

Solihull Scouts

Annual General Meeting

24th September 2020
Online

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Annual General Meeting Agenda

Thursday 24th September 2020, YouTube

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of the 2019 AGM
4. Presentation of the Annual Report (Chairman, County Commissioner)
5. Presentation of the Accounts (Treasurer)
6. Appointment of Officers (Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer)
7. Appointment of Members to the County Scout Council
8. Appointment of Members to the County Executive
9. Appointment of Representatives to the Council of the Association
10. Appointment of an Independent Examiner
11. Conclusion

Please note that items 6 - 10 have been voted on electronically by members of the Solihull Scout County Council.

Annual General Meeting of Solihull Scouts **Solihull Council Civic Suite, 26th June 2019**

Simon Hague the County Chairman, opened the meeting with a short reading.

Present

There were 62 Leaders present from the County. List retained by County Secretary.

Apologies for Absence

There were 23 recorded apologies from members of the Scout County. The Mayor Stuart Davis also tendered his apologies, being unable to attend because of illness

Presentation

Two excellent presentations were given by Explorer Scouts and Scouts. The first was by 2nd Balsall Common Scouts and Galileo ESU highlighting their 2018 visit to Kandersteg. The second presentation was given by Intrepid and Drake ESU's highlighting their 2019 trip trekking in Nepal. Two excellent presentation which highlighted the strength of Scouting in Solihull

Minutes of the 2018 AGM

The minutes of the 2018 AGM were circulated within the AGM report pack for 2019. The minutes were agreed to be a true record of that meeting and their acceptance was supported by a show of hands of those present.

County Chairman's Report

Simon Hague thanked everyone for their support over the last year and his report is appended. Following his thanks to Bob Lane, who was standing down, he made him a presentation.

County Commissioners Report

Shirley read through the highlights of her report which is attached to the minutes

Presentation of Accounts

Ian Carpenter, the County Treasurer, talked the meeting through the accounts for the year. Highlighting the introduction of a Fairfx Charge Card. This allows access to funds for County Events and purchases by specific individuals. The card is preloaded with cash which is treated as a cash advance and expenditure will be required to be covered by receipts.

Jamboree fund raising is going well, all payments have been made.

Ian expressed his thanks to Dave Landreth for scrutinising the accounts. Ian invited questions, but none were raised.

Acceptance of the Annual Report and Accounts

Chair asked for and accepted a proposal from Bob Fear for the annual report and accounts to be accepted. This was seconded by Roger Pacey and unanimously agreed by a show of hands. Simon thanked Ian and David for their excellent work on the accounts.

Appointment of Officers (Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary)

County Chairman: The County Commissioner nominated Simon Hague as County Chairman for the ensuing year. This appointment was unanimously approved by the meeting.

County Treasurer: Ian Carpenter was nominated by Simon Hague and Seconded by Ian Carnell there being no other nominations it was unanimously agreed by the meeting that he would stand for a further year.

County Secretary: Bob Lane has stood down as County Secretary. There were no nominations for this role and the position is left in abeyance.

Appointment of Members to the County Scout Council

Cole District nominated Roger Pacey and Blythe District nominated Lucy Weston as the District Representatives to the County Scout Council. They were approved by the meeting.

Appointment of Members to the County Executive

The County Commissioner – Shirley Brookes (ex-officio)
The County Chairman – Simon Hague (ex-officio)
The County Secretary – Vacant (ex-officio)
The County Treasurer – Ian Carpenter (ex-officio)
The County Youth Commissioner - Lauren Evans (ex-officio)

The Regional Commissioner – Dan Potter has the right to attend

The remaining nominations are:

Ken Meeson (nominated by CC)
Matthew Spencer (nominated by CC)

Ian Carnell (Co-opted)
Sue Cheshire (Co-opted)
Andy Baynes (Co-Opted) with special responsibility for GDPR and Data Protection

Roger Pacey (Cole District nominated)
Trevor Richmond (Blythe District nominated)

Greg Dodd (County Representative to Scout Council)

There being no other nominations declared or from the floor the executive was elected on bloc by the meeting.

Appointment of Representative to the Council of the Association

The meeting approved the nomination Greg Dodd as the County Representative to the Council of the Scout Association. He was co-opted onto the Executive.

The meeting approved the nomination of Lauren Evans as the County Youth Representative to the Council of the Scout Association.

Appointment of an Independent Examiner

Simon conveyed the County's thanks to Dave Landreth, who has examined the County Accounts and agreed to examine them next year.

Presentations

There being no presentations, the County Commissioner read out the names of adults who had received national Scout Awards during the year. These are recorded in the Annual Report.

Conclusion

Simon closed the meeting by thanking all present for their attendance. He thanked Solihull Civic Catering, Scout Active Support for manning the signing in table and Peter Hopton and Bob Lane for pulling together the annual reports and the AGM. He then invited all to join him in the refreshment room for a social conclusion to the evening.

Bob Lane

Solihull County Secretary

Reports

County Executive Statement - County Chairman

The highlight of the 2019/2020 year for many was the World Scout Jamboree where 20 Scouts and leaders embarked on a life changing experience that has become customary for a jamboree of this size. Eurojam 2020 has become Eurojam 2021 (although still being called Eurojam 2020). Again, we see 40 Scouts and leaders taking a trip to Poland to enjoy a Jamboree camp. Thank yous must be passed onto the leaders and the parents that tirelessly raise funds and give time to make this such a success.

As an executive committee, we have developed. Our county HQ is in good repair and has been used extensively throughout the year and this could only have happened with support from the property committee. This culminated in a property management plan being put in place that helps outline the responsibilities of all involved in the property. Thanks must go to Alan and his team - so thank you.

Since the last executive, we have lost many stalwarts of Scouting in Solihull. When we can, the SAS team are going to have a commemoration service - but in the interim, our thoughts are with the families of those that have gone home. We recognise the commitment of time and effort in encouraging the growth, enjoyment and benefit of Scouts in Solihull and beyond.

As the year closed out, things went a little strange as we saw the halting of our economy due to the lockdown response to COVID-19. I would like to thank everyone for the efforts that they have put in since then in their promotion of scouting to the sections that everyone supports. We are still fighting COVID-19, and this years AGM will feel a little different. The original intention was to meet face to face and celebrate - perhaps later. This has encouraged us to look at our procedures and policies around how we run the AGMs both at County and with our District colleague. Thank you in advance for your flexibility in going with this as we move into compliance with POR.

Finally, to the exec - thank you for your support, banter and comradery. This year has been challenging, and I long for more stability in this somewhat chaotic space that we are starting to recognise as normal.

Simon Hague

Solihull County Chair

County Commissioners Report

My report this year must necessarily be about the year to the end of March 2020 – a time at which we were just two weeks into the suspension of face to face Scouting. At that time we could not have foreseen the long-term and devastating effects of the coronavirus pandemic and that we would now be undertaking our AGM on Zoom rather than at the end of a fun day of outdoor activities and skills sessions at 1st Solihull. I am immensely proud to be a member of Solihull Scouts where the resilience to keep delivering Scouting in such a variety of innovative ways is testament to the commitment of our leaders.

Returning to my review of the year to the end of March, as usual I will start with the statistics about our membership. Despite opening a new Explorer Unit, Attenborough, the census for 2019 showed a slight decrease of 1% in youth membership but I am pleased to report a 4% increase in adults, leading to an overall increase of 0.3% from last year. The 2019 numbers are 19% higher than five years ago. On the date of census, 31st January 2020, there were 2300 young people and 715 adults involved in Scouting in Solihull (the numbers do exclude the Occasional Helpers who are vital to the running of Sections). Girls now account for 22.7% of our youth membership.

Our young people have had amazing opportunities both at their section nights and at District and County events to gain many badges along the way. It has been a great pleasure and privilege to present so many top Scouting awards, and many Explorers have also achieved Duke of Edinburgh awards. We also had seven complete their Queen's Scout Award during the last year and I am sure that they will look forward to their opportunity to go to Windsor in due course.

