

Cromwell District Scout Council -Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2020

As most of you are aware John Nicoll stood down at the end of December after serving 10 years as our District Commissioner so on behalf of the District I would thank him and wish him well for the future

Where do I start 2020 has been a very difficult year for all of us

We have all been affected from the pandemic and has seen some of us shielding, working from home , home schooling, not seeing family and friends, not celebrating those special events, getting use to the virtual world with Zoom & Teams and being able to do very little face to face scouting

Despite this the Scouting spirit has prevailed and many of our leadership teams have shown great enterprise and devoting time and effort by adapting to online scouting via zoom producing suitable sessions for their young people

It is fair to say that to change from a face 2 face system to sitting in front of a screen to deliver scouting has been a daunting step for most. Not only were there the zoom protocols to master but as to how best deliver scouting virtually

Covid Risk assessments were another mammoth task our leadership teams had to deal with not only for the groups in producing the assessments but for the District in approving these. It is great to see that most groups now have developed these and the District get very few queries prior to these being approved

The Appointment Advisory Committee has worked well during the last 12 months and has adapted their processes to deal with virtual interviews

Although we had a loss of f2f scouting the Badge Secretary still had badge sales of £1,800 indicating that badge work did not stop and many youngsters achieved their goals during 2020

The Copley Maintenance Crew carried on with their site duties keeping to the rule of 6 and social distancing until the lockdowns preventing the weekly visits. It was very strange that Copley saw no camping last year however it has given the grass time to recover and the wildlife has enjoyed having the site to them selves

There was a dramatic loss on Copley receipts although The District were fortunate enough to be eligible for both a full rates refund and received a £10k grant from the Local Restrictions Support Grant from the Huntingdon District Council this being funded by the Government

The District saw a 19% drop in membership at the Census count at the beginning of 2021, with a loss of 71 Beavers, 63 Cubs, 15 Scouts, 13 Explorers & 47 Adults. However with the numbers on our waiting / joining list I am confident that once we return to face to face that the young people numbers will return. One of our tasks must now be on adult recruitment. It is worthy of a note that one group within our District did actually have a increase in both young people and adults so a well done to them

The District is a Trust established under its rules that are common to all Districts, and the Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of the Scout Association and The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis that is consistent with the previous year and approved by the Trustees on the 17th February 2020 and signed on their behalf by the District Chair

CROMWELL DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY
FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2020



	This Year Total £	Previous Year Total £
Total Receipts for the Year	47,796.74	59,467
Total Payments for the Year	33,687.84	59,997
Net Surplus / Deficit for the year	<u>14,108.90</u>	<u>-531</u>
Cash, Bank and similar funds brought forward	59,663.91	60,194
Cash, Bank and similar funds carried forward	73,772.81	59,664

The above accounts and accompanying statement(s) of assets and liabilities were approved

by Trustees on 15th February 2021 and signed on their behalf by *M wenham* Mike Wenham

Independent Examiners Statement

I have independently examined the records and the accounts as set out on pages 3 to 8 and in my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me.

Name Graeme Huttley

Signed

G Huttley

Date:- 21st March 2021

NOTE Figures for all 3 Explorer Units, both Active Support Units, Badge Secretary are separate activities but are included in the general fund for audit purposes.

CROMWELL DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Report & Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2020

TRUSTEES: Ex- Officio – Appointment

District Chair

District Commissioner

District Secretary

District Treasurer

District Explorer Scout Commissioner

TRUSTEES: Elected

Name

Mr M Wenham

Mr J Nicoll

Mrs K Brown Mills

Mr D Kerr

Mr P Graham

Name

Mr T Best

Mrs S McConnachie-Kessel

Mrs M Perryman

Mr J Hancox

TRUSTEES:Nominated – Appointment

Name

BANKERS:

Nationwide Building Society, 8 Sheep Market, St Ives, Huntingdon, PE17 4AH
Barclays Bank PLC, Huntingdon Business Centre, The Pavement, St Ives Branch,
Huntingdon, Cambs, PE17 4AQ

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES:

The Scout Association Trust Corporation in respect of District Campsite and
Headquarters.

District Registration Number with the Scout Association : 10713

Charity Registration Number: 1030974

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