

# Devon Scouts

## Review 2019/20



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## County Chair Report

**“ We should take comfort that while we may have more still to endure, better days will return; we will be with our friends we will be with our families again; we will meet again’    H.M The Queen**

Dear Devon Scouts and All

I am writing this in difficult time, as the Country continues in lockdown – severely curtailing the activities that we can undertake, and take for granted, as Scouts! However, I know that we are a well organised bunch in Scouting, so I trust that you are all being careful, taking the necessary precautions and keeping safe and well. At least the outdoors is beginning to be opened up and we can see light at the end of the tunnel.....although it is unclear when we will be able to resume proper scouting – and we must be very clear – unfortunately we cannot re-start until it is totally safe and permission is given.

Prior to this, we were having another great year of Scouting in Devon (how times can change in the blink of an eye) – not least assisted by the vigour and enthusiasm of the new County Commissioner, Steve Donohue – he has really hit the ground running. May I take this opportunity to thank him for taking on this important role and I look forward to supporting him and working with him and his Team.

May I also thank everyone else involved in Scouting for the excellent job you are doing – for all your hard work, time commitment, and dedication to our young people - it is greatly appreciated and I applaud you all!

I know that one of the great things about Scouting is that it teaches us self-resilience and responsibility so I trust that we are finding new ways to occupy our time and entertain ourselves and those around us – not least in our approach to ‘arm’s length’ scouting. This is an ideal opportunity to display some of the skills and values that Scouting teaches us in respect of our Community, Volunteering and looking after others – as well as an opportunity to learn new skills.

There is a great quote from our founder, Robert Baden-Powell, which comes to mind – “Look wide, beyond your immediate surrounding and limits, and you see things in their right proportion. Look above the level of things around you and see a higher aim, and possibility to your work”. I trust you are all able to do this – and use this time to good advantage!

It is vital that we ensure that Scouting in Devon continues after the emergency so I wanted to mention a few items of house-keeping. I am sure you are all aware of the opportunity to get a Business Rate relief grant of £10,000 – even if you are exempt

from paying them (we have received one for Caddihoe) so I urge every District and Group to apply, if you have not done so already. In addition there are a whole raft of other grants available, not least from the County and District Councils – again worth looking at. I also hope that you are continuing to hold meetings and keep in touch via videotelephony and/or teleconferencing. At county we have continued to meet via 'Zoom' – and it may well be that the county AGM is also carried out remotely.....I suppose every cloud has a silver lining!

Most importantly, I do not want to see any Group close because of this – so if necessary – I will be very happy to look at ways, with the District, of assisting any Group in need of support, be it financial or otherwise. Contact me directly if you wish – I'm here to help – but please don't just give up – we must remember that we are all one big family.

I wish to finish by saying some thank you's. Firstly a really big one to our past CC Marc Coton. Marc has done a fabulous job, at times in difficult circumstances, over the last couple of years – not least in modernising and updating many of our processes – as well as for his infectious energy and enthusiasm. Marc thank you for all you did, enjoy your retirement and we look forward to seeing you around in the future. I also want to thank our Regional Commissioner, Hamish Stout for the way he organised the county following Marc's resignation and all the time he put in during the period we did not have a CC. I also wish to thank the Core Group that ran Devon at this time, and whilst I cannot mention everyone – special mention must be made of Julie Platt who really stepped up to the plate and worked incredibly hard. Also thanks go to my Executive Committee, as always working hard behind the scenes.

I end by thanking all of you once more – please keep up the good work – and I can't think of any final words better than those of our patron, The Queen, "We should take comfort that while we may have more still to endure, better days will return; we will be with our friends we will be with our families again; we will meet again".  
Thank You and continue to Stay Safe!

**Andrew Leadbetter**  
County Chair



# County Commissioners Report

**“ It is a genuine pleasure to work with all of you to continue providing amazing Scouting adventures and experiences for young people across Devon”**

Hello Devon Scouts.

In February of this year I was given the great honour of representing Devon Scouts as your County Commissioner and to continue the work of my predecessor Marc Coton in this exciting role.

I would first like to thank Marc for all of his valuable time given to this role in the past years and I wish him all the very best for his Scouting in the future.

It has certainly been a challenging time to take on the role with the Covid-19 crisis forcing us, unfortunately as we all know on March 16<sup>th</sup>, to suspend all face to face Scouting until further notice. This came as a huge blow to us all, as many of us were preparing to embark on a Spring / Summer term packed with group meetings and events, camps, Jamborees and activities.

Across the County we have been forced into a steep learning curve of digital and virtual Scouting, with many of us no doubt, left scratching our collective heads, trying to come up with new ideas on how to deliver Scouting during lockdown.

During this crisis, our members across Devon from young people, to leaders, to adult support and Scouting families have demonstrated an astonishing resilience and an ability to adapt in the face of extremely challenging circumstances.

Whether it has been to display our neckers on St George's Day, or supporting our carers in uniform, Scouting at home to earn badges or joining leaders in virtual chats online, displaying Scouting values by fundraising for local charities or simply checking in on relatives to say hello.

Scouting in Devon has remained strong throughout this time and I speak on behalf of the whole County team when I say Bravo!!

It is a genuine pleasure to work with all of you to continue providing amazing Scouting adventures and experiences for young people across Devon.

In my short time in this role, I have already witnessed many of the values that make this Association so special to so many, with I must say, the highlight so far being the hundreds of pictures and comments coming from the County Virtual Camp which

culminated in over 3000 of you joining us for a virtual camp fire from across the County .

I am very proud to be a part of Scouting in Devon and I look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible over the coming years.

Thank you for all you do  
Keep Scouting.

Best Wishes

**Steve Donohue**  
County Commissioner



## DCC-Adult Support Annual Report

### “ All I can say is “What a year.”

The start of the year was quite quiet, with a minor change in my workload, as Marc took on looking after Training and I took on leading on Safeguarding concerns for the County.

Safeguarding is an interesting subject, as you have to remain objective and stick to the facts. One of the difficulties is not talking about the concerns/situations until investigations have been completed, during which everyone else is concerned about what the situation means for the future. Safeguarding concerns also have their own timescale – and to some extent, the less serious the concern the longer it takes to sort – as the serious concerns take priority!

Is there ever “No smoke without fire” – yes, in the Safeguarding world. Whether a Concern is a Safeguarding Concern seems to sometimes be subjective, but passing it to the HQ department and following their advice and guidelines is the quickest way to navigate the myriad of this thorny subject. And sometimes the outcome is that nothing wrong has been done, so carry on as before. (These situations give an interesting insight into personalities in the County!)

In July Marc stood down and the County started being led by a “Core Team”. This is again an interesting situation, with decisions by Committee, but Hamish (Regional Commissioner) and Andrew (County Chair) were always available to input to any decisions or concerns. At this time, the County Training Manager role was also performed by Committee, which I was also

part of. Hopefully, this was a seamless transition and Training began to be more available, as different training methods were explored, when course numbers were low.

As you all know, training seems to be free to the District and the Individual, as the cost is picked up by County, albeit via the County Levy. I wonder whether this lack of obvious contribution to the cost has a knock-on effect when a trainee gets a better offer, at short notice, or the weather is too good to be cooped in a training session. Training does cost, even if the training is cancelled, due to hall hire, printing, time resources etc., and the cost per head reduces as more individuals attend each course. Therefore, every cancelled course, or course run to small numbers is taking money directly away from the young people, as the County Levy need to be higher to cover these costs. Remember LOVE your Training – Learning Optional, Validation Essential – it is there to support you; to help you be a better and safer leader. Also, you might make a few friends and have a laugh! (N.B Changes of Role also mean more Training/Validation required, but you don't have to start from scratch.)