It is important that we take time to remember and reflect on what was achieved over the year to March – the World Scout Jamboree, Intrepid ESU's trip to Nepal, and many other amazing activities, trips and learning of new skills which our young people have experienced. There has also been the on-going co-operation and mutual support across groups and districts which is currently standing us in such good stead. We also achieved the launch of new tools to aid leaders undertake some of their tasks. But there have also been challenges to be dealt with, particularly in recruiting new volunteers to manager, leader and supporter roles alike, including the still vacant role of District Commissioner for Blythe; and in protecting the welfare of vulnerable young people and adults.

From a national perspective the Scout Association has been continuing moving forward with programmes of work to further support us in preparing young people with skills for life. This includes digital programme planning tools, off the shelf programmes and simplifying training. There is also an increasing focus on safety in Scouting – something we already do instinctively but now there is a greater emphasis on demonstrating that through completing mandatory training modules, checks and risk assessments.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to pay my respects to the valued and experienced Scouters who we have lost since our last AGM, including John Clayton, Dal Lardner, Ken Hughes, Monica Clarke, Dave Landreth and Trevor Richmond. They have Gone Home but are not forgotten. As Baden-Powell said "the most worth-while thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others" and I think that is what we do.

Thank you all.

Shirley Brookes

Solihull County Commissioner



Beaver is still very much alive and kicking here in Solihull, we've seen growth in the Beaver Section across the County with Colonies going from strength to strength, most having lengthy waiting lists as unable to take more in due to the need for more adult help

Looking back over the past year serves to outline just how much Beaver activities go on in the County, District and Groups. I have again had the fortune to be involved with so many Beaver activities within the area and witnessed at first hand the commitment and hard work of so many leaders resulting in exciting and challenging programmes and activities.

Chief Scout Bronze Awards Presentation Evenings

Spring/Summer 2019 Chief Scout's Bronze Awards Presentation for Beavers

Friday 7th June 2019, (revised date from 17th May 2019) at St Mary's Church in Hobs Meadow 79

Beavers received their certificate's from The Worshipful The Mayor of Solihull, Councillor Stuart Davis and Shirley Brookes, County Commissioner for Solihull County.

An outstanding achievement by our young people and my personal thanks to Leaders and Parents for their help and support in helping the young people of Solihull achieve the highest award in the Beavers.

Autumn/Winter 2019 Chief Scout's Bronze Award Presentations for Beavers

Friday 22nd November 2019, at St Mary's Church in Hobs Meadow 72 Beavers received their

certificate's from The Worshipful The Mayor of Solihull, Councillor Stuart Davis and Shirley Brookes, County Commissioner for Solihull County.

An outstanding achievement by our young people and my personal thanks to Leaders and Parents for there help and support in helping the young people of Solihull achieve the highest award in the Beaver Section.

Remembrance Parades

They were held across the Borough and Beavers was well represented. Parades included Knowle, Civic Service in Solihull, Shirley, Olton and Marston Green.

County Carol Service

County Beaver & Cub Carol Service - This Year's service will again be held at Knowle Parish Church on Tuesday 3rd December 2019, we have booked all 3 buildings this year to alleviate the overcrowding suffered at last year's service. This was held on Tuesday 3rd December at Knowle Parish Church at 6.30pm, this was our 2nd joint service with both Beavers and Cubs from across the County in attendance. We opened the service with a candlelight procession of Beavers and Cubs to Silent Night played by Wlod Holdingner on his accordion.

Ian Carnell led the service with Rev Andi Thomas giving the opening address and closing blessing. Instead of a talk this year we decided to entertain the young people present with our own interpretation of the 12 days of Christmas, members of the County, Districts Teams and Leaders from across the County sung 12 Days of Scouting Christmas.

During the service a collection was taken our chosen charity, SOLO. The collection total raised was £384.48, this was a magnificent total, Maria Brown, Fundraising Coordinator for SOLO gave a talk on the work SOLO do to support many young people across the Borough. I was so proud of all those who raised the money in so many different ways and who thought of the needs of other children.



County Beaver Handicraft Competition 2019

This is a new competition that we decided as a team would be another challenge for our young people to undertake.

The competition was held at 6th Shirley's Headquarters on Saturday 30th March 2019, the theme chosen was St George & The Dragon, the young people were given 2 hours in which to create their own interpretation of St George or The Dragon from a list of junk supplied by each team. We had a poor turnout unfortunately but the 3 teams that entered had a lot of fun constructing their creative masterpieces. The competition was judged by Emily Clapham, ACC Cubs & Ian Carnell, Deputy County Commissioner for Solihull County.

In 1st Place was 1st Solihull Commanche

In 2nd Place was 5th Solihull

In 3rd place was 6th Shirley

Outstanding effort by all concerned and we look forward to seeing more teams next year

The date for next year's competition will be on Saturday 29th March 2020 and will be held at 1st Solihull headquarters, Mill Pool, Solihull 10am to 2pm.

County Beaver Sports Day 2019

This was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances and lack of support across the County.

District Beaver Activities

Cole Beavers

Solihull Cole have done a lot of events this year organised ADC Beavers, Ian Hodgkiss and his team of District Beaver Leaders, Sheila Cole and Jonathan Booth they've put on some interesting adventures for the Beavers to enjoy, My personal thanks for all there efforts supporting our Young People.

They held a District Beaver Fun Day on the weekend 13th & 14th July 2019 at 1st Solihull HQ which included grass skis, craft bases, parachute games, water slide, blind rope trail, archery and football. There had been a very good attendance. This was followed by a District Beaver Sleepover which had involved a good number of Beavers and leaders. The programme included a scavenger hunt, 2-course dinner, camp fire singsong with Sherlock, a story from the DC, drinks, some sleep and morning activities based on the Outdoor Challenge. The closing ceremony was at midday on Sunday.

Other events included: A District Beaver Get Together held at 1st Olton, a District Swimming Gala held at Stechford Cascades and participation in the very successful District St. George's Day Parade at Knowle.

The colonies have all been active with many of the Colonies full with waiting lists.

Blythe Beavers

My thanks to Tracey Pearmain who has been carrying out the role of ADC Beavers in Blythe, appointed by Suzanne Budd, (Formerly DC for Solihull Blythe) until recently as Tracey has asked to switch roles with Jaqui Daniel, District Beaver Leader due to personal commitments.

My personal thanks for you're support, we're not losing Tracey from the team as she is going to support Jaqui in her new role.



Jaqui soon got to grips with the challenging role undertaken engaging with the Beaver Leaders across her District doing Colony Visits, mentoring new leaders, posting program ideas on the District facebook pages and setting the challenge to other leaders across the district to share program ideas that they have used and found fun.

The colonies have all been active with many of the Colonies full with waiting lists.

My Personal thanks go to all the Beaver Leaders, Assistants and Colony Helpers across the County for their support, enthusiasm and hard work for Scouts within Solihull.

I know that Scouts and the Young People in this area have certainly benefited from their commitment and dedication.

Chris Thomas (Eagle)

Assistant County Commissioner Beavers



Cubs had a busy time and have had fun participating in lots of adventures, making new friendships, and developing skills for life. This would not have been possible without the hard work of all the leaders and other volunteers that support the cubs across the county. Over the last year cubs in Cole Cubs have taken part in a camp to the Safari Park, learned how to play boules, built creations out of junk in the pack model competition, went head to head against other cub packs in the annual quiz. George Wilkinson has joined the Blythe district team as ADC Cubs she had organised a few events to place this year one of which was a camp focusing around St George unfortunately this along with a few other events was postponed unfortunately due to COVID-19. At Christmas Beavers and Cubs joined together again as a county for the annual carol service.

We have had lots more cubs be awarded with their Chief Scout Silver Award that was presented to them by the County Commissioner and the Mayor of Solihull, this is the highest award that can be gained whilst in the cubs. Thank you to Ian Carnell for his continued support with the presentations and supporting me with the role as ACC Cubs.

