,975.00
3,032.00		Red Kite ESU		4,193.13
7,970.78		GSAL ESU		31,130.90
		Total Explorer Scouts		90,475.67
30,946.78				
	EVENTS	District Cycle Event		-
145.00		World Scout Jamboree		0.00
690.00				-
835.00				-
-	DONATIONS & GRANTS	Group and ESU contributions to Kitchen Project		4,472.50
8,725.00		External Grants for the New Wike Kitchen Project		32,357.60
-		External Grants for the Wike Toilet/Shower Project		61,000.00
-		Group & ESU contributions to New Toilet/Shower		1,585.00
2,050.00		Grants raised for The Make It Happen Fund		7,270.00
		Scotland Wood and Little London Start Up Grants		5,000.00
10,775.00				111,685.10
	INVESTMENT INCOME	HSBC Treasurer a/c interest		0.00
94.51		COIF (General fund)		£ 106.54
32.44		COIF (Wike Reserve funds)		£ 96.15
126.95				202.69
2,824.00	OTHER RECEIPTS	Sale of Quad Bike		200.00
		Insurance Rebate		929.36
		Badge Secretary - Dividend		500.00
841.67		Other Receipts/MICE Grant For Group		300.00
3,665.67				1,929.36
101,724		TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		£ 266,592.63

Payments for the Year Ended 31st January 2020

Last Year				£
43673.00	MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	Paid to County		47137.50
	PAYMENTS NEW GROUPS	Scotland Wood Group		1328.22
		Little London Group		119.45
43,673.00				48,585.17
-	ACTIVITIES	Beaver Scout Section [Note 6]		-
513.19		Cub Scout Section		54.97
		Scout Section [Note 7]		-
1,933.56		Six Dales Walk		128.14
9,905.06		Wike Camp Site		13,722.02
		Badge Secretary		3977.93
12,351.81		Total Activities		17,883.06
-	DISTRICT EXPLORER SCOUTS	Direct payments for Section		
6,942.10		The Goonies & Mavericks ESU		48,075.18
1,359.00		Blacksheep Headingley ESU		1,190.28
277.85		Headingley Friday ESU "The Pirates"		372.10
2,129.65		The Marmots Roundhay ESU		2,166.00
3,052.82		Red Kite ESU		4,171.61
6,818.80		GSAL ESU		30,585.87
20,580.22		Total Explorer Scouts		86,561.04

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Receipts & Payments Summary for the Year	
Last Year	
101,724.25	Total receipts for the period (page 1)
82,372.60	Total payments for the period (page 2)
19,351.65	Net receipts (payments) for the period
68,392.52	Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward
87,744.17	Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward (page 4)
	73,335.65


Statement of Assets and Liabilities on 31st January 2020		£
Last Year		
	MONETARY ASSETS	
13714.06	HSBC Treasurer account [Note 7]	(805.34)
18,816.39	General Reserve funds [Notes 1 & 2]	11,994.22
6,668.84	Wike Reserve funds [Note 2]	7,979.88
251.35	Beaver Scout Section [Note 7]	251.35
236.48	Cub Scout Section	301.51
1822.57	Scout Section	1,822.57
2953.17	Six Dales Walk	3,125.03
6957.61	Wike Camp Site	3,343.94
1169.88	Badge Secretary	1,013.47
	Make It Happen Fund Balance	6,585.00
15455.31	Explorer Scout Units:-	13,085.17
1673.24	The Goonies & Mavericks	1,899.46
185.21	Blacksheep Headingley	142.61
2041.03	Headingley Friday-Pirates	1,850.03
200	The Marmots Roundhay	200.00
11398.25	Loiners	11,943.28
4201.02	GSAL	4,222.54
	Red Kite	
0	New Scout Groups	
0	Scotland Wood Group [Note 7]	1,340.38
0	Little London Group [Note 7]	3,040.55
87,744.41		73,335.65
	OTHER MONETARY ASSETS	
646.80	Outstanding debts from badge sales	-
647		-
	NON-MONETARY ASSETS	
3,034.49	Badge Secretary's stock	3,184.73
28,000.00	Wike Camp Site	28,000.00
2,860.54	- Land and Buildings	38,715.41
-	- Equipment	49,176.00
33,895	Wike New Toilet/Shower Block	119,076.14
122,286	TOTAL ASSETS	192,411.79
	LIABILITIES	
241.50	Badge purchase payment due	-
242	TOTAL LIABILITIES	-
122,045	NET ASSETS	192,411.79

NOTES

- Note 1 The General Reserve A/c Balance £5792.03 and Closed Group Bank Balances are £6,200.43 Total £11,994.26
- Note 2 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 0.6165% p.a. (Previous year 0.45250%).
- Note 3 Badge stock valued at cost on 31 January 2020.
- Note 4 The land and buildings at Wike were valued in December 2001.
- Note 5 The value of Wike equipment is estimated as 75% of last year's value £2860.54 plus 75% of new purchases £48760.00
- Note 6 The cost of the New Toilet /Shower Block £65,568 has been depreciated at a rate of 25% leaving a book value of £49,176.00
- Note 7 Beavers - Balance £251.35, Scotland Wood balance £1340.38 and Little London balance £3040.55 are held within HSBC A/c.

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APPROVAL BY THE TRUSTEES			
This statement of assets and liabilities on 31st January 2020 and the accompanying receipts and			
payments account were approved by the Trustees on 18th October 2020 and signed on their behalf by			
<i>Simon J Bartle</i>		Chairperson

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 2020.

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

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