So, having negotiated the thorny subject of Safeguarding concerns, a change in responsibilities and a change in leadership, Steve was recruited to be the new CC in early Feb and a third different management relationship was to be developed, with someone I had never met before, due to the size of the County. Whilst all this happened, I took a stint of Acting DC for West Devon and Plymouth, almost at different times, whilst replacement DCs were recruited. The Plymouth replacement DC recruitment is on hold, due to Covid-19, but John is working well as an Acting DC and is trying to sort out a number of issues the District has. The complexity of the Plymouth Properties Trust is moving to a new era, as a new Chair and Secretary have been recruited, so it will be interesting to see how the future develops. Unfortunately, during my time as Acting DC for Plymouth Saltash Passage was unable to deliver its normal water sports, due to issues with the correct permits and the safety standard of the equipment and the building. Covid-19 has again not helped with this situation. However, there have been new agreements with South West Lakes Trust and Port of Plymouth Canoe Club, so there are different ways to provide activities to youngsters.

So, I am looking forward to a quieter 2020/21, in a new role, as the Devon CC role is not delivered via a team.

**Julie Platts**

DCC Adult Support





# Growth Report

**“Meanwhile groups from all over the county have been increasing in numbers”**

It's a funny old game as Jimmy Greaves used to say and I've been out of it for most of the year having had a long foreign holiday (remember them) followed by shorter (but fully inclusive) holidays to the RD&E and Derriford hospitals.

Meanwhile groups from all over the county have been increasing in numbers. In particular Exeter District have been working hard to develop a new group at the Exeter Mosque. Support to the new leaders has been provided by Exeter scouts and the Regional Support Team (RST) and this group is delivering sessions weekly.

Both a new beaver colony in Kingkerswell and a new group at Tiverton owe a lot to existing leaders pitching in and recruiting helpers from parents of new youth members. Tiverton gained a batch of new adult leaders from parents attending a camp fire arranged by the district team.

The RST is still operating in these troubled times and will give advice and guidance in all matters related to recruiting helpers as well as DC and GSL inductions, via Skype, and 'grow your group' workshops on line.

Contact them direct or via me. I apologise if you have grown your group this year and I haven't mentioned you.

Please bring it to my attention if you think I can provide support in any way.

**Steve Hagger**

Deputy County Commissioner (Growth)



## Awards and Recognition



**‘In Devon we are very fortunate to have so many adults that are dedicated to Scouting’**

The past year has seen us submit **87** successful Good Service Award applications which shows that Devon is now beginning to formally recognise the achievements of our adult volunteers and thank them appropriately . Remember that District and Group Executive Committees and Appointment Panels may also have members who deserve consideration.

Most of the adults involved in Scouting look for and expect no rewards, but a timely word of thanks in the right direction never goes amiss and can work wonders in terms of morale and motivation . It is an open and transparent process with any member able to nominate another member for an award

The majority of Districts are regularly submitting nominations, however there are still some who are not and with introduction of the Awards Assistant application it will make it easier to see those members that could be considered for an award .

In addition to the Good Service Awards we also recognise the hard work and dedication of our adult volunteers with the presentation of Length of Service Awards These range from 5 years up to 60 years service.

In Devon we are very fortunate to have so many adults that are dedicated to Scouting, Our thanks and congratulations must go to the **107** who have completed between 30 years and 60 years of service to the movement. This equates to **4220** years between them What an achievement ! . Who will be the first to achieve 70 years ?

**John Jarvis**

Deputy County Commissioner  
Awards and Recognition



## Devon Explorers

**Many Units also ran their own Summer expeditions and camps, as well as DofE expeditions**

This year started in spectacular fashion with over 70 Devon Explorers and leaders attending the 24<sup>th</sup> WSJ in America as part of Units 71 and 73 and included visits to New York, Washington and Canada.



The process for selecting Leaders and Scouts/Explorers to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> Jamboree in S. Korea in 2023. All the Explorers I've spoken to who went to WSJ said it was the experience of a lifetime, and would recommend it to any Scouts to go.

Many Units also ran their own Summer expeditions and camps, as well as DofE expeditions. County took a small team to Snowdonia to complete their Gold expedition.

The International SASU organised a series of roadshows to promote the Explorer Belt award, and we've currently got 7 potential Explorer Belt expeditions in 2020 and 2021. Unfortunately, due to the COVID19 lockdown, all the 2020 expeditions have been postponed until 2021 – but it does mean we're likely to have Explorer Belt teams going to Faroes, Sweden, Denmark and Switzerland in 2021 – watch out for this year's roadshows (which will be virtual ones, online) if you'll be 16+ in 2021 and are interested in a major expedition abroad.

Young Leaders continues to grow in strength across the County, and the recent YL training weekend was again fully booked and over 50 YLs attended.

Highlights from the YL weekend were:

- A total of 56 Explorers attended from 11 Districts.
- 15 new YL awards started (Module A completed)
- Total of 238 modules completed
- 6 Young Leaders completed their award
- 8 Current Young Leaders assisted with the weekend

The ongoing restrictions on face-to-face Scouting have been challenging for all of us, but I know of many Units who have been holding virtual meetings, and supporting County events like the Virtual Camp.

Here's looking forward to getting back to 'real' Scouting at some point in the next 12 months.

**Kevin Chamberlain**

ACC(Explorers)



# County Youth Commissioner's Report



## **This has been a tough time, but I am pleased that as a County we have been able to continue Scouting and developing Skills for Life in young people**

The time during which I have been acting as the County Youth Commissioner (CYC) has been fairly peculiar; this is probably a statement everyone can relate to. When starting in my role we did not actually have a County Commissioner (CC). I am privileged to have been a member of the CC search group and County Core Team during this period and I thank Steve for accepting the role and doing such a good job so far.

Having started in the role only recently, the first few months of this year had been spent focussing on County Youth Team (CYT) strategy and the different ideas and actions that I wanted to put into play this year. Many of these ideas have been based around promoting the CYT, building a more cohesive and motivated team and in turn, enhancing the reputation of the team. These actions will allow for a better dialogue with District Youth Commissioners (DYC) and their teams as well as a more defined need for quality District Youth Teams. A major problem we face as a county and CYT is the fact that many Districts are not focussing as much on their Youth Teams and ensuring Youth Involvement; my hope is that by building a strong team at the top, we can cascade that motivation and team atmosphere down to DYCs, pulling us together as a county.

One of the key actions being taken as part of my strategy to address the above is the recruitment of two Deputy County Youth Commissioners (DCYC). Each of these will have a specific, defined purpose; one for programme and one for engagement. This specialism addresses the apparent issues with the last DCYC recruitment. My thoughts are that myself and the other DCYCs at the time had trouble understanding what we could do independent of the team and CYC, making it hard for us to work proactively.

The above summary of actions is largely a summary based on the actions that were left after many others were cut short by COVID-19. I had initially planned for a plethora of CYT in person events aimed at pushing our team and generating large-scale, visible Youth Shaped Scouting, county-wide. The recruitment mentioned above is an action we can work towards in the meantime to make it as easy as possible for the CYT to put on these events once Scouting is back to its outdoorsy, adventurous self.

This has been a tough time, but I am pleased that as a County we have been able to continue Scouting and developing Skills for Life in young people. As part of this, I have worked with Steve and the IT team to put on our first ever virtual camp which was a resounding success. Through the camp we have managed to involve thousands of young people across Devon. We have delivered Scouting and allowed our young people to have some Scouting fun online in these tricky times.

I have enjoyed working with the county team this year and I am optimistic about the coming year. The measures being worked on and put in place now are testament to the endless possibilities on return to face to face Scouting and I look forward to moving forward and working with a formidable team to ensure Youth Involvement is ever present in Devon.

Yours in Scouting,

George Dempsey

Acting County Youth Commissioner



# Devon Scouts DofE Report

**During the year a total of 101 DofE Awards were verified as complete in the County and 53 Expeditions were registered including practices & assessed expeditions**

This busy DofE year in Devon Scouting came to an abrupt end just as many Groups were planning their programme and expeditions for the 2020 season with some routes already submitted by leaders.

I would like to thank those Leaders who helped our members to undertake all these activities and experiences. Without such leadership and support nothing would be possible.