Emily Clapham

Assistant County Commissioner Cubs

I'm always impressed by the imagination & commitment that is channeled into providing a wide variety of fun & adventurous activities within the Scout section across both districts. All that hard work is purely down to the continued dedication of all adult leaders & helpers who give up so much of their time & once again on behalf of all the Scouts across the county I would just like to say "thank you" to each & every one of you involved at whatever level.

District & County events have been well supported & enjoyed enormously by all participants.

The annual County cooking competition at Millpool Woods attracted the largest number of entrants to date from across both districts. This competitive event is becoming more popular each year for troops as it is open to all ages/abilities. All teams have to prepare & cook using an open fire a two course meal for 4 people. A great bit of imaginative cooking took place.

"Operation Chameleon" is always extremely well attended.

Over 600 Scouts, Explorers & leaders boarded a fleet of coaches & mini buses from Blythe Valley Business park & headed off to a secret location to play one huge game of "hide & seek".

For the 2019 event Solihull Scouts were "released" up on Cannock Chase. For those unfamiliar with the concept teams of Scouts & Explorers meet at Blythe Valley. Upon arrival they receive a kit check & briefing before being put on coaches & taken to a mystery drop off point. Maps are then provided & the challenge is to make their way to Mission Control by a given deadline whilst avoiding capture from one of several catching teams also out in the play zone. There are also challenges along route to undertake. The Scouts & Explorer teams caught the least pick up the trophies as do the catching team who successfully capture the most teams. A long, tiring but extremely fun day!

The county night hike took place on a Saturday night back in February based at the Heart of England Conference & Events Centre near Corley. This event open to both Scouts & Explorers saw 400 participants take on the 10 mile or 13 mile routes in the race to pick up "The Boot" trophy for the fastest Scout team & "Walking Stick" for the fastest Explorer team. Challenging windy conditions on the night made the event "interesting" however there were few drop outs this year. Well done to all who braved the elements! Many thanks as always to the huge leader support team, Network & finally SAS who start cooking breakfast for all in the early hours of Sunday morning.

One highlight for Scouts is to visit the Solihull Council Chambers for the presentation of the Chief Scout Gold certificates by the mayor. All recipients were then invited into the mayors parlour for a unique photo opportunity. My congratulations go to all the recipients – an awful lot of hard work, time & effort goes into achieving this award, the highest to be presented within the Scout section. It is indeed a proud moment for the Scouts, parents & leaders alike.

Paul Webb

Assistant County Commissioner Scouts

This year saw Explorers across the County start the year going from strength to strength. Explorer numbers on Census were slightly up again on last year.

Operation Chameleon in November 2019 saw a return to Cannock Chase saw 26 teams taking part. A record number! A very hard fought day, with a very close finish decided by the smallest of margins. Despite the length of the day an enjoyable event all round.

The County Night Hike in February saw a reduced number of teams this year tackle the route on a very blustery night. The route proved a real challenge for some, though Intrepid ESU made the best of the conditions romping home to win back the trophy.

March saw teams from both sides of the County taking part in The Chase Walk again, with a very strong performance across the board, taking the trophy in the majority of the categories, with teams from Intrepid ESU again leading the way.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic this years' 6 Summits went virtual, but still had a number of young people and Leaders take up the challenge in a different form. Hopefully next year the event will be back bigger than ever.

Numerous sleep-outs, bivouacs and all levels of Chief Scouts and Duke of Edinburgh Award Expeditions, have been held in all corners of the country before we all went into Lockdown.

The Pandemic has meant a curtailment of usual face-to-face Scouting, but a number of units have maintained a virtual presence with a wide variety of activities.

A challenging year all round, with a hope for a return to a more usual form of Scouts to come.

Richard Budd

Assistant County Commissioner Explorers

Youth Commissioner Report

Within the last year the youth commissioner team have continued to support county and both districts within their roles. Charlotte as Blythe district youth commissioner, Joe as more recently appointed Cole Youth Commissioner and Lauren as County Youth Commissioner have worked together as a team to support Scouts on a group level and on a County/District level.

We organised our second 'Mini Managerial' event for the end of 2019, which unfortunately was postponed for 2020, which has not yet happened due to the current situation.

We then planned and started to work on a new project with the young leaders in County. This gave the young leaders the opportunity to be able to advance their leadership skills, communication skills and team working to create an event, with the assistance of county which they were due to run in September 2020. We had a great uptake of young leaders who were all very enthusiastic to organise and lead this activity, which was due to be aimed at cubs, involving a variety of different bases and tasks throughout a day at Millpool. This is still in the pipeline to be picked back up once the restrictions have lifted.

The team have also continued with supporting groups on a local level becoming more youth shaped. We have continued give guidance to groups with log chews, debates and program planning with the skills to be able to include their young people in these decision planning. We aim to push this throughout the next year and support those groups who feel they would benefit from this.

Lauren Evans

Solihull Youth Commissioner

Special Needs Report

This last year has been quiet but Groups are still being well supported by County and other organisations, T.A.B. And SoLo. Particular thanks to SoLo who through their own sponsorship support 14 young people over all the sections.

As usual it is through the dedication of all leaders that young people who require 'extra' help have developed and flourished within their sections and have continued to enjoy their Scouting activities. We are extremely proud and grateful for all your hard work for without this Scouts would and could not be so diverse and inclusive.

Last year I referred to three Modules on 'Autism Awareness' being run as 'e' learning by HQ in association with the National Autistic Society and I hope that many of you have taken the opportunity to do them. They are extremely useful and very informative. A certificate is produced at the end of each Module and this is the validation you need. Please let your Training Adviser have this in order that your Compass records can be updated.

During May a very successful course for 'Mental Health First Aid' was organised, mainly for the Jamboree Contingent leaders but also open to everyone. Many thanks to the organisers of this and it would prove very useful if, in the future, similar courses could be delivered which I am sure would be well received and attended.

Again I must praise all the leadership teams for their continued hard work, dedication and enthusiasm in helping those in need which enables us all to be one big family of Scouts.

Training Report

This year we have started to develop our own training courses, beginning with the 'Getting Started' Modules. During 12 months we have organised 8 courses – some of which were well attended and others not so much – however, our aim is to increase this number.

We have continued with First Response courses on a regular basis and have had 80 leaders qualify/maintain their learning. Several leaders have obtained their First aid qualification through other professional bodies and organisations so the initial number has increased considerably.

Validation of training Modules, especially the mandatory On Going Learning, has given the training team some concern. Completion of a course is not Validation and this needs to be done by your Training Adviser. In some instances training can be achieved through 'e'learning or workbooks so please check on HQ database for details and, again, please get it validated.

This year we have awarded 15 new Wood Badges – thank you to all the leaders concerned for your dedication. Nights Away Permits are an essential part of our training so please check when yours is due to expire. Forms are available on the website so please download them, complete and re-submit for approval before the expiration date. We are always willing to check and approve them but please do give the Assessors sufficient time to consider the application. Safety and Safeguarding Modules have been updated so it is essential that all warranted leaders have current validations for both.

Thank you to all who have helped during the past 12 months, especially the co-ordinators and researchers who constantly keep us informed and updated.

John Cheshire

Assistant County Commissioner Special Needs
County Training Manager

Scout Active Support Report

This report covers the period March 2019 to March 2020 and during this time we very sadly lost Mavis Bassett (April) and Phil Knott passed away suddenly in June from a heart attack. Both Mavis and Phil have been regular attenders at SAS and are very much missed.

Membership of SAS remains a steady 30 but in order to keep going we need new members, in particular younger people. We meet every other month and have a variety of interesting speakers and regular events each year which are very popular – e.g. a trip to the theatre, a Beer and Skittles evening and a quiz/games evening.

In March 2019 we had an excellent turnout for Beer and Skittles at the Hall Green Home Guard Club which, as always, included a delicious meal. We had an excellent talk by Chris Philip in May where she told us the history of Maundy Money followed by an account of her exciting day at the actual ceremony when she was presented with two kid pouches containing the coins. We went to Hall Green Little Theatre in July to see a very good play called 'Hobson's Choice' and in September we heard about a couple's travels around the globe. In November we held a quiz/fun evening followed by a fish and chip supper.

