

# Wigan & District Scout Council AGM

## Annual Report 2021/2022

I am happy to report on a successful year for Scouting in Wigan.

We have finally moved out of Covid 19 restrictions and activities are gradually getting back to normality. Group and District events are back on the calendar, and we seem to be recovering from the inevitable drop in membership that occurred over the past couple of years. We owe a big “Bravo” to all our leaders and helpers who have struggled through Zoom meetings and provided online activities to keep Scouting alive for the young people of Wigan.

After a break of two years, and despite uncertainty over possible redevelopment of the market area, our St. George’s Day Parade went ahead very successfully in April, and we were most grateful to the Mayor and her Consort for taking the salute. We must also thank Central Ward Councillors, Police and the Parish Church for their tremendous support. Despite a reduction in numbers from previous years, the overall turnout was still impressive, creating a positive public image for Scouting.

We must congratulate our District Commissioner, Jeff Picton on his recent award of the Silver Acorn. Jeff had only been in the post for a few weeks when the pandemic forced the cessation of face-to-face activities. What a time to take on the responsibilities of such an important role! Without Jeff’s encouragement and guidance during this period, several groups may not have survived. Congratulations are also due to Joan Hayton who has been awarded the Silver Wolf for her work with the Appointments Sub-committee and Bispham Hall Management Committee. Joan’s husband, Alan, has also received the Silver Wolf for his work at Bispham.

The District Executive Committee continues to meet on a regular basis. All our sub-committees have been kept busy throughout the year – Appointments, Awards, Finance, Training and HQ Maintenance. In addition to the dedication of our committee members we are ably assisted by the small team of shop staff who give up Saturday mornings outside of holiday periods.

Several outside organisations regularly rent the District Headquarters and bring in welcome income which helps with general running costs and together with several grants we can keep the annual membership fee as low as possible. The programme of improvements to the HQ is progressing with the recent replacement of external doors and the interior decorating is coming to completion. However, a building of this size will always need regular maintenance and one of the next (and perhaps, costly) priorities will be the resurfacing of the car park. A tidy looking and prominent HQ helps project an optimistic and confident vision of our movement.

Sadly, several former Scouting stalwarts passed away during the year: Ivan Merrill, 1<sup>st</sup> Ashton, Olwyn Whittaker, 8th Wigan and Paul Quigley, 5<sup>th</sup> Wigan.

Her Majesty the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations might now be over but let’s not forget the tremendous support she has given to the Scout Association over the past seventy years as our Patron. We thank her for her great service and devotion to the country. We also thank the Council, parents, leaders and all others who have given their time and support to Scouting in Wigan.

Gerard Davies

District Chair

# Wigan and District Scout Council

## CASH FUNDS

Nat West bank (incl interest)	£99.11
Barclays bank-Community account(incl interest)	£34,649.27
Barclays bank-Active Saver account(Incl interest)	£56,939.42
Cash-in-hand (Scout Shop float)	£40.00
Cash-in-hand (Scout Shop cash-not banked)	£51.00

## NON-MONETARY ASSETS

Scout Shop stock	£7,856.39
Headquarters building(insurance value)	£538,441.00
Headquarters contents(insurance value)	£48,000.00

The above receipts and payments accounts and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by Trustees on 19th June 2022 and signed on their behalf

Signature	Print name
    Chairnan	Gerard Davies

Signature	Print name
Vice Chairman	

Wigan and District Scout Council  
Receipts and Payments 1 April 2021 to 31 March 20

RECEIPTS

Membership fees	£34,960.00
Grants/Donations	£12,867.00
Scout shop sales	£11,047.47
Rent	£2,954.00
Beaver panto trip	£1,580.00
Scout Aquamadness	£145.00
Scout Richardson trophy	£60.00
Cub bucket ball	£25.00

PAYMENTS

Gas and electricity	£1,728.88
Water plus	£286.90
Unity Insurance (non member)	£42.00
Zurich Insurance (building & contents)	£605.06
Headquarters maintenance	£190.11
Headquarters refurbishment	£13,670.54
Ground rent	£132.00
Scout Shop (MBNA)	£6,308.88
Scout Shop (other suppliers)	£1,810.66
Accountancy fees	£240.00
District website	£374.40
Membership fees 2021	£32,692.00
Training	£415.00
AGM	£220.89
Development	£620.73
Beaver panto trip	£1,600.00
Scout Aquamadness	£222.50
Shooting competition trophies	£130.00



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## Receipts and Payments 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

RECEIPTS	2020/2021	2021/2022
Membership fees	£29,711.50	£34,960.00
Grants/Donations	£25,850.75	£12,487.00
Scout shop sales	£2,000.65	£11,047.47
Closure of Pie Eater account	£109.00	
Rent	£100.00	£2,954.00
Beaver panto trip		£1,580.00
Scout Aquamadness		£145.00
Scout Richardson trophy		£60.00
Cub bucket ball		£25.00
PAYMENTS		
Gas and electricity	£603.08	£1,728.88
Water plus	£78.09	£286.90
Unity Insurance	£42.00	£42.00
Zurich Insurance	£442.77	£605.06
Headquarters maintenance	£408.05	£190.11
Headquarters refurbishment	£238.79	£13,670.54
Ground rent	£132.00	£132.00
Scout Shop (MBNA)	£1,834.02	£6,308.88
Scout Shop (other suppliers)	£55.54	£1,810.66
Accountancy fees	£228.00	£240.00
AGM		£220.89
District website	£255.33	£374.40
PPE	£252.17	
Membership fees 2021	£29,711.50	£32,692.00
Wreath	£20.00	
Training	£45.00	£415.00
Transfer to Active Saver account	£10,000.00	
Development		£620.73
Beaver panto trip		£1,600.00
Scout Aquamadness		£222.50
Shooting competition trophies		£130.00



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17 May 2022

**Wigan District Scout Council**  
**Accounts – Year Ending 31 March 2022**

Dear Joan,

Further to your request for CMA Accountancy Ltd to review the accounts for year ending 31 March 2022 I can confirm the following. It is your responsibility as a council to prepare the financial statements, and the accountant's responsibility to carry out a review and form an opinion on these statements.

**Basis of opinion**

The review includes examination of the evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the financial activities of the Council. Information and explanations have been provided which give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material error.

**Accountants opinion**

Subject to the caveat above, I confirm that no matter has come to my attention which would show that in any no material respect the requirements to keep accounting records have not been met. I therefore conclude that the financial statements have been properly prepared and give a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Wigan District Scout Council as at 31 March 2022, and of the income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Please find enclosed our invoice for completing such review. If you could please call the office to arrange a date for the files to be collected in the near future, that would be great.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roanna Darby', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Roanna Darby  
CMA Accountancy Ltd