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The big change has been the demise of regular support available from Gilwell staff & the delays caused.

One of three nationally organised Scout meetings considering how we can offer more DofE opportunities to the disadvantaged was held in Plymouth.

Last Autumn Andy Ellis & I attended the Top Awards National conference which was held in East London and found it very interesting.

No DofE leader Training courses were organised but I attended a new format course run by SW region which I suspect will be the norm in future. We await to hear from the DofE Training SASU on this

Well Done everyone!

**David Hood**

County Advisor

Duke of Edinburgh's Award



| Scout District/<br>etc.           | 2016/17      |                 | 2017/18      |              | 2018/19         |                 | 2019/20      |                 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
|                                   | New Starters | Awards Achieved | New Starters | New Starters | Awards Achieved | Awards Achieved | New Starters | Awards Achieved |
|                                   |              |                 |              |              |                 |                 |              |                 |
| East Devon                        | 11           | 2               | 2            | 2            | 3               | 2               | 7            | 2               |
| Exeter                            | 17           | 21              | 32           | 14           | 15              | 18              | 20           | 11              |
| Exmouth & Budleigh S.             | 2            | 3               |              | 1            |                 |                 |              |                 |
| Mid Devon                         | 9            | 6               |              | 2            | 1               |                 |              |                 |
| North Devon                       | 1            | 12              | 26           | 22           | 10              | 6               | 11           | 18              |
| Plymouth                          | 15           | 14              | 26           | 18           | 21              | 18              | 16           | 20              |
| Plym                              |              | 1               | 14           |              |                 | 7               | 5            | 3               |
| South Hams                        |              | 2               | 1            |              | 1               |                 | 2            |                 |
| Teignbridge                       |              | 2               | 8            | 6            | 17              | 5               | 20           | 14              |
| Tiverton                          | 7            |                 |              |              |                 |                 |              |                 |
| Torbay                            | 6            | 2               | 19           | 5            | 17              | 13              | 17           | 17              |
| Torridge                          | 6            | 14              | 10           | 16           | 4               | 2               | 5            | 3               |
| West Devon                        | 21           | 8               | 12           | 9            | 5               | 2               | 4            | 4               |
| Devon County                      |              |                 |              | 1            | 3               | 5               |              | 3               |
| SSAGO<br>( Inc. Scouts & Guides ) | 6            | 7               | 9            | 4            | 7               | 4               | 5            | 2               |
| Girlguiding Devon                 | 12           | 23              | 23           | 9            | 15              | 13              | 14           | 16              |
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**New Starters** are the dates registered in e-DofE (It does not include transfers)

**Awards Achieved** only include those fully Verified to date.

**Gilwell** are now relating e-DofE statistics to Compass

# Woodlands 2019

**‘of course the most important aspect was the friendship and sense of belonging which was evident over the weekend’**

861 Scouts and Leaders representing 39 different Scout Troops across the County took part in the 2019 event. This was the 28<sup>th</sup> year that we have organised a Scout Section Annual camp and it is growing in popularity year after year. Why? The Scouts had a good time, the Leaders had a good time, we had the County Training Team in attendance, Andrew Leadbetter, the County Chairman attended, the new ACC (Scouts) Stuart Hinton was with us and we had good weather. You can place these in order of importance!!

But of course the most important aspect was the friendship and sense of belonging which was evident over the weekend. There were 2 full days sampling the delights of the adventure park and on Saturday night Chris and Sam organised The Passport Game, won by the 14<sup>th</sup> Torbay Sea Scouts (Cheeseburgers) whilst 1<sup>st</sup> Okehampton Scouts (My crush) were runners up.

Finally, of course, I have to thank that small band of Leaders who organise the event. Without the efforts behind the scene of people like “Mr Camping and Mr Passport Game” (Chris Hoskin), “Mrs Administrator and Booking Clerk” (Elinor D’Albiac), “Messrs Night-time Security Team” (Andy Ellis and Trevor Waycott), “The Car parking supremo” (Neil Corfield) and “Messrs Devon Explorers” (Booking In Officers and Daytime Security ably managed by “Mummy” Kate Taylor) the event wouldn’t happen. As for my role, I make the tea and coffee on Saturday.

If you want to find out how to get involved in the County Active Support Unit, please phone me on 07734 276810 or email at [davimoate@outlook.com](mailto:davimoate@outlook.com) for further information.

**David Moate**

Events Manger

Devon Scouts Active Support Unit.



## Devon Target Scout Active Support Unit Report

Welcome to the report of the Devon Target SASU for the year 2019-20.

### Leaders

Without the members of the SASU and its supporters nothing would happen. My personal thanks to them all for supporting me in what has proved to be an interesting year in many ways.

### Devon County Scout Air Championships

The initial first round was shot at scouts home ranges on a postal basis. The number of Scouts and Explorers taking part increased on the previous year with 45 entries (from Exeter, North Devon, West Devon, Teignbridge, Torbay and East Devon. This year we ran the competition slightly differently with a separate air rifle competition (46) and a separate air pistol competition (29). The head to head final was held in December at Okehampton and the 24 finalists put in a great performance some of them doing air pistol for the first time and surprising themselves. Ollie Fletcher for Sid Vale who had only just shoot with an air pistol three weeks before, took the Combined title for the U13 and Samuel Frost from Kingsteignton took the over 13 title.

### Target Camp

The Target Camp for May 2020 was unfortunately cancelled due to current events. A provisional date has been identified in October if outdoor scouting allows.

### South West Regional Inter County Scout Air Championships

Three Counties attended this which was held at the Okehampton range at the end of January . The 20 members of the Devon Squad were invited to take part in teams of four. Each Team had to include a spread of age groups with one scout being under 11. The Devon A team of Samuel Frost ( Kingsteignton), Danial Cornall ( Newton Abbot), Tyler Gribble ( Newton Abbot) and Josh Rogers ( 1st Marldon) took the Regional Title with the Devon C team not far behind.



### National Scout Inter County Air Championships

Unfortunately this was caught up in the lockdown, and we were not able to take a team this year. We have booked the accommodation for 2021 so fingers crossed.

### Devon Squad Necker Award 2019

These are awarded to any Scout/ Explorer who has represent Devon either at the South West Inter County Championships or the National Inter County Championships. You can only be awarded this once.

These will be presented when we meet again. Congratulations to this years awardees.

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| Josh Rogers              | 1st Marldon      |
| Mathilda Baker           | 5th North Devon  |
| Cameron Mchaffry         | Taw Explorers    |
| Ollie Fletcher           | Sid Vale         |
| Oliver Collins           | 1st Marldon      |
| Harry Horder             | 1st Newton Abbot |
| Erin Throgmorton-Appleby | 1st Newton Abbot |
| Fred Jempson             | 1st Marldon      |
| Anthony Gaughan          | 1st Marldon      |

### Devon County Award Scheme

It is our intention to introduce a series of staged awards for each of the disciplines of Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Sport Crossbow and Target Sprint .

These will allow for the award of the Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 at the group level subject to suitable equipment being available.

Levels 4 and 5 can be attained either at District or County Level events.

It is hoped to have this scheme up and running by September and full details were be circulated to all leaders.

Stay Safe

**Andy Bowman**

Manager

Devon Target Scout Active Support Unit.



# North Devon

## ‘All in all, a good year’

North Devon has continued to grow in numbers – at the last census (2020) we declared 1228 members, which includes over 800 young people. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row that the district has grown.

I am pleased that 1<sup>st</sup> Fremington Cub Pack has restarted with 9 cubs after closure 18 months ago, unfortunately we had to close 1<sup>st</sup> Bratton Fleming Cub Pack due to lack of leaders, so we lost one but gained one.

The groups and sections continue to offer good quality programmes and activities for their members, including a variety of camps and sleepovers locally and further afield. The district augments this by running a variety of events and activities for all sections.



The Beavers have partied, built sandcastles, camped at Collard Bridge (Damboree), puzzled over a quiz, and completed a model making challenge set by me. This year the theme was autumn colours and the entries were amazing.