Our annual Carol Service took place in St. Mary's Chapel in December attended by our members and guests from County, Blythe and Cole Districts. We were pleased to be able to send off nearly £100 to 'Moments' – a group of people who have dementia and meet in Solihull. This money went towards little 'extras' for them.

In January 2020 we had a talk entitled 'Hit the Road' by Jacqui Furneaux which covered her travels on a Royal Enfield Bullet motorcycle covering seven years, twenty countries with no plan!

This report only covers up until March 2020 but I must mention that unfortunately we lost quite a few Scout members during the period of lockdown when funerals were only able to be attended by family. This and the effects of COVID-19 on our meetings will be covered in greater detail in next year's AGM report.

As always, my grateful thanks to Barbara who arranges speakers, Mike who keeps the books balanced and Dick who assists at outdoor events and of course, thanks to all our members for their continued support.

Sue Cheshire

SAS Manager

County Communications and Media

The year started out well with some great coverage of both Operation Chameleon and Night Hike. But since lock down there has been very little content generated, I am thankful to 1st Marston Green for sharing the activities that they have been doing during lockdown. I'm always keen to hear what you are doing as a group and would love to hear what your group has been up to during lockdown or what socially distanced Scouting is looking like at your group.

I'm pleased to say that our social following has continued to increased across platforms over the last year, and would like to encourage you to get in contact with me if you have any stories, big or small, that we can share both within and outside of Scouts.

Peter Hopton

County Communications Manger

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International Report

The year started with the combined Solihull and Coventry Unit embarking on their trip of a lifetime to the 24th World Scout Jamboree USA. The unit had a fantastic time and it has been great to hear all about it. Massive thanks to George Wilkinson, Simon Johnson and the team for enabling such an amazing experience.

Last summer also saw 1st Marston Green and Orion Explorers joining 4,000 scouts from more than 15 other countries attending the Haarlem Jamborette in The Netherlands. As well as a full 10 day on-site jamboree programme they also had the chance to hike through Dutch landscapes.

2020 started with many international trips planned and kicked off with 1st Chelmsley Wood Cubs travelling to France and an amazing experience at Disneyland Paris. Unfortunately, coronavirus then hit and impacted both local and international Scouting.

This year was due to see the county taking 36 young people and 4 leaders to the European Jamboree in Poland. However, due to the virus the decision was taken to postpone this until 2021. This was a massive blow and sadly meant that some of the participants will be too old next year but we have managed to secure more IST places to allow people to still have the Jamboree experience. It has been a difficult task moving the trip to next year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lauren Evans and the leader team for their hard work ensuring that we can make this amazing adventure happen.

Due to COVID-19 and also the postponement of Eurojam the decision has also been taken to postpone the World Scout Moot in Ireland from 2021 to 2022, however, this will allow individuals to do both Eurojam and Moot if they wish.

It doesn't seem 5 minutes since our patrols came back from the World Scout Jamboree but we are already looking ahead to the 25th WSJ in South Korea 2023. We will be bidding for patrols later in 2020 and hope to do leader selection early 2021.

It's fantastic to see a year-on-year increase in trips abroad and would not be possible without the hard work of all leaders involved, thank you for enabling so many of our young people to gain international Scout experience.

Despite a challenging year it is great to see so much enthusiasm for international scouting and really looking forward to working with groups on their international adventures over the next year.

Tim Atherton

Assistant County Commissioner International

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Chief Scout's Bronze Award



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| Jack McKinnon | 2 nd Balsall Common - Mercury | Jack Farnell | 2 nd Monkspath |
| Yohan Khannad | 2 nd Balsall Common - Mercury | Jack Molloy | 2 nd Monkspath |
| Tom Standley | 2 nd Balsall Common - Mercury | Jack Powell | 2 nd Monkspath |
| Lucca Pursglove | 2 nd Balsall Common - Mercury | Jayden Parmar | 2 nd Monkspath |
| Alexander Bowley | Dorridge - American | Jacob Steele | 2 nd Monkspath |
| Fred Wilson | Dorridge - American | Jack Heath | 2 nd Monkspath |
| Oliver Butler | Dorridge - American | Alyssia Ariss | 1 st Olton |
| Will Rogers | Dorridge - American | Adam Molineaux | 1 st Olton |
| Max Ward | Dorridge - Canadian | Dylan Fennelly | 1 st Olton |
| Oliver Hollis Smith | Dorridge - Canadian | Joseph Kear | 1 st Olton |
| William Hadland | Dorridge - Canadian | Marley Bustin | 2 nd Olton |
| Patrick Dempsey | Dorridge - Canadian | Noah Curthoys | 2 nd Olton |
| Elliott Sharp | Dorridge - Canadian | Cameron Worrall | 3 rd Olton |
| Daniel Sheppard | Dorridge - Canadian | Vinnie Sheridan | 3 rd Olton |
| Jacob Sheppard | Dorridge - Canadian | Luke Woodcock | 3 rd Olton |
| Finn Wassall | Dorridge - European | Sean Conway | 3 rd Olton |
| Alexander McManus | Dorridge - European | Jupiter Jones | 3 rd Olton |
| Daniel Shooter | Dorridge - European | Harriet Rudge | 1 st Solihull- Commanche |
| Max Liddington | Dorridge - European | Xavier Datson | 1 st Solihull- Commanche |
| Adam Aamodt Leeper | Dorridge - European | Theo Daniel | 5 th Solihull |
| Eve Grace Pickard | Dorridge - European | Henry Pond | 5 th Solihull |
| Benedict Hales | Dorridge - European | Mandy Jin | 5 th Solihull |
| Tobias Hales | Dorridge - European | Simone Solanki | 5 th Solihull |
| Alistair McArthur | Dorridge - European | Jacob Sword | 5 th Solihull |
| Henry Gorner | Dorridge - European | James Wang | 5 th Solihull |
| Daniel Seal | 1 st Hampton in Arden | Lexi Hong | 5 th Solihull |
| Harry Cloke | 1 st Hampton in Arden | Tom Newcombe | 5 th Solihull |
| Sebastian Roberts | 1 st Hampton in Arden | Vincenzo Gladden | 6 th Solihull - Hurricanes |
| Bobby Walker | 1 st Hampton in Arden | Delphine Tchakhotine | 6 th Solihull - Hurricanes |
| Hugh Milnes | 1 st Hampton in Arden | Edward Brownjohn | 6 th Solihull - Hurricanes |
| George Horton | 1 st Hampton in Arden | Abigail Lagneau | 6 th Solihull - Hurricanes |
| Jenson Hugh Jameson | 1 st Hockley Heath | Samuel Labib | 6 th Solihull - Hurricanes |
| Andrew Irvine | 1 st Knowle - Cheyenne | William Balthazor | 6 th Solihull - Hurricanes |
| Alexander Reynolds | 1 st Marston Green - Wildwood | Jude Newey-Keane | 6 th Solihull - Hurricanes |
| Ryan Patterson | 1 st Marston Green - Wildwood | Phoebe Lucas | 6 th Solihull - Spitfire |
| Grace Carter-Duff | 1 st Marston Green - Wildwood | Charlotte Hattersley | 6 th Solihull - Spitfire |
| Hadley Heaven | 1 st Marston Green - Wildwood | Thomas Frost | 6 th Solihull - Typhoon |
| Deacon Wilson-Hewitt | 1 st Marston Green - Wildwood | Harry Hickin | 6 th Solihull - Typhoon |
| Chloe Warner | 1 st Marston Green - Wildwood | Gethin James Ruddock | 6 th Solihull - Typhoon |
| | | Samuel Biggin | 11 th Solihull - Methodist |

