

Writing a report for an annual general meeting is normally a hard thing for most of us to do. The meeting is normally within a few months of the year end so you end up scratting around the diary, notebook and photos on the mobile phone to aid memory recollection for something which happened over 12 months ago.

The months following a year end are spent 'Scouting'. Pulling off District St. George's Day Parade, putting in final plans for summer term activities, making sure Willesley Scout Campsite is running well, all before looking to the summer holidays and the start up in September for the new school term.

In 2020 there has been none of the above. No District St. George's Day Parade, a Scout summer term programme decimated and summer holiday plans up in the air. So, plenty of time to write an AGM report then!

I keep a yearly notebook to act as my reminder (the DC's upstairs department is not as good as it once was when I was 20 years younger). You may have seen it... the black notebook. Well this Scouting year started with a crisis meeting over at 1st Newbold Verdon Scout Group to look at falling numbers followed by an incident involving a Cub with a fracture/cast and then the arson attack on the Warden's van at Willesley. A great March!

The Willesley Sub-Committee meetings were going well and having gutted the what is now the Field Toilet Block focus was to putting it all back together, hopefully to last another 30 years. The 16 Scout Groups were at various stages of their organisation assemblance – those which seem to be flying, those 'dysfunctional' but muddling through and all in between.

If you're not careful the DC role could be based firing off and answering emails. That as well as the day job and family. Apologies if I didn't get back to your email in expected time but I'd made it a mission to get off the derriere and get in there to see the Groups in action. Sometimes this meant turning up to see what was happening but some of the times this was at formal events to present well-earned badges to our young people, proud parents and happy Leaders. To me there is nothing better!

The 2020 St. George's Day parade, held in Ibstock for the first time in many years thanks to the indecisions over our usual venue at the Hermitage Leisure Centre. The quandary over would they all fit in to the biggest venue in town – Ibstock Community College – was helped by the fact this was the last weekend of the Easter Holidays so all was good in the end. The change was good although plenty of lessons learnt. Here we recognised the achievements of those young people who had achieved their Chief Scout Awards as well as the usual Leader recognition for Training and length of service. It's humbling to see so much achievement in the District.

My first year was a bit of whirlwind in terms of getting to grips with this District. There were District camps and activities specifically for Beavers and Cubs. But nothing was done specifically for Scouts. Over to our ADC (Scouts) then giving Dave Hislop to arrange something for the District. He came up trumps – a good old back to basics Scout Camp at Willesley which was well attended by Troops in District.

The District was delighted to host two County events. The first was UBER at Willesley Scout Campsite in April. This Leader only training was very well attended by leaders from around District, keen to advance their skill set and a good sanity check for the soul as they met other leaders from around the County in familiar territory. Also, at last, we managed to present an award to an unsuspecting Phill Jones! Thank you to the County for putting this event on and I hope other Districts will come to benefit such an event being on their 'home turf'.

Charnwood (Chammud as it is affectionally known by some), Leicestershire's International Scout & Guide Camp. This was held at Cattows Farm and despite 'taking a week off work/family to spend it in a field up the road' was well attended by District Groups. All you had to do was close your eyes and use your imagination you were in another part of the County. As the week wore on two plus points of being local emerged. The first it was a short hop (very short for some) to a warm shower and dry clothes. Secondly though it made the logistics for extraction a lot easier! Many new Scouting friends were made in District as we unexpectedly hosted our international visitors from Ghana, Austria, Spain, Belgium under different circumstances. So, a big thank you to all those

involved in the Groups – not just the leaders but also the parents and our Scouts and Explorer Scouts who helped achieve this. Whilst this was going on some were lucky enough to be at a World Jamboree in America... more about them later!

It became apparent quite early on in the year that this was very much a partnership game. I mean in the sense of Starsky & Hutch fought crime, Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield made life taste a little sweeter, Penn and Teller produce magic. Even County had Carol & Nick. It felt lonely so I welcomed Louise on board as my Deputy and all I can say is thank heavens she said the sort yes of 'go on then' when asked. Thankyou Louise!

In September she set to work on the 'upgrade' to the District Carol Service at Willesley, introducing it more as a youth led event and involvement from our local incumbent Tim. A really special afternoon at Willesley in December.

In October I received the sad news that Mandy Carney had passed away following a stroke. Mandy was a long servant of the District and as I spoke to various people, I was amazed at the different roles she took within the District. It was great to see many current and ex-District Scouters at her funeral over in Lichfield and was a true reflection of how she spanned the differing ages in the District.

2020 did not get off to a very good start for the District as in early January I had the unfortunate news that Bob Parker had passed away after a short illness. Prior to becoming District President in June 2018, Bob held the role of District Chair, Chair of Whitwick Scout Group and Acting-Chair of Ellistown Scout Group as well as other roles.

Little did we know 2020 was not going to get any easier!

Training is a vital part in any set-up and so vital to Scouting. Consider it rare/lucky for you, I or a volunteer to have the exact skill set for the task at hand. Cat Appleton stood down from the role as Local Training Manager and District Scouting to focus on work and family. In January Alisha Patrick came out of a Group environment to the District Team as the new LTM using her work skill set for the role – the luck had fallen.