The Cubs have camped – in and outdoors, attended Cubjam in Hertfordshire, taken part in an archery & rifle shooting competition, and also puzzled over a quiz.

The Scouts have camped several times, a camp themed around Vikings (Valsnappa), expedition training as well as taking part in the annual “Moonlight Challenge” night hike.

Taw Explorers continue to grow and have camped many times, themes include water sports, bonfire, hiking and of course Ten Tors and D of E awards. Network have also camped and met for various activities; we also held a skills weekend for leaders at Collard Bridge Campsite.

All section events include a football competition, a cross country event, a competition day which included preparing a meal on an open fire (scouts) and on gas (cubs) and a scavenger hunt for the Beavers and lastly worm charming !

The 41<sup>st</sup> Gang Show was a roaring success, the Target Club have run many sessions and have had success in national competitions. The Carol Service hosted by 1<sup>st</sup> North Devon at Holy Trinity Church was brilliant and we managed to fill two thirds of the Pannier Market in Barnstable for our St George's Day parade (2019)

Collard Bridge Campsite continues to be the jewel in North Devon's crown – several improvements have been made with more in the pipeline.

All in all, a good year.

**Neil Corfield**

District Commissioner  
North Devon

## **Tiverton District,**

### **'This year poses some new challenges'**

We have had a busy year which has ended with a different type of scouting from what we all expected.

Just as the lockdown happened we were starting up a group at Halberton which had about 40 young people and 15 adults all keen to start scouting, and now on hold for a short while. We welcome them to District family of Tiverton,

Our Young Leader unit has restarted and is busy running training throughout the year and even sessions online to keep going forward, so more young leaders can receive their Young Leaders Belt. Well done to all.

Hemyock saw the start of a Beaver Colony, I have visited a few times and it is a thriving active colony, well done to all.

We are now able to undertake air rifle shooting in the district and are nearly ready to award our first Master at Arms badge shortly after we restart.

We saw the start of District Explorer sections at Bampton and Cullompton and the DoE unit as part of the District Explorers to offer the Explorers more adventure. We have about 5 signing up for Gold at present.

The District Network had a great year and toured around Europe last summer visiting many countries, the culmination was a tandem free fall parachute jump. This year they had even more excitement planned, but are on hold. They enjoyed giving a presentation to the Explorers to show them what the next part of the adventure is?



Our Explorers who went to the American WSJ had a great time and I have seen a number of presentations about the trip. I know they have all benefitted from it. We start the routine of informing the next group of scouts and Explorers who are eligible to go to South Korea, the Jamboree is a great session to set up for your scouts to show them what is on offer to them.

This District have had groups run 2 Stay at Home Camps including one for CHAT a homeless charity raising £200 and a family camp  
The First Commissioner Commendation for a young person was awarded to Aidan (Fossy) Potter of Bradninch to thank him for all the hard work he gives within the District,

I saw the District joined in with the Hike to the Moon

I have been amazed by the determination of the leaders to make the Stay at home scouting work. From looking at the large amount of badge work being undertaken I think many a badge will need presenting when we restart face to face scouting

During the year I have presented a number of awards to leaders, all well deserved and due to a concerted effort, a number of people have received their Wood badge as well.

This year poses some new challenges, I have already renewed my promise on line with the Willand Group and judged their dragon competition, I have joined in a couple of online meeting, I was no good at the treasure hunt.

Keep up the good work.

Jenny Blake, the District Treasure is after 28 years service is stepping down due to personal reasons, we thanks her for all her hard work and wish her well,

The District HQ will shortly have Broadband fitted so it will be able to allow more online training and become a hub for leaders in the future.

**Andy Ellis**

District Commissioner  
Tiverton



## West Devon

**‘Since the COVID-19 lockdown began the District Team and Leaders across the Groups have been determined to continue to provide engaging scouting activities for the young people to do at home.**

In August 2019 I took on the DC position in West Devon, having previously fulfilled the role of ADC – Events. Having seen in the previous year how District-wide events had brought the Groups closer together, it was important to keep the momentum going and continue to promote a varied programme at a District level.

With the support of an ever-strengthening District Team, we have been able to provide a range of activities throughout the year including the annual Scouts Raft Race,

Cubs PGL, Beaver Sleepover at the aquarium and a District Target Shooting Day which resulted in several young people competing in the County Championships. The calendar year finished with the inaugural “Christmas at the Abbey” event being held at Buckland Abbey, consisting of a hike for all young people and their families, and a carol service in the Great Barn – which was featured on BBC Spotlight the following evening!

The latest event before the COVID-19 lockdown was the Beaver and Cub Activity Badge Evening, which focussed on the environment and enabled over 100 young people to complete their Recycle Devon badge.

Beavers through to Explorers have been developing their skills, building their resilience and learning new things every week using the Badges at Home resources, and we have seen a fantastic level of engagement. It is thoroughly encouraging to know that Scouting is continuing in West Devon through these extraordinary times, and we are optimistic for the future.

**Ben de Carteret**

District Commissioner - West Devon





# Devon Scouts

For more information on Scouting in Devon visit  
[www.devonscouts.org.uk](http://www.devonscouts.org.uk)  
or contact our County Administrator 07789546110

**DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**



# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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|--|--|------------------------------|
| <b>President</b>                       | The Lord Lieutenant of Devon, David Fursdon Esq  |                              |
| <b>Trustees</b>                        | Mr Andrew Leadbetter   |                              |
|  | Mr James Littlejohns   |                              |
|  | Mrs Valerie Drew   |                              |
|  | Mr Paul Bailiss  |                              |
|  | Mr David Moate   |                              |
|  | Mrs Kirsty Solway  |                              |
|  | Mr Andrew Martin   | (Appointed 2 September 2019) |
|  | Mr David Symons  | (Appointed 2 September 2019) |
|  | Mr George Dempsey  | (Appointed 2 September 2019) |
|  | Mr Daniel Brock  | (Appointed 2 September 2019) |
|  | Mr Steven Donohue  | (Appointed 1 January 2020)   |
| <b>Charity number</b>                  | 301073   |                              |
| <b>County Scout Association number</b> | 114  |                              |
| <b>Principal address</b>               | Mowhayes<br>Withen Lane<br>Aylesbeare<br>Devon<br>EX5 2JQ                                      |                              |
| <b>Independent examiner</b>            | Lentells Limited<br>17 - 18 Leach Road<br>Chard Business Park<br>Chard<br>Somerset<br>TA20 1FA |                              |
| <b>Bankers</b>                         | HSBC<br>11 High Street<br>Chard<br>Somerset<br>TA20 1QQ  |                              |

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# **DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

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# **DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

### ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020***

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The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document (a conveyance to follow the bye laws, policies, rules and organisation of the Scout Association charity number 306101 governed by a Royal Charter), the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

#### **Objectives and activities**

The charity's objects are to administer and support scouting activities throughout the county of Devon.

All activities are carried out by volunteers. The major asset used is the Scouting Centre at Caddihoe, which is leased from the National Trust.

In planning our activities for the year we keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

The focus of our activities remains those of the Scout movement and the support of a programme of youth orientated activities and events. This benefits young people by developing their self confidence and social, practical and life skills.

All young people aged between 6 and 25 are welcome as are our volunteers to whom we are most grateful for the many hours they spend.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

#### **Achievements and performance**

A full review of the county as a whole and of the various scouting sections is included in the published annual report of the Devon County Scout Council which can be found at <http://devonscouts.org.uk/county-info/administration/>

It can be stated that the general achievement and performance in the year are most satisfactory in the execution of the objectives.

#### **Financial review**

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to one year's income from the County Levy plus any amount deemed necessary to cover certain future events including attendance at Jamborees and replenishments at Caddihoe. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The principal funding source continues to be membership subscriptions.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

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### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The county's governing documents follow a Conveyance dated 12/7/1947 upon the trusts of the Boy Scouts Association Trust Deed 1935, as amended on 10/10/2016 and advise the charity will follow the bye laws, policies, rules and organisation of The Scout Association (charity number 306101) governed by a Royal Charter.