Chief Scout's Bronze Award

| | | | |
|-------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Charlie Buckley | 2 nd Balsall Common - Mercury | Freddie Foxworthy | 2 nd Monkspath |
| Jessica Beck | 2 nd Balsall Common - Mercury | Clark West | 2 nd Monkspath |
| Ellie Hettige | 2 nd Balsall Common - Mercury | Ryan Bottomore | 2 nd Monkspath |
| Victor Florek | 2 nd Balsall Common - Mars | Elliot Smith | 2 nd Monkspath |
| Harry Burns | 2 nd Balsall Common - Mars | Iris Chirita | 2 nd Monkspath |
| Xander Billington | 1 st Hampton in Arden | Evalyn Brooke | 1 st Olton |
| Reece Nijhawan | 1 st Hampton in Arden | Harrison Wright | 1 st Olton |
| Anya Nijhawan | 1 st Hampton in Arden | Lucas Budden | 3 rd Olton |
| Leo Hadley-Farnan | 1 st Hampton in Arden | Thomas Phillips | 3 rd Olton |
| Morgan Carter | 1 st Hampton in Arden | Alice Box | 3 rd Olton |
| Sebastian Price | 1 st Hampton in Arden | Asher Smith | 3 rd Olton |
| Clark Devaney | 1 st Hampton in Arden | Nathan Cunnington | 3 rd Olton |
| Sami Ahmer | 1 st Hampton in Arden | Charlie Tatton | 3 rd Olton |
| Amelia Carter | 1 st Hockley Heath | Lewis Waters | 1 st Shirley - Willow |
| William Mansell | 1 st Hockley Heath | Cameron Adams | 1 st Shirley - Willow |
| Harry Morgan | 1 st Hockley Heath | Sam Blaine | 1 st Shirley - Willow |
| Otis Ace | 1 st Hockley Heath | Oliver Vickers | 1 st Shirley - Willow |
| Sophie Couzens | 1 st Hockley Heath | Campbell Widdop | 1 st Shirley - Willow |
| Jimmy Harrison | 1 st Hockley Heath | Billy Wadhams | 1 st Shirley - Willow |
| James Blackman | 1 st Hockley Heath | Tommy Wadhams | 1 st Shirley - Willow |
| Stanley May | 1 st Hockley Heath | Ted Wadhams | 1 st Shirley - Willow |
| Harrison Moran | 1 st Hockley Heath | Alexander Waters | 1 st Shirley - Willow |
| Monty Cooper | 1 st Hockley Heath | Aled Owen | 1 st Shirley - Willow |
| George Boyle | 1 st Hockley Heath | Xander Elliot | 1 st Shirley - Willow |
| Jack Whitehead | 1 st Hockley Heath | Max Lyons | 1 st Shirley - Willow |
| Sam Keates | 1 st Hockley Heath | Thomas Stevens | 1 st Shirley - Willow |
| Finley Craske | 1 st Hockley Heath | Kayden McElroy | 1 st Shirley - Willow |
| Lucas Manton | 4 th Knowle Sea Scouts - Millennium | Charlie Cronin | 1 st Solihull - Commanche |
| Zoe Davies | 4 th Knowle Sea Scouts - Millennium | Sylvie Parlar | 1 st Solihull - Commanche |
| Alexander Reid | 4 th Knowle Sea Scouts - Millennium | Ben Harrison | 1 st Solihull - Commanche |
| Joshua Macfarlane | 4 th Knowle Sea Scouts – Monday | Ethan Russon | 5 th Solihull |
| Henry Hubter | 4 th Knowle Sea Scouts – Monday | Henry Hawke | 5 th Solihull |
| Lola Bratby | 1 st Marston Green - Wildwood | Mukund Bhargav Sreekantha | 5 th Solihull |
| Jacob Spencer | 1 st Marston Green - Wildwood | Jacob Hanratty | 6 th Solihull - Spitfire |
| Thomas Payley | 11 th Solihull Methodist | Eugene McGarry | 6 th Solihull - Spitfire |
| Katie Anderton | Dorridge Scout Group, Blackfoot | Daniel Stuchfield | 2 nd Monkspath |
| Oliver Hotten | Dorridge Scout Group, Blackfoot | Jeffery Wong | 2 nd Monkspath |
| Samuel Marfleet | Dorridge Scout Group, Blackfoot | Joseph Riat | 2 nd Monkspath |
| Angel Skinner | 8 th Solihull | Thomas Greenow | 2 nd Monkspath |

Chief Scout's Silver Award



| | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Robyn Elvins-Traquair | 8 th Solihull | Louis Haywood | 2 nd Monkspath |
| Ben Smith | 6 th Solihull Spitfire | Trystan Hollishead | 2 nd Monkspath |
| Dylan Gledhill | 6 th Solihull Spitfire | Alex Weston | 2 nd Balsall Common |
| Emerson Harris | 6 th Solihull Spitfire | George Burns | 2 nd Balsall Common |
| Imogen Grafton | 6 th Solihull Spitfire | Jacob Mawby | 2 nd Balsall Common |
| Jayden Naik | 6 th Solihull Spitfire | James Ogilvie | 2 nd Balsall Common |
| Lucy Lucas | 6 th Solihull Spitfire | James Worth | 2 nd Balsall Common |
| Luke Burton | 6 th Solihull Spitfire | Jonty Doyle | 2 nd Balsall Common |
| Marcus Groutage | 6 th Solihull Spitfire | Josie Reid | 2 nd Balsall Common |
| Matilda "Tilly" Duffy | 6 th Solihull Spitfire | Kieran Trend | 2 nd Balsall Common |
| Orla McGarry | 6 th Solihull Spitfire | Luna Kennedy-Pearce | 2 nd Balsall Common |
| Naomi Hailes | 6 th Solihull Hurricanes | Nicholas Edwards | 2 nd Balsall Common |
| Samuel Hughes | 6 th Solihull Hurricanes | Ryan Buckley | 2 nd Balsall Common |
| Thomas Sabine | 6 th Solihull Hurricanes | Sam Weston | 2 nd Balsall Common |
| Theo Smith | 6 th Shirley | Frank Faizey | 1 st Tidbury Green |
| Henry Sword | 5 th Solihull | Jamie Fellows | 1 st Tidbury Green |
| Jack Pond | 5 th Solihull | Nathan Rodgers | 1 st Tidbury Green |
| Joshua Daniel | 5 th Solihull | Oliver Barguss | 1 st Tidbury Green |
| Olivia Fleetwood | 5 th Solihull | Awais Ali | 1 st Solihull |
| Daniel Chapman | 4 th Knowle Millennium | Blake Mills | 1 st Solihull |
| Jack Nicholas | 4 th Knowle Millennium | Daniel Heald | 1 st Solihull |
| Ben Basterfield | 4 th Knowle | Haitham Grillo | 1 st Solihull |
| Chloe Robinson | 4 th Knowle | Isabel Binns | 1 st Solihull |
| Ivan Rozhin | 4 th Knowle | James Krowiak | 1 st Solihull |
| Jamie Allsopp | 4 th Knowle | James Mercer | 1 st Solihull |
| Joe Wakeman | 4 th Knowle | Saif Islam | 1 st Solihull |
| Joel Whittaker | 4 th Knowle | William Irvine | 1 st Solihull |
| Patrick May | 4 th Knowle | Aum Lad | 1 st Olton |
| Jake Martindale | 3 rd Olton | Finlay Ariss | 1 st Olton |
| Mateo Gross | 3 rd Olton | Jack Golding | 1 st Olton |
| Reuben Hill | 3 rd Olton | Noah Green | 1 st Olton |
| Jake Kerrighan | 2 nd Olton | Jake Silvester | 1 st Chelmsley Wood |
| Joseph Waring | 2 nd Olton | Jodie Harrison | 1 st Chelmsley Wood |
| George Seal | 1 st Hampton in Arden | Ruby Jones | 1 st Chelmsley Wood |
| Logan Spain | 1 st Hampton in Arden | Daniel Bladon | 1 st Chelmsley Wood |
| Sam Shepherd | 1 st Hampton in Arden | Abhi Mallur | 11 th Solihull |
| Samuel Cloke | 1 st Hampton in Arden | Dominic Jones | 11 th Solihull |
| William Haywood | 1 st Hampton in Arden | Libby Blond | 11 th Solihull |
| Zachariya Ahmer | 1 st Hampton in Arden | Nathan Large | 11 th Solihull |

