



Scouts 
Wansdyke

WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT
COUNCIL | 07.09.2022

WELCOME & GENERAL

ATTENDEES

Nigel Wright
Tina Curtis
Tim Miles
Maddie Difazio-Wright
Martin Hutchings
Ian Carter
Dan Sampson
Will Homes
Will Summerhill
Stuart Ballard
Jan Walker
Jane Bale
John Mander
Hilary Mander
Mark Smee
Louise Smee
David Moore
Shaun Ellis
Graham Bush
Dan Sawyer
AJ
George Batchelor
Caryl Pugh
Clive Richards
Tony Stringer
Simon Walker
John Sharp
Andy Bourne

APOLOGIES

Tony Clutton, Derek Bayliss , Kevin Rogers

WELCOME

Thank you for all attending. Please can we pause for a moment for a moment's silence to remember members of the Scout Council who have been called to higher service during the past year.

AGM 2021

Confirm minutes of the Annual General Meeting held via Zoom on 28th October 2021 at 7.30 pm (pages 4 –6 of the Annual Report & Accounts)

Proposed by David Walker

Seconded by Graham, Bush

Agreed by the meeting

NO MATTERS ARISING

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Approve the Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2022 (page 8 of the Annual Report & Accounts).

Proposed by Shaun Ellis

Seconded by Tina Curtis

Agreed by the meeting

TRUSTEES ACCOUNTS

Approve the Trustees' Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022 (pages 11-17 of the Annual Report & Accounts).

Proposed by John Mander

Seconded by Ian Carter

Agreed by the meeting



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CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Nigel starts with highlighting that whilst his full report is outlined in the document, he'd like to briefly outline his highlights.

I very much enjoyed visiting a number of camps throughout the year. It's incredible how you can forget how small the tents are and how many people and kit has to fit in! I'd also forgotten how remarkable it is that the clothing the young people leave wearing, bears no resemblance to the clothes that they arrived in!

Visiting these camps highlights those leaders and volunteers who had given up so much of their time and energy. Whether that's lighting fire, teaching backwards cooking – how you can get lunch from dough and a baked apple is extraordinary! To see that happening with enthusiasm combined with the care and the attention to detail is awesome. Even down to making sure someone's hair was tied back when they were close to the fire.

What is clear is how much care goes into these camps; the standards of these camps was top drawer, the discipline the leaders have created within the groups is impressive and you can see why Scouting in Wansdyke is successful.

Thank you for all of your help and for your care and for your safety to make these camps work.



VOTING

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Approve the District Commissioner's nomination for District Chairman

Tina asked whether Nigel would like to stand. He has agreed.

DISTRICT SECRETARY

Elect a District Secretary

Maddie has been renominated.

DISTRICT TREASURER

Elect a District Treasurer

Tim duly elected.

NW noted the issues outside of Tim's control that have slowed progress.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Elect up to 6 persons to the District Executive Committee

Nominees: Stu Ballard, John Mander, John Sharp, Tony Stringer, Tristan Stuart.

Proposed by David Moore

Seconded by Will Summerhill

Agreed by the meeting

To receive and confirm the District Commissioner's nominations to the District Executive Committee (up to 6 persons)

Ian Carter, Mark Smee, James Swallow, and Stuart Whale.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE FOR AVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Elect two leaders to represent the District on the Avon County Scout Council

Simon Walker has agreed to work with David Moore

Proposed by John Mander

Seconded by Mark Smee

Agreed by the meeting

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL EXAMINER

Appoint an Independent Financial Examiner for 2021-2022

Tony Dicker and Co.

Proposed by Tim Miles

Seconded by John Mander

Agreed by the meeting



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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS

Tina's main report is in the document but would like to add the following:

Thank you for attending the AGM tonight as I know you're all busy and I appreciate it very much. Thank you to Nigel, Carts and Graham who have been my 'rocks' for the last year or so. Supporting development, infrastructure and bringing us in line with the new Scout structure. We will brief GSLs on this progress at the next meeting.

Carts will talk more on Transition 22.

There will be many changes in the groups and the District which will hopefully make scouting easier. We look forward to this!

I will be standing down at the next AGM s District Commissioner and that will have given me 7 years of experience. As part of my last year in this role, I hope to find the next person to take over from me and manage a handover. If anyone is interested in taking on this role or would like more information please do speak to me or any of the District Exec.

The Jack Robins Archery Challenge – Please encourage your cubs to take part in the final on 3rd October. There are also sessions on a Sunday if anyone would like to practice.

PRESENTATIONS

Hugely overdue, but a heartfelt 'thank you' and 'congratulations' to Tony Stringer for his 30 years of service to Scouting. Although, now it's 32 years. Thank you Tony, you've been a big part of Scouting and a positive influence on so many young people's lives.



PRESENTATIONS

John Mander, you don't look old enough to have given 50 years of service! You have been a guiding light to many young people, GSLs and District Chairs!

Thank you doesn't do the time, effort and patience justice. Thank you.



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COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS

Stu Ballard has worked hard with the County, a group in Keynsham and has recently joined the Exec. His experience is exceptionally valuable to Nigel and the team on the Exec.

Graham Brandt could not be here but on his behalf we offer congratulations to George Batchelor for the Silver Acorn which is very well deserved and long overdue.

Regarding the census, in positive news Scouting is almost back up to pre-covid time. Close to 12,000 which is testament to the GSLs and people here in attendance who keep this going and give up their time.

At the end of year 1, we're already looking at year 3 projects so it's clear we're ahead of schedule.

Nationally things are happening and transformation is occurring;

- Squirrels is still in it's infancy and we, in the county, are trying to take a step back to avoid any teething issues and instead, learn from them. Small steps at present.
- Buzz word for training is now a focus and it's rebranded as 'learning' from county level.
- Compass (database) initially a plan to have them all joined up and 1 central database. However, this will now not be amalgamated but instead streamlined to work with OSM. The county support OSM.
- New job titles are coming out but we're yet to find out what the new titles mean.
- Uniform was a consideration but seems to be on the backburner now. Likely 2025.

Thank you to Tina, Nigel and their teams but importantly to everyone involved in Scouting.

NO AOB

MEETING CLOSE

Nigel wished everyone good Scouting for the year ahead but highlighted that collectively, our gratitude cannot be expressed enough to all involved in Scouting.

Transition 22 (if a slow transition) will bring about changes but operationally what you deliver will remain pretty much the same. There is a link in Tina's report to the hub.

On a personal note, in terms of what you, the leaders and volunteers do, if you were to change then you'd need to deviate from what you're doing. I don't see that happening because what you do to lead, support and motivate should remain the same. You do an excellent job and we need to support that.

Thank you.



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THANK YOU