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr Andrew Leadbetter

Mr Marc Coton

(Resigned 1 July 2019)

Mr Nathan Craig

(Resigned 2 September 2019)

Mr John Jarvis

(Resigned 2 September 2019)

Mrs Margaret Jarvis

(Resigned 2 September 2019)

Mr James Littlejohns

Mrs Valerie Drew

Mr Paul Bailiss

Mr David Moate

Mrs Kirsty Solway

Mr R Carpenter

(Resigned 2 September 2019)

Ms E Hepburn

(Resigned 8 April 2019)

Mr I Fisher

(Resigned 2 September 2019)

Mr Andrew Martin

(Appointed 2 September 2019)

Mr David Symons

(Appointed 2 September 2019)

Mr George Dempsey

(Appointed 2 September 2019)

Mr Daniel Brock

(Appointed 2 September 2019)

Mr Steven Donohue

(Appointed 1 January 2020)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the policies, organisation and rules of the Scout Association (charity number 306101).

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr Andrew Leadbetter

Trustee

Dated: 4/9/20



# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

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I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Devon County Scout Council (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2020.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

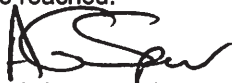
Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Mr A G Spear FCCA  
Lentells Limited

17 - 18 Leach Road  
Chard Business Park  
Chard  
Somerset  
TA20 1FA

Dated: 23 September 2020

# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

|   |       | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2020<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2019<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>2019<br>£ | Total<br>2019<br>£ |
|---|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
|   | Notes |                                    |                                  |                    |                                    |                                  |                    |
| <b><u>Income from:</u></b>  |       |                                    |                                  |                    |                                    |                                  |                    |
| Donations and legacies  | 3     | -                                  | 4,587                            | 4,587              | 10                                 | 1,050                            | 1,060              |
| Charitable activities   | 4     | 54,878                             | -                                | 54,878             | 131,985                            | -                                | 131,985            |
| Other trading activities  | 5     | 102,926                            | -                                | 102,926            | 69,016                             | -                                | 69,016             |
| Investments   | 6     | 1,028                              | -                                | 1,028              | 951                                | -                                | 951                |
| <b>Total income</b>   |       | <b>158,832</b>                     | <b>4,587</b>                     | <b>163,419</b>     | <b>201,962</b>                     | <b>1,050</b>                     | <b>203,012</b>     |
| <b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>   |       |                                    |                                  |                    |                                    |                                  |                    |
| Charitable activities   | 7     | 159,191                            | 2,441                            | 161,632            | 211,879                            | 1,050                            | 212,929            |
| <b>Net (expenditure)/income<br/>for the year/<br/>Net movement in funds</b> |       | <b>(359)</b>                       | <b>2,146</b>                     | <b>1,787</b>       | <b>(9,917)</b>                     | <b>-</b>                         | <b>(9,917)</b>     |
| Fund balances at 1<br>April 2019  |       | 163,968                            | 1,650                            | 165,618            | 173,885                            | 1,650                            | 175,535            |
| <b>Fund balances at 31<br/>March 2020</b>                                   |       | <b>163,609</b>                     | <b>3,796</b>                     | <b>167,405</b>     | <b>163,968</b>                     | <b>1,650</b>                     | <b>165,618</b>     |

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

|   | Notes | 2020<br>£        | £              | 2019<br>£        | £              |
|---|-------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                                   |       |                  |                |                  |                |
| Tangible assets                                       | 11    |                  | 1,687          |                  | 2,250          |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |       |                  |                |                  |                |
| Debtors   | 12    | 30,186           |                | 235,528          |                |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |       | 271,787          |                | 263,165          |                |
|   |       | <u>301,973</u>   |                | <u>498,693</u>   |                |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> | 13    | <u>(136,255)</u> |                | <u>(335,325)</u> |                |
| Net current assets                                    |       |                  | 165,718        |                  | 163,368        |
| <b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>          |       |                  | <u>167,405</u> |                  | <u>165,618</u> |
| <b>Income funds</b>                                   |       |                  |                |                  |                |
| Restricted funds                                      |       |                  | 3,796          |                  | 1,650          |
| <u>Unrestricted funds - general</u>                   |       |                  |                |                  |                |
| Designated funds                                      | 15    | 40,000           |                | 40,000           |                |
| General unrestricted funds                            |       | <u>123,609</u>   |                | <u>123,968</u>   |                |
|   |       |                  | 163,609        |                  | 163,968        |
|   |       |                  | <u>167,405</u> |                  | <u>165,618</u> |

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on .....

4th September 2020

Mr Andrew Leadbetter  
Trustee

# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Devon County Scout Council is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. The county's governing documents follow a conveyance dated 12 July 1947 upon the trusts of the Boy Scouts Association Trust Deed 1935, as amended on 10 October 2016 and advise the charity will follow the bye laws, policies, rules and organisation of The Scout Association (charity number 306101) governed by a Royal Charter. The principal contact address is shown on the legal and administrative information page of these financial statements..

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document (a conveyance to follow the bye laws, policies, rules and organisation of the Scout Association charity number 306101 governed by a Royal Charter), the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the Trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

The Devon County Scout Council collects membership subscriptions. An element of the subscription is collected on behalf of Scout headquarters and Devon County Scout Council only act as agents and then pass this element to headquarters. In accordance with the accounting requirements of the Scout Association the element passed to Scout headquarters is deducted in the income section of the statement of financial activities so that only the income generated by Devon County Scout Council is shown.

Any income received in advance for membership subscriptions or county activities which relate to the next or future accounting periods are treated as deferred income and included within creditors due within one year. This deferred income is released in the relevant accounting period within the statement of financial activities and matched against the expenditure in the year in which it is due.

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of furtherance of the provision of scouting in Devon and associated support costs.

Subscription expenditure is the money collected and passed to Scout headquarters in accordance with the rules of Scout Association.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Fixtures and fittings | 25% reducing balance |
|-----------------------|----------------------|

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Fixed assets are only capitalised when their cost exceeds £1,000, otherwise those expenses are included within the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred.

# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.



# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 3 Donations and legacies

|                     | Restricted funds | Unrestricted funds general | Restricted funds | Total |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------|
|                     | 2020             | 2019                       | 2019             | 2019  |
|                     | £                | £                          | £                | £     |
| Donations and gifts | 4,587            | 10                         | 1,050            | 1,060 |

### 4 Charitable activities

|                                    | County events | Caddihoe | Total  | County events | Caddihoe | Total   |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------|--------|---------------|----------|---------|
|                                    | 2020          | 2020     | 2020   | 2019          | 2019     | 2019    |
|                                    | £             | £        | £      | £             | £        | £       |
| Sales within charitable activities | 40,479        | 14,399   | 54,878 | 116,633       | 15,352   | 131,985 |

### 5 Other trading activities

|   | Unrestricted funds general | Unrestricted funds general |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|   | 2020                       | 2019                       |
|   | £                          | £                          |
| Membership fees                         | 281,295                    | 284,223                    |
| World Jamboree fees                     | 288,939                    | -                          |
| Membership fees due to headquarters     | (221,018)                  | (215,207)                  |
| World Jamboree fees due to headquarters | (246,290)                  | -                          |
| Other trading activities                | 102,926                    | 69,016                     |

# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

### 6 Investments

|                     | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>general<br>2020<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>general<br>2019<br>£ |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Interest receivable | 1,028   | 951   |