Chief Scout's Gold Award



| | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Jamie Reid | 2 nd Balsall Common | Hanah Hobbs | 1 st Marston Green Scouts |
| Sam Reid | 2 nd Balsall Common | Katie Heappey | 1 st Marston Green Scouts |
| Alex Rukin | 2 nd Balsall Common | Abbie-Louise Cook | 1 st Marston Green Scouts |
| James Martin | 2 nd Balsall Common | Rebecca Hardwick | 1 st Marston Green Scouts |
| Joshua Bowley | Dorridge / Black Bear Scouts | Luke Waite | 1 st Chelmsley Wood |
| Violet Lethbridge | Dorridge / Black Bear Scouts | Casey Handley | 1 st Chelmsley Wood |
| Izaac Mannion | Dorridge / Black Bear Scouts | Thomas Dodd | 1 st Chelmsley Wood |
| Heather Wilkinson | Dorridge / Black Bear Scouts | Thomas Froggatt | Dorridge/Aardvark Scouts |
| Kai Bickley | 6 th Shirley Scout Troop | Ben Tait | Dorridge/Aardvark Scouts |
| Ben Roberts | 6 th Shirley Scout Troop | Alex Woodruff | Dorridge/Aardvark Scouts |
| Sam Murthi | 6 th Shirley Scout Troop | Matt Swales | Dorridge/Aardvark Scouts |
| Matthew Hulbert | 6 th Shirley Scout Troop | Adam Walsh | 1 st Solihull Nelson Sea Scouts |
| Eve Cobain | 6 th Shirley Scout Troop | Anna Bambrook | 1 st Solihull Nelson Sea Scouts |
| Olivia Gale | 6 th Shirley Scout Troop | Rachel Baumber | 6 th Solihull Typhoons |
| Alfie Herriott | 6 th Shirley Scout Troop | Charlotte Pratt | 6 th Solihull Typhoons |
| Isaac Burnett | First Shirley Buckholt Scouts | Joe Halliday | 6 th Solihull Typhoons |
| Alfie Holland | First Shirley Buckholt Scouts | Will Ketley | 6 th Solihull Typhoons |
| Arjun Birdi | First Shirley Buckholt Scouts | Tom Naylor | 6 th Solihull Typhoons |
| Devan Naidu | First Shirley Buckholt Scouts | Emmanouil Agapakis | 1 st Shirley/Glyn Scouts |
| Morgan Black | First Shirley Buckholt Scouts | Nicky Kane | 1 st Shirley/Glyn Scouts |
| Balaarka Cheekoti | First Shirley Buckholt Scouts | Corban Jones | 1 st Shirley/Glyn Scouts |
| Ariet Agostinho | First Shirley Buckholt Scouts | Noah Meehan | 3 rd Olton Scout Group |
| Dan Powell | Dorridge/ Seal Scouts | Rowan Mackey | 3 rd Olton Scout Group |
| Kian Barr | 2 nd Monkspath | Adam Webb | 3 rd Olton Scout Group |
| Kai Turner | 1 st Knowle Friday Scouts | Joshua Curran | 3 rd Olton Scout Group |
| Oscar Cayless-Buckle | 1 st Knowle Friday Scouts | Reshon Joseph | 3 rd Olton Scout Group |
| Ewan Naisbitt | 1 st Knowle Friday Scouts | Matthew Pomfret | 5 th Solihull Scout Troop |
| Katie Brown | 11 th Solihull Scout Group | Marten Panchev | 5 th Solihull Scout Troop |
| Malachy Blond | 11 th Solihull Scout Group | Arjun Panchal | 5 th Solihull Scout Troop |
| Leo Ward | 11 th Solihull Scout Group | Ryan Bevington | 8 th Solihull |

Adult Award

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| David Adams | 2 nd Shirley | Bar Award for Merit |
| Joanne Clark | 8 th Solihull | Award for Merit |
| John Clark | 8 th Solihull | Bar Award for Merit |
| Tony Fitzgerald | 1 st Shirley | Award for Merit |
| Rosemary Ann Grainger | Scout Active Support | Award for Merit |
| Timothy Harrison | 4 th Knowle | Award for Merit |
| Ellen Hickman | Dorridge | Award for Merit |
| Jane Bernadette Hunt | Voyager | Award for Merit |
| Clive Patrick Charles Jones | County Appointments | Award for Merit |
| Linda Parker | Scout Active Support | Award for Merit |
| James Henry Corbett Pick | 1 st Hockley Heath | Award for Merit |
| Harvey Murray Duncan Smith | Mallory | Bar to the Award for Merit |
| Sarah Elizabeth Smith | Mallory | Award for Merit |
| Robert Malcolm Thomas | 4 th Knowle | Award for Merit |

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the period 01 April 2019 to 31 March 2020

Section A - Reference and Administration Details

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|---------------------------|--|
| Charity Name | Solihull County Scout Council |
| Registered Charity Number | 505527 |
| Principal Address | 11a Geoffrey Road Shirley West Midlands B90 2HW |
| Advisers | CAF Bank The Scout Association, Chingford, London |

| Trustee Name | Office |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Andrew Baynes | |
| Shirley Brookes | County Commissioner |
| Jacqueline Butterworth | Appointed 08/01/2020 |
| Ian Carnell | |
| Ian Carpenter | Treasurer |
| Sue Cheshire | |
| Gregory Dodd | |
| Lauren Evans | |
| Simon Hague | Chair |
| Robert Lane | Secretary Resigned 26/06/2019 |
| Robert Swindell | Secretary |
| Kenneth Meeson | |
| Roger Pacey | |
| Trevor Richmond | Resigned 08/01/2020 |
| Mathew Spencer | |

Section B - Structure, governance and management

The Scout County's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. The County has adopted the Model Constitution contained within the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Scout County is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts, operating as a Public Benefit Entity.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Scout County is managed by the County Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout County which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of 3 independent officers, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the County Commissioner, District Chairs, elected and nominated members and meets a minimum of 6 times per year.

This County Executive Committee exists to support the County Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for

- The maintenance of County property
- The raising of funds and the administration of County finance
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment
- County public occasions
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required
- Appointing County Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected

Risk and Internal Control

The County has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C - Objectives and activities

The objectives of the County are to act as a unit of the Scout Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership. The Trustees consider that continuing scouting activities in line with these aims and objectives is in accordance with the Charity Commission's published guidance on the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

Section D - Achievements and performance

At the end of March 2020 Solihull Scout County comprised of 25 groups, with a new group, 16th Solihull, having opened in May 2019. The groups are divided into two Districts, Blythe and Cole. Each District has Explorer Scout provision for 14 to 18 year olds across 12 individual Explorer Scout Units, an increase of one unit on the previous year following the establishment of Attenborough ESU in September 2019. There is also a Network unit for 18 to 25 year olds in each District. Young Leaders play a vital role as part of the leadership team in many sections and are supported through the delivery of a programme of Young Leader training modules.

The census for 2019 showed a slight decrease of 1% in youth membership but a 4% increase in adults, leading to an overall increase of 0.3% from last year. The 2019 numbers are 19% higher than five years ago. On the date of census, 31 January 2020, there were 2300 young people and 715 adults involved in Scouting in Solihull (the numbers exclude the Occasional Helpers, but these adults are vital to the running of Sections). Girls now account for 22.7% of our youth membership.

Over the past year all of the sections have taken part in a wide range of Scouting activities with 445 Chief Scout awards at all levels being achieved. The recipients have had the opportunity to have their award presented by the Mayor or Deputy Mayor of Solihull. A number of adults have also been recognised with national awards for good service or with the Solihull Scout County Merit Award.