February and the District was well represented at the County Conference at College Court, Leicester. Also in this month Louise and myself had started initial conversation with the Regional Service Team concerning getting Scouting at Newbold Verdon restarted, plans were put in place for 5 Packs of Cubs to attend the County Cub Trip to London in March (at least they went!) and discussions were taking place to bring the County Cub Camp to Willesley in 2020. District plans were put in motion for a District Activity Weekend at the same site for later in the year.

And then it all started...



Duncan Watts

District Commissioner

29/10/2020

ASHBY & COALVILLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 2019/20

		1st March 2019 to 28th February 2020	1st March 2018 to 28th February 2019
PAYMENTS			
	Ref		
Building - telecom	1 £	96.64	£ 741.48
Building - insurance	2 £	4,762.01	£ 4,750.20
Building - Rates	3 £	1,611.60	£ 817.00
Utilities - Electric	4 £	3,007.08	£ 593.65
Utilities - Gas	5 £	2,324.53	£ 1,905.43
Campsite - waste	6 £	8,013.94	£ 4,580.81
Campsite - Maintenance	7 £	5,592.75	£ 9,238.73
Campsite - Cleaning	8 £	1,200.00	£ 853.56
Tuckshop Expenses	9 £	827.40	£ 915.84
Equipment & materials	27 £	1,008.07	£ 2,633.84
Administration	10 £	992.19	£ 946.31
Camping Refund	11 £	407.30	£ -
Youth Programme & Activities	£	1,000.00	£ -
Repay Reach Grant	£	5,000.00	
District Scout Camp	12		£ -
District Cub Camp	13 £	-	£ 789.68
District Beaver 1-2-1	14 £	-	£ 1,503.42
Water Team	15 £	1,840.51	£ 1,704.01
County Cub Camp	16 £	-	£ 1,352.15
Uniform & badges	17 £	948.79	£ 507.35
Swannington Group Container	29 £	525.00	£ 700.00
Donation			£ -
St Georges Day	18 £	139.10	£ 400.00
Campsite internal transfers	19		£ 27,245.33
District Transfer s	28		£ 4,000.00
Badge Accout	25		£ 262.66
Activities	21 £	1,722.63	£ 1,716.45
M'ship	2 £	40,731.60	£ 36,844.50
Shooting	22		£ 70.00
Misc	23 £	1,585.62	£ -
			£ -
Sub Total	£	83,336.76	£ 105,072.40
Major Works to Campsite	24 £	29,060.21	£ 22,745.33
Explorer Units	£	21,511.21	£ -
Total Payments	£	133,908.18	£ 127,817.73
24 Expenditure on refurbishment of the toilet & Shower block			
8 Waste increased as some 2018 pick ups included in 2019			
4 Electricity bills increased as usage increased and on standard rate rather than fixed deal			
1 BT line rental only			

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Membership Subscriptions	1	£ 46,319.65	£ 40,099.40
Less Membership paid to County	2	-£ 40,731.60	-£ 36,844.50
Net Membership Subscriptions		£ 5,588.05	£ 3,254.90
Donations		£ -	£ -
Gift Aid		£ -	£ -
Other similar income		£ -	£ -
Sub Total		£ -	£ -
Other Income	15	£ 766.48	£ 399.00
Fundraising		£ -	£ -
District Scout Camp	3	£ -	£ -
District Cub Camp	4		£ 1,074.00
County Cub Camp	5	£ -	£ -
Beaverette/ 1-2-1	6		£ 1,159.00
Sub Total		£ 766.48	£ 2,632.00
Badge Account	7	£ 50.00	£ -
District Campsite Income	8	£ 40,978.82	£ 31,815.47
Activities - Water Team	9	£ 819.00	£ 306.00
Sub Total		£ 41,847.82	£ 32,121.47
Investment Income		£ -	£ -
Bank Interest	10	£ 7.75	£ 3.83
Bank Interest	11	£ 54.59	£ 39.74
Transfers from Lloyds to CAF Account	12		£ 33,654.76
REACH! Grant	13		£ -
Campsite internal Transfer	16		£ 4,084.00
Tuckshop	14	£ 6,158.19	£ 2,305.95
Other Income	17	£ 1,071.65	£ 1,900.00
Sub Total		£ 7,292.18	£ 41,988.28
Lloyds accounts	*	£ 9,761.84	£ -
Explorer Scouts		£ 27,396.29	
Sub Total		£ 37,158.13	£ -
Total Income		£ 92,652.66	£ 79,996.65
Asset & Investment sales etc		£ -	£ -
Total Receipts		£ 92,652.66	£ 79,996.65

* Lloyds accounts balance confirmed by Lloyds business banking as no statements produced and no access via internet banking.
Accounts to be closed 2020 and funds moved to CAF accounts confirmation to be minuted & recorded

8 - Campsite income amalgamated into one figure for all bookings
Explorer income includes funds for 2020 camps

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

ASHBY & COALVILLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 28th February 2019 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages.....

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's/District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group/District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *):

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act ;and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply

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