### 7 Charitable activities

|   | 2020<br>£      | 2019<br>£      |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Staff costs                             | 8,914          | 8,190          |
| Depreciation and impairment             | 563            | 750            |
| Caddihoe costs (excluding rent)         | 18,418         | 8,548          |
| Distribution to districts               | 4,019          | 4,050          |
| County activities                       | 51,212         | 151,326        |
| Adult training                          | 6,113          | 14,865         |
| Jamboree                                | 43,704         | -              |
| Travel                                  | 6,648          | 5,791          |
| Conferences and courses                 | 135            | 201            |
| Meetings                                | 2,094          | 1,450          |
| Regional fund                           | 1,800          | 1,387          |
| Small equipment and sundry items        | 4,564          | 2,786          |
| Presentations and awards                | 489            | -              |
|   | <u>148,673</u> | <u>199,344</u> |
| Share of support costs (see note 8)     | 12,959         | 13,585         |
|   | <u>161,632</u> | <u>212,929</u> |
| <b>Analysis by fund</b>                 |                |                |
| Unrestricted funds - general            | 159,191        | 211,879        |
| Restricted funds                        | 2,441          | 1,050          |
|   | <u>161,632</u> | <u>212,929</u> |
| <b>For the year ended 31 March 2019</b> |                |                |
| Unrestricted funds - general            | 211,879        |                |
| Restricted funds                        | 1,050          |                |
|   | <u>212,929</u> |                |

# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

### 8 Support costs

|   | Support costs<br>£ | Governance costs<br>£ | 2020<br>£     | 2019<br>£     | Basis of allocation |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Operating lease charges                   | 2,946              | -                     | 2,946         | 2,937         | Scouting            |
| Accountancy - payroll administration      | 429                | -                     | 429           | 219           | Scouting            |
| Postage and stationery                    | 1,870              | -                     | 1,870         | 3,590         | Scouting            |
| Communications                            | 2,985              | -                     | 2,985         | 2,234         | Scouting            |
| Insurances                                | 758                | -                     | 758           | 887           | Scouting            |
| Accountancy - independent examination     | 1,925              | -                     | 1,925         | 1,900         | Scouting            |
| Trustees travel                           | 1,550              | -                     | 1,550         | 1,057         | Scouting            |
| Trustees meetings                         | 496                | -                     | 496           | 761           | Scouting            |
|   | <u>12,959</u>      | <u>-</u>              | <u>12,959</u> | <u>13,585</u> |                     |
| Analysed between<br>Charitable activities | <u>12,959</u>      | <u>-</u>              | <u>12,959</u> | <u>13,585</u> |                     |

The operating lease charges relate to the rent due to the National Trust for Caddihoe.

### 9 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, but 11 of them were reimbursed a total of £2,766 travelling and admin expenses relating to support costs and charitable activities (2019- 10 were reimbursed £2,501 for travelling and admin expenses).

### 10 Employees

#### Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

|                         | 2020<br>Number    | 2019<br>Number    |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Admin                   | <u>1</u>          | <u>1</u>          |
| <b>Employment costs</b> | <b>2020<br/>£</b> | <b>2019<br/>£</b> |
| Wages and salaries      | <u>8,914</u>      | <u>8,190</u>      |

Details about the contribution of unpaid volunteers can be found within the annual review referred to in the Trustees report under the heading "Achievements and performance".

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

### 11 Tangible fixed assets

|                                    | Fixtures and fittings<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>                        |                            |
| At 1 April 2019                    | 4,000                      |
| At 31 March 2020                   | 4,000                      |
| <b>Depreciation and impairment</b> |                            |
| At 1 April 2019                    | 1,750                      |
| Depreciation charged in the year   | 563                        |
| At 31 March 2020                   | 2,313                      |
| <b>Carrying amount</b>             |                            |
| At 31 March 2020                   | 1,687                      |
| At 31 March 2019                   | 2,250                      |

### 12 Debtors

|   | 2020<br>£ | 2019<br>£ |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b> |           |           |
| Prepayments and accrued income              | 30,186    | 235,528   |

### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

|                 | Notes | 2020<br>£ | 2019<br>£ |
|-----------------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| Deferred income | 14    | 125,755   | 320,878   |
| Trade creditors |       | 8,451     | 12,837    |
| Accruals        |       | 2,049     | 1,610     |
|                 |       | 136,255   | 335,325   |

### 14 Deferred income

|                       | 2020<br>£ | 2019<br>£ |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Other deferred income | 125,755   | 320,878   |

Caddihoe deposits deferred £1,150 (2019: £1,220)  
County events deferred £52,973 (2019: £270,273)  
Membership fees deferred £71,632 (2019: £49,385)

# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

#### 15 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

|                        | Movement<br>in funds       |                       | Movement<br>in funds       |                       |                             |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
|                        | Balance at<br>1 April 2018 | Incoming<br>resources | Balance at<br>1 April 2019 | Incoming<br>resources | Balance at<br>31 March 2020 |
|                        | £                          | £                     | £                          | £                     | £                           |
| Caddihoe replenishment | 40,000                     | -                     | 40,000                     | -                     | 40,000                      |
|                        | <u>40,000</u>              | <u>-</u>              | <u>40,000</u>              | <u>-</u>              | <u>40,000</u>               |

The charity's designated unrestricted fund relates to maintaining the Caddihoe scouting centre, a building used and rented on a full repairing lease from the National Trust. The fund is to be used as deemed necessary by the trustees over time to maintain the property for the provision of youth services. The operating lease commitment is shown in note 18 of these financial statements.

#### 16 Analysis of net assets between funds

|  | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2020<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2019<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>2019<br>£ | Total<br>2019<br>£ |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Fund balances at 31 March 2020 are represented by: |                                    |                                  |                    |                                    |                                  |                    |
| Tangible assets                                    | 1,687                              | -                                | 1,687              | 2,250                              | -                                | 2,250              |
| Current assets/<br>(liabilities)                   | 165,718                            | -                                | 165,718            | 161,718                            | 1,650                            | 163,368            |
|  | <u>167,405</u>                     | <u>-</u>                         | <u>167,405</u>     | <u>163,968</u>                     | <u>1,650</u>                     | <u>165,618</u>     |

#### 17 Operating lease commitments

##### Lessee

The operating lease represents rentals payable by the charity to the National Trust for Caddihoe. The lease renewal is still under negotiation as the original lease expired on 24 June 2018. The annual rent being charged is assumed to remain at £2,946 and this charge has been accrued for in the financial statements.

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

| 2020<br>£         | 2019<br>£         |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

# **DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)** ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020***

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### **18 Related party transactions**

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2019 - none).



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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**



# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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|--|--|------------------------------|
| <b>President</b>                       | The Lord Lieutenant of Devon, David Fursdon Esq  |                              |
| <b>Trustees</b>                        | Mr Andrew Leadbetter   |                              |
|  | Mr James Littlejohns   |                              |
|  | Mrs Valerie Drew   |                              |
|  | Mr Paul Bailiss  |                              |
|  | Mr David Moate   |                              |
|  | Mrs Kirsty Solway  |                              |
|  | Mr Andrew Martin   | (Appointed 2 September 2019) |
|  | Mr David Symons  | (Appointed 2 September 2019) |
|  | Mr George Dempsey  | (Appointed 2 September 2019) |
|  | Mr Daniel Brock  | (Appointed 2 September 2019) |
|  | Mr Steven Donohue  | (Appointed 1 January 2020)   |
|  |  |                              |
| <b>Charity number</b>                  | 301073   |                              |
| <b>County Scout Association number</b> | 114  |                              |
| <b>Principal address</b>               | Mowhayes<br>Withen Lane<br>Aylesbeare<br>Devon<br>EX5 2JQ                                      |                              |
| <b>Independent examiner</b>            | Lentells Limited<br>17 - 18 Leach Road<br>Chard Business Park<br>Chard<br>Somerset<br>TA20 1FA |                              |
| <b>Bankers</b>                         | HSBC<br>11 High Street<br>Chard<br>Somerset<br>TA20 1QQ  |                              |

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# **DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

### ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020***

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The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document (a conveyance to follow the bye laws, policies, rules and organisation of the Scout Association charity number 306101 governed by a Royal Charter), the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

#### **Objectives and activities**

The charity's objects are to administer and support scouting activities throughout the county of Devon.