The County's success is entirely down to the hard work and dedication of our volunteers at section, group, district and county levels. However, this is being tested by the suspension of face-to-face Scouting on 17 March 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic and many sections switched quickly to delivering virtual Scouting in many innovative ways. Solihull should be proud of these volunteers who are making a difference in their communities and achieving the aims of The Scouts.

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Section E - Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have determined that the County's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the County should income and fundraising activities fall short.

The Trustees have traditionally considered that the accounts should hold a sum equivalent to 18 months of headquarters running and associated costs, circa £26k.

The amount held in the General fund was £33k at the end of the 2019 – 2020 financial year which exceeds this amount.

The Trustees were aware of the surplus as reported at the committee meetings and were discussing a number of options to use the excess for Scouting in Solihull.

With the onset of the lockdown due to Covid-19 the Trustees have decided to ringfence the surplus in the General Fund. This will be reviewed on an ongoing basis by the trustees in future years.

It is important that the cash balances are held to

- maintain an adequate cashflow for meeting expenses and activities
- provide for the ongoing support of the Headquarters building
- contribute to any unforeseen requirements across the County
- ensure the General Fund is available to support the other fund categories where appropriate.

The County held net Cash reserves of approximately £76k at the year end. Of this £29k was held on deposit in relation to monies collected for the Eurojam 2020 camp and is not available for any other purpose.

Amounts are also held in specific funds allocated for use by International Scouting, County Camp, Jamboree, and County Scout Active Support.

The Trustees are satisfied that notwithstanding the challenges posed by COVID-19 to Scouting, the County will continue to operate as a going concern throughout 2020-21.

Investment Policy

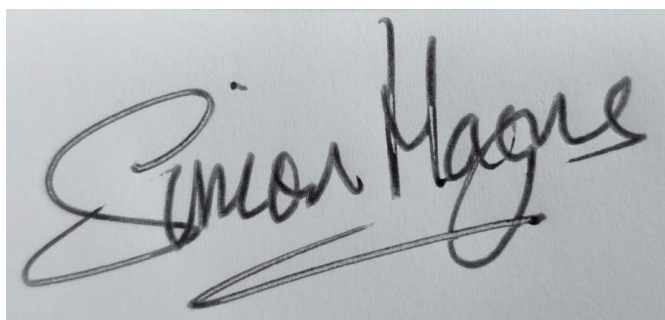
The County does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The County has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds in the CAF Bank.

Section F - Declaration

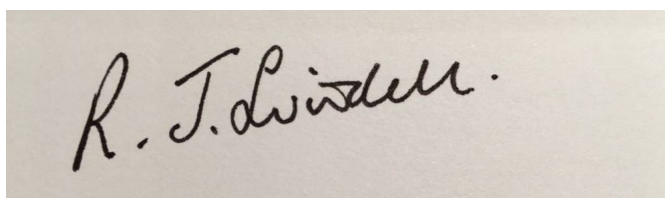
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Simon Hague – Chair

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Robert Swindell – Secretary

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Solihull County Scout
Council

Statement of Financial
Activities

| | Notes Ref | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | TOTAL FUNDS | |
|---|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | 2020 | 2019 |
| Incoming resources | | | | | |
| Voluntary Income | 1 | 11,610 | 0 | 11,610 | 11,875 |
| Income from Charitable Activities | 2 | 45,287 | 0 | 45,287 | 39,194 |
| Activities for generating funds | 3 | 26,590 | 0 | 26,590 | 34,996 |
| Investment Account | 4 | 49 | 0 | 49 | 26 |
| Total Incoming resources | | 83,536 | 0 | 83,536 | 86,091 |
| Resources Used | | | | | |
| Expenditure on Charitable Activities | 5 | 60,195 | 0 | 60,195 | 71,680 |
| Expenditure on managing- administering charity | 6 | 11,349 | 0 | 11,349 | 10,576 |
| Costs of generating funds | 7 | 1,195 | 0 | 1,195 | 3,060 |
| Total Resources Used | | 72,739 | 0 | 72,739 | 85,316 |
| Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources | | 10,797 | 0 | 10,797 | 775 |
| Transfers between funds | 8 | 1,762 | (1,762) | 0 | 0 |
| Rounding from last year | | 1 | | 1 | |
| Balance brought forward | | 37,167 | 1,762 | 38,929 | 38,154 |
| Balance carried forward | | 49,727 | 0 | 49,727 | 38,929 |

Solihull County Scout Council

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2020

| | | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|---|----|-----------|-----------|
| Total Fixed Assets | | | 0 |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Stocks | 9 | 1,250 | 2,449 |
| Debtors inc Prepayments | 10 | 16,213 | 1,779 |
| Cash at Bank and in Hand | 11 | 75,942 | 34,818 |
| Total Current Assets | | 93,405 | 39,046 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Creditors and Provisions | | | |
| amounts falling due within one year: | 12 | 5,362 | 117 |
| Net Current Assets | | 88,133 | 39,046 |
| Deferred Income: | | | |
| amounts falling due after one year | 13 | 38,316 | 0 |
| Total Net Assets | | 49,727 | 39,046 |
| Reconciliation of Funds | | | |
| Starting balance | | 38,929 | 38,154 |
| Rounding Adjustment to last year (was £38,929.66) | | 1 | |
| Excess (Deficit) for year | | 10,797 | 775 |
| Total Financed By | | 49,727 | 38,929 |
| Represented by funds | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | |
| General fund | | 33,134 | 24,972 |
| Designated funds | | | |
| Building Fund | | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| County Activities | | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Scout Active | | | |
| Support | | 2,235 | 1,314 |
| International | | 926 | 926 |
| Jamboree | | 5,432 | 1,955 |
| Restricted funds | | | |
| Special Needs | | 0 | 1,762 |
| Total | | 49,727 | 38,929 |

Chairman

Treasurer

Solihull County Scout Council Accounts

Note 1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

1.3 Status of previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Note 2 Accounting Policies

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Membership subscriptions are collected on behalf of other parts of the Scout Movement and are reported net of the amount paid out because these subscriptions are in effect held as agents before being paid out.

Incoming resources with related expenditure Where incoming resources have related expenditure the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts - Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual income and performance related grants are only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in kind are accounted for at an estimate of value to the charity or the amount realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated services and facilities are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received

Volunteer help The value of voluntary help received is not included but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS

Liability recognition Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance costs Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with performance conditions - Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

Support costs include central functions and are allocated to activity categories on a basis consistent with resource use, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £5000. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

Investments quoted on a stock exchange are valued at market value at year end. Other investments are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

Debtors are recognised at the settlement account. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Solihull County Scout Council

Notes to the Accounts

| | 2019/20 | 2018/19 |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Note 1 Voluntary Income | | |
| Membership Fees | 11,610 | 11,625 |
| Donations External | | 250 |
| Donations Received | 384 | 781 |
| Less Paid | (384) | (781) |
| Net | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 11,610 | 11,875 |

Membership fees calculated on January Census, received and paid in April.

| | | |
|---|--------|----------|
| Membership Fees received from Districts | 75,465 | 73,238 |
| Less Membership payment to Scout HQ | 63,855 | (61,613) |
| Retained County Element | 11,610 | 11,625 |

Donations were collected at the Beaver and Cub Carol Services in December 2019.

Monies were banked and direct payment was then sent to the Charity

Solihull Life Opportunities as nominated by the 2 sections

| | | 2019/20 | 2018/19 |
|---|------|---------------|---------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| Note 2 Income from Charitable Activities | | | |
| Scouting Events | Fund | | |
| - Operation Chameleon | G | 9,450 | 8,549 |
| - Night Hike | G | 1,589 | 1,554 |
| - Six Summits | G | 1,225 | 1,450 |
| - Explorer Training | G | 1,170 | 1,200 |
| Premises Income | G | 14,582 | 15,925 |
| D of E Participation Places | G | 1,876 | 3,041 |
| Miscellaneous Income | G | 0 | 336 |
| Jamboree Fee Receipts | J | 11,600 | 3,983 |
| Eurojam Receipts | I | 971 | 0 |
| Scout Active Support | S | 599 | 956 |
| SAS Activity Group | S | 2,225 | 2,200 |
| TOTAL | | 45,287 | 39,194 |

| Note 3 Income - Activities for generating funds | | 2019/20 £ | 2018/19 £ |
|---|------|--------------|--------------|
| Raffle Income | G | 23 | 23 |
| Jamboree | J | 8,617 | 34,973 |
| Eurojam | I | 17,950 | 0 |
| TOTAL | | 26,590 | 34,996 |
| Note 4 Investment Income | | 2019/20 £ | 2018/19 £ |
| Bank Interest | G | 49 | 26 |
| Note 5 Expenditure on Charitable Activities | | 2019/20 £ | 2018/19 £ |
| Scouting Events | Fund | | |
| - Operation Chameleon | G | 8,717 | 9,353 |
| - Night Hike | G | 1,352 | 1,329 |
| - Six Summits | G | 1,142 | 962 |
| - Explorer Training | G | 1,057 | 1,061 |
| County Commissioner Discretionary Fund | G | 400 | 0 |
| Meetings/Conferences | G | 1,041 | 633 |
| Equipment | G | 992 | 1,792 |
| D of E Participation Places | G | 1,496 | 2,502 |
| D of E Support Costs | G | 123 | 98 |
| Scouting Support | G | 567 | 395 |
| Presentations - Chief Scout Awards | G | 641 | 579 |
| Young Leaders Training | G | 18 | 137 |
| Scout Training - Leaders | G | 611 | 647 |
| Special Training - Mental Health | G | 1,101 | 650 |
| Special Needs Support | G | 1,196 | 1,777 |
| AGM / County Meeting Costs | G | 272 | 619 |
| Comms/Website | G | 474 | 531 |
| OSM Provision | G | 2,628 | 1,512 |
| Jamboree Fees Paid | J | 16,740 | 44,269 |
| Eurojam Receipts | I | 17,726 | 0 |
| Scout Active Support | S | 600 | 891 |
| SAS Activity Group | S | 1,301 | 1,943 |
| | | 60,195 | 71,680 |

| Note 6 Expenditure on managing-administering the charity | | 2019/20 | 2018/19 |
|--|------|---------------|---------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| | Fund | | |
| Misc Administration | G | 523 | 539 |
| Insurance | G | 771 | 972 |
| Miscellaneous | G | 40 | 60 |
| Postage/Stationery | G | 232 | 167 |
| Building Major Items/Maintenance | G | 5,080 | 4,687 |
| Premises | G | 4,703 | 4,151 |
| | | 11,349 | 10,576 |

| Note 7 Costs of generating funds | | 2019/20 | 2018/19 |
|----------------------------------|------|--------------|--------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| | Fund | | |
| Eurojam Fundraising Costs | G | 1,195 | 3,060 |
| | | 1,195 | 3,060 |

Note 8 The Restricted Fund was originally set up when a large donation was received specifically for support to Special Needs scouting. The fund was exhausted some years ago and transfers from the General fund have been necessary to cover the expenditure. The fund is no longer a restricted fund & has now been closed to reflect the correct treatment.

Fund Codes

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| G | General Fund |
| J | Jamboree |
| I | International |
| S | Scout Active Support |

| | 2019/20 | 2018/19 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Note 9 | £ | £ |
| Stocks | | |
| D of E Participation Packs | 1,014 | 2,067 |
| Badges for Six Summits Events | 236 | 382 |
| TOTAL | 1,250 | 2,449 |

Stocks are valued at the purchase costs with adjustment for net realisable value if appropriate - (All current stock at present)

| | 2019/20 | 2018/19 |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| Note 10 | £ | £ |
| Debtors inc Prepayments | | |
| Deposit for Explorer Course in November | 40 | |
| HQ Lease for 2020/21 paid in March | 225 | 225 |
| Eurojam Fees due | 663 | |
| Camp Fees for Eurojam | 15,285 | 1,544 |
| TOTAL | 16,173 | 1,779 |

Eurojam fees relate to balance of payments due from Eurojam Contingent members (Paid in April/May)

Camp Fees relate to Eurojam Camp postponed from August 2020 until August 2021.

| | 2019/20 | 2018/19 |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Note 11 | £ | £ |
| Cash at Bank and in Hand | | |
| Deposit Accounts | | |
| CAF Gold Account | 31,657 | 24,610 |
| DofE Bank | 126 | 290 |
| SAS | 478 | 477 |
| Equals Chargecard | 1,861 | 200 |
| Bank - Events | 101 | 100 |
| Bank - Activities | 100 | 100 |
| Eurojam Dep | 26,864 | 1,855 |
| Current Accounts | | |
| Main CAF Current | 13,474 | 4,833 |
| Building Account | 983 | 2,003 |
| Jamboree Fundraising | 0 | 100 |
| Cash | 298 | 250 |
| TOTAL | 75,942 | 34,818 |

| | 2019/20 | 2018/19 |
|---|--------------|------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Note 12 | | |
| Creditors and Provisions | | |
| amounts falling due within one year: | | |
| Invoice outstanding | | 117 |
| Coventry Scouts - Jamboree | | |
| * | 866 | |
| Refunds due to Eurojam Overpayments | | |
| * | 4,496 | |
| TOTAL | 5,362 | 117 |

* A Solihull contingent with Coventry Scouts attended the 2019 Jamboree with a joint cash fund controlled by Solihull County. The unused balance has yet to be concluded, so half of balance has been provided for in the event that money is refunded to Coventry Scouts.

** Eurojam participants paid for event with mix of cash payments and fundraising. Each individual received credits for the time spent fundraising. The amounts due were calculated at end of March and repaid in May

| | 2019/20 | 2018/19 |
|--|---------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| Note 13 | | |
| Deferred Income: amounts falling due after one year | | |
| Eurojam Receipts | 38,316 | 0 |

Receipts for Eurojam participants places received in year shown as deferred as event not scheduled until August 2021

Note 14 Funds Reconciliation

| | 2019 | Rounding differences last year | Voluntary Income | Charitable Activities | Generating Funds | Investment Income | Charitable Activities | Managing/ Administration | Generating Funds | Transfers | 2020 |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------|---------------|
| General fund | 24,972 | 3 | 11,610 | 29,892 | 23 | 49 | (23,828) | (11,349) | | 1,762 | 33,134 |
| Designated funds | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Building Fund | 5,000 | | | | | | | | | | 5,000 |
| County Activities | 3,000 | | | | | | | | | | 3,000 |
| Scout Active Support | 1,314 | (2) | | 2,824 | | | (1,901) | | | | 2,235 |
| International | 926 | | | 971 | 17,950 | | (17,726) | | (1,195) | | 926 |
| Jamboree | 1,955 | | | 11,600 | 8,617 | | (16,740) | | | | 5,432 |
| Special Needs | 1,762 | | | | | | | | | (1,762) | 0 |
| TOTALS | 38,929 | 1 | 11,610 | 45,287 | 26,590 | 49 | (60,195) | (11,349) | (1,195) | | 49,727 |

Note 15 Trustee Remuneration

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity.

Note 16 Trustee expenses

One or more trustees have claimed expenses or had their expenses met by the charity.

The total amount of expenses reimbursed to trustees or paid directly to third parties was £393 for 1 person.

The 4 expense claims were for travel, subsistence, accommodation at specific venues connect with the role.

Note 17 Governance Costs

Governance Costs incurred relate to AGM and County Meeting costs - £272 (£619 last year)

Other Governance activities including Accounts Independent Scrutiny were on voluntary basis.

Note 18 Volunteer Time

A significant contribution is made by volunteers throughout the year and the value of these donated services are not reflected in the accounts.

Note 19 Auditor remuneration

The independent examiner has kindly carried out the statutory examination on a voluntary basis

The Trustees are very grateful for this.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Solihull County Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2020 which are set out on pages 1 to 11

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act);
- and
- to state 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.

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 41 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; 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.

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Dated...6 September 2020