All activities are carried out by volunteers. The major asset used is the Scouting Centre at Caddihoe, which is leased from the National Trust.

In planning our activities for the year we keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

The focus of our activities remains those of the Scout movement and the support of a programme of youth orientated activities and events. This benefits young people by developing their self confidence and social, practical and life skills.

All young people aged between 6 and 25 are welcome as are our volunteers to whom we are most grateful for the many hours they spend.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

#### **Achievements and performance**

A full review of the county as a whole and of the various scouting sections is included in the published annual report of the Devon County Scout Council which can be found at <http://devonscouts.org.uk/county-info/administration/>

It can be stated that the general achievement and performance in the year are most satisfactory in the execution of the objectives.

#### **Financial review**

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to one year's income from the County Levy plus any amount deemed necessary to cover certain future events including attendance at Jamborees and replenishments at Caddihoe. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The principal funding source continues to be membership subscriptions.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

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### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The county's governing documents follow a Conveyance dated 12/7/1947 upon the trusts of the Boy Scouts Association Trust Deed 1935, as amended on 10/10/2016 and advise the charity will follow the bye laws, policies, rules and organisation of The Scout Association (charity number 306101) governed by a Royal Charter.

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr Andrew Leadbetter

Mr Marc Coton

(Resigned 1 July 2019)

Mr Nathan Craig

(Resigned 2 September 2019)

Mr John Jarvis

(Resigned 2 September 2019)

Mrs Margaret Jarvis

(Resigned 2 September 2019)

Mr James Littlejohns

Mrs Valerie Drew

Mr Paul Bailiss

Mr David Moate

Mrs Kirsty Solway

Mr R Carpenter

(Resigned 2 September 2019)

Ms E Hepburn

(Resigned 8 April 2019)

Mr I Fisher

(Resigned 2 September 2019)

Mr Andrew Martin

(Appointed 2 September 2019)

Mr David Symons

(Appointed 2 September 2019)

Mr George Dempsey

(Appointed 2 September 2019)

Mr Daniel Brock

(Appointed 2 September 2019)

Mr Steven Donohue

(Appointed 1 January 2020)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the policies, organisation and rules of the Scout Association (charity number 306101).

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr Andrew Leadbetter

Trustee

Dated: 4/9/20

# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

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I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Devon County Scout Council (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2020.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

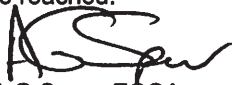
Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Mr A G Spear FCCA  
Lentells Limited

17 - 18 Leach Road  
Chard Business Park  
Chard  
Somerset  
TA20 1FA

Dated: 23 September 2020



# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

|   |       | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2020<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2019<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>2019<br>£ | Total<br>2019<br>£ |
|---|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
|   | Notes |                                    |                                  |                    |                                    |                                  |                    |
| <b><u>Income from:</u></b>                    |       |                                    |                                  |                    |                                    |                                  |                    |
| Donations and legacies                        | 3     | -                                  | 4,587                            | 4,587              | 10                                 | 1,050                            | 1,060              |
| Charitable activities                         | 4     | 54,878                             | -                                | 54,878             | 131,985                            | -                                | 131,985            |
| Other trading activities                      | 5     | 102,926                            | -                                | 102,926            | 69,016                             | -                                | 69,016             |
| Investments                                   | 6     | 1,028                              | -                                | 1,028              | 951                                | -                                | 951                |
| <b>Total income</b>                           |       | <b>158,832</b>                     | <b>4,587</b>                     | <b>163,419</b>     | <b>201,962</b>                     | <b>1,050</b>                     | <b>203,012</b>     |
| <b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>                 |       |                                    |                                  |                    |                                    |                                  |                    |
| Charitable activities                         | 7     | 159,191                            | 2,441                            | 161,632            | 211,879                            | 1,050                            | 212,929            |
| <b>Net (expenditure)/income for the year/</b> |       |                                    |                                  |                    |                                    |                                  |                    |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>                  |       | <b>(359)</b>                       | <b>2,146</b>                     | <b>1,787</b>       | <b>(9,917)</b>                     | <b>-</b>                         | <b>(9,917)</b>     |
| <b>Fund balances at 1 April 2019</b>          |       | <b>163,968</b>                     | <b>1,650</b>                     | <b>165,618</b>     | <b>173,885</b>                     | <b>1,650</b>                     | <b>175,535</b>     |
| <b>Fund balances at 31 March 2020</b>         |       | <b>163,609</b>                     | <b>3,796</b>                     | <b>167,405</b>     | <b>163,968</b>                     | <b>1,650</b>                     | <b>165,618</b>     |

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

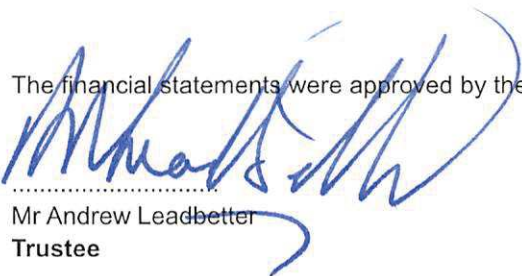
## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

|   | Notes | 2020<br>£        | £              | 2019<br>£        | £              |
|---|-------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                                   |       |                  |                |                  |                |
| Tangible assets                                       | 11    |                  | 1,687          |                  | 2,250          |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |       |                  |                |                  |                |
| Debtors   | 12    | 30,186           |                | 235,528          |                |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |       | 271,787          |                | 263,165          |                |
|   |       | <u>301,973</u>   |                | <u>498,693</u>   |                |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> | 13    | <u>(136,255)</u> |                | <u>(335,325)</u> |                |
| Net current assets                                    |       |                  | 165,718        |                  | 163,368        |
| <b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>          |       |                  | <u>167,405</u> |                  | <u>165,618</u> |
| <b>Income funds</b>                                   |       |                  |                |                  |                |
| Restricted funds                                      |       |                  | 3,796          |                  | 1,650          |
| <u>Unrestricted funds - general</u>                   |       |                  |                |                  |                |
| Designated funds                                      | 15    | 40,000           |                | 40,000           |                |
| General unrestricted funds                            |       | <u>123,609</u>   |                | <u>123,968</u>   |                |
|   |       |                  | 163,609        |                  | 163,968        |
|   |       |                  | <u>167,405</u> |                  | <u>165,618</u> |

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on .....

4th September 2020



Mr Andrew Leadbetter  
Trustee

# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Devon County Scout Council is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. The county's governing documents follow a conveyance dated 12 July 1947 upon the trusts of the Boy Scouts Association Trust Deed 1935, as amended on 10 October 2016 and advise the charity will follow the bye laws, policies, rules and organisation of The Scout Association (charity number 306101) governed by a Royal Charter. The principal contact address is shown on the legal and administrative information page of these financial statements..

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document (a conveyance to follow the bye laws, policies, rules and organisation of the Scout Association charity number 306101 governed by a Royal Charter), the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the Trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

The Devon County Scout Council collects membership subscriptions. An element of the subscription is collected on behalf of Scout headquarters and Devon County Scout Council only act as agents and then pass this element to headquarters. In accordance with the accounting requirements of the Scout Association the element passed to Scout headquarters is deducted in the income section of the statement of financial activities so that only the income generated by Devon County Scout Council is shown.

Any income received in advance for membership subscriptions or county activities which relate to the next or future accounting periods are treated as deferred income and included within creditors due within one year. This deferred income is released in the relevant accounting period within the statement of financial activities and matched against the expenditure in the year in which it is due.

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of furtherance of the provision of scouting in Devon and associated support costs.

Subscription expenditure is the money collected and passed to Scout headquarters in accordance with the rules of Scout Association.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Fixtures and fittings | 25% reducing balance |
|-----------------------|----------------------|

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Fixed assets are only capitalised when their cost exceeds £1,000, otherwise those expenses are included within the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred.

# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 3 Donations and legacies

|                     | Restricted funds | Unrestricted funds general | Restricted funds | Total |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------|
|                     | 2020             | 2019                       | 2019             | 2019  |
|                     | £                | £                          | £                | £     |
| Donations and gifts | 4,587            | 10                         | 1,050            | 1,060 |

### 4 Charitable activities

|                                    | County events | Caddihoe | Total  | County events | Caddihoe | Total   |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------|--------|---------------|----------|---------|
|                                    | 2020          | 2020     | 2020   | 2019          | 2019     | 2019    |
|                                    | £             | £        | £      | £             | £        | £       |
| Sales within charitable activities | 40,479        | 14,399   | 54,878 | 116,633       | 15,352   | 131,985 |

### 5 Other trading activities

|   | Unrestricted funds general | Unrestricted funds general |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|   | 2020                       | 2019                       |
|   | £                          | £                          |
| Membership fees                         | 281,295                    | 284,223                    |
| World Jamboree fees                     | 288,939                    | -                          |
| Membership fees due to headquarters     | (221,018)                  | (215,207)                  |
| World Jamboree fees due to headquarters | (246,290)                  | -                          |
| Other trading activities                | 102,926                    | 69,016                     |



# DEVON COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

### 6 Investments

|                     | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>general<br>2020<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>general<br>2019<br>£ |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Interest receivable | 1,028   | 951   |

### 7 Charitable activities

|   | 2020<br>£      | 2019<br>£      |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Staff costs                             | 8,914          | 8,190          |
| Depreciation and impairment             | 563            | 750            |
| Caddihoe costs (excluding rent)         | 18,418         | 8,548          |
| Distribution to districts               | 4,019          | 4,050          |
| County activities                       | 51,212         | 151,326        |
| Adult training                          | 6,113          | 14,865         |
| Jamboree                                | 43,704         | -              |
| Travel                                  | 6,648          | 5,791          |
| Conferences and courses                 | 135            | 201            |
| Meetings                                | 2,094          | 1,450          |
| Regional fund                           | 1,800          | 1,387          |
| Small equipment and sundry items        | 4,564          | 2,786          |
| Presentations and awards                | 489            | -              |
|   | <u>148,673</u> | <u>199,344</u> |
| Share of support costs (see note 8)     | 12,959         | 13,585         |
|   | <u>161,632</u> | <u>212,929</u> |
| <b>Analysis by fund</b>                 |                |                |
| Unrestricted funds - general            | 159,191        | 211,879        |
| Restricted funds                        | 2,441          | 1,050          |
|   | <u>161,632</u> | <u>212,929</u> |
| <b>For the year ended 31 March 2019</b> |                |                |
| Unrestricted funds - general            | 211,879        |                |
| Restricted funds                        | 1,050          |                |
|   | <u>212,929</u> |                |

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### 8 Support costs

|   | Support costs<br>£ | Governance costs<br>£ | 2020<br>£     | 2019<br>£     | Basis of allocation |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Operating lease charges                   | 2,946              | -                     | 2,946         | 2,937         | Scouting            |
| Accountancy - payroll administration      | 429                | -                     | 429           | 219           | Scouting            |
| Postage and stationery                    | 1,870              | -                     | 1,870         | 3,590         | Scouting            |
| Communications                            | 2,985              | -                     | 2,985         | 2,234         | Scouting            |
| Insurances                                | 758                | -                     | 758           | 887           | Scouting            |
| Accountancy - independent examination     | 1,925              | -                     | 1,925         | 1,900         | Scouting            |
| Trustees travel                           | 1,550              | -                     | 1,550         | 1,057         | Scouting            |
| Trustees meetings                         | 496                | -                     | 496           | 761           | Scouting            |
|   | <u>12,959</u>      | <u>-</u>              | <u>12,959</u> | <u>13,585</u> |                     |
| Analysed between<br>Charitable activities | <u>12,959</u>      | <u>-</u>              | <u>12,959</u> | <u>13,585</u> |                     |

The operating lease charges relate to the rent due to the National Trust for Caddihoe.

### 9 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, but 11 of them were reimbursed a total of £2,766 travelling and admin expenses relating to support costs and charitable activities (2019- 10 were reimbursed £2,501 for travelling and admin expenses).

### 10 Employees

#### Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

|                         | 2020<br>Number    | 2019<br>Number    |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Admin                   | <u>1</u>          | <u>1</u>          |
| <b>Employment costs</b> | <b>2020<br/>£</b> | <b>2019<br/>£</b> |
| Wages and salaries      | <u>8,914</u>      | <u>8,190</u>      |

Details about the contribution of unpaid volunteers can be found within the annual review referred to in the Trustees report under the heading "Achievements and performance".

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

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### 11 Tangible fixed assets

|                                    | Fixtures and fittings<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>                        |                            |
| At 1 April 2019                    | 4,000                      |
| At 31 March 2020                   | 4,000                      |
| <b>Depreciation and impairment</b> |                            |
| At 1 April 2019                    | 1,750                      |
| Depreciation charged in the year   | 563                        |
| At 31 March 2020                   | 2,313                      |
| <b>Carrying amount</b>             |                            |
| At 31 March 2020                   | 1,687                      |
| At 31 March 2019                   | 2,250                      |

### 12 Debtors

|   | 2020<br>£ | 2019<br>£ |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b> |           |           |
| Prepayments and accrued income              | 30,186    | 235,528   |

### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

|                 | Notes | 2020<br>£ | 2019<br>£ |
|-----------------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| Deferred income | 14    | 125,755   | 320,878   |
| Trade creditors |       | 8,451     | 12,837    |
| Accruals        |       | 2,049     | 1,610     |
|                 |       | 136,255   | 335,325   |

### 14 Deferred income

|                       | 2020<br>£ | 2019<br>£ |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Other deferred income | 125,755   | 320,878   |

Caddihoe deposits deferred £1,150 (2019: £1,220)  
County events deferred £52,973 (2019: £270,273)  
Membership fees deferred £71,632 (2019: £49,385)

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#### 15 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

|                        | Movement<br>in funds       |                       | Movement<br>in funds       |                       |                             |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
|                        | Balance at<br>1 April 2018 | Incoming<br>resources | Balance at<br>1 April 2019 | Incoming<br>resources | Balance at<br>31 March 2020 |
|                        | £                          | £                     | £                          | £                     | £                           |
| Caddihoe replenishment | 40,000                     | -                     | 40,000                     | -                     | 40,000                      |
|                        | <u>40,000</u>              | <u>-</u>              | <u>40,000</u>              | <u>-</u>              | <u>40,000</u>               |

The charity's designated unrestricted fund relates to maintaining the Caddihoe scouting centre, a building used and rented on a full repairing lease from the National Trust. The fund is to be used as deemed necessary by the trustees over time to maintain the property for the provision of youth services. The operating lease commitment is shown in note 18 of these financial statements.

#### 16 Analysis of net assets between funds

|  | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2020<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2019<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>2019<br>£ | Total<br>2019<br>£ |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Fund balances at 31 March 2020 are represented by: |                                    |                                  |                    |                                    |                                  |                    |
| Tangible assets                                    | 1,687                              | -                                | 1,687              | 2,250                              | -                                | 2,250              |
| Current assets/<br>(liabilities)                   | <u>165,718</u>                     | <u>-</u>                         | <u>165,718</u>     | <u>161,718</u>                     | <u>1,650</u>                     | <u>163,368</u>     |
|  | <u>167,405</u>                     | <u>-</u>                         | <u>167,405</u>     | <u>163,968</u>                     | <u>1,650</u>                     | <u>165,618</u>     |

#### 17 Operating lease commitments

##### Lessee

The operating lease represents rentals payable by the charity to the National Trust for Caddihoe. The lease renewal is still under negotiation as the original lease expired on 24 June 2018. The annual rent being charged is assumed to remain at £2,946 and this charge has been accrued for in the financial statements.

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

| 2020<br>£         | 2019<br>£         |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

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### **18 Related party transactions**

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2019 - none).