

WARE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual Report 2016



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Introduction

The Trustees of Ware District Scout Council present their report and financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2015.

The Council's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

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

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The aim of the Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The Council's method of achieving the aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Council and of its excess of income over expenditure for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- 1) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- 2) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 3) follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 4) prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Council, enabling them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Standard Statements of Recommended Practice. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Council and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Legislation requires the protection of Young People to be scrutinized closely. It is the policy of The Scout Association to safeguard the welfare of all members by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm. We, as a District Organisation, are fully committed to complying with this policy in all respects and it is the responsibility of all our members over the age of 18 to ensure that this is done.

Legislation requires Health and Safety to be scrutinized. It is our policy to provide Scouting in a safe manner without risk to health, as far as is reasonably practicable, and to ensure that we comply with all the requirements of The Scout Association safety policy as laid out in the Policy Organisation and Rules of the Association.

The Council has in place a system of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The Council meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development.

District Chairman's Report

The Scouting year of 2015 was one that can best be remembered as being dominated by two things, our District Commissioner Karen Hale stepping down, and sadly the deterioration of our District Headquarters building.

It was early February that we learnt that due to work and personal commitments, Karen was stepping back temporarily as our DC. To fill the gap, Ian Leach from Watford was appointed by the county as Acting DC, and he has been able to attend some of our meetings, and has been able to give us direction on several matters. In June we heard that Karen was unable to return, and a search committee was formed to find a replacement. The DC job description and nomination forms for a successor were sent out to all adults in the District in early November, with a closing date for the end of the month. In the meantime, with help from Bob Cooper, I have been covering much of the local work as far as email communication and general organising. We hope a successor will be appointed before too long.

The condition of the headquarters building is now ageing very fast, and it is no longer justified in spending funds to improve its condition, but only for essential work. A survey was carried out in the late summer, and 74% of respondents were strongly in favour of continuing to have a DHQ building. We are now in communication with East Herts Council regarding obtaining a long lease on the site, to enable us to look at alternative structures.

On a positive note I am pleased to report is that our District's growth during 2015, showed an increase of 6.3% in our membership, beating the overall County's total which came in at 5.3%. A further measure was that our Peter Geer Trophy, awarded for attendance rather than just winning, ran through the year with our members taking part in all 15 District competitions and events.

We were pleased that Charlie, George, Matthew and Morgan represented us in the summer at the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan. The District had sponsored them financially, and we also arranged support for them from two of our local Rotary Clubs. From our District they took with them a neck scarf from each of our eight Scout Groups, to show other participants what our uniforms looked like, which added to all the other items they took with them to swap with Scouts from around the world.

I would like to thank and congratulate all of our leaders, helpers, and committee members in our District, the Scout Groups and the Explorers and Network who work tirelessly for long hours providing exciting, challenging, fun and enjoyable Scouting, and also our ASU members who run the Scout Shop

and help at various scouting events, and the Appointments committee and our local training manager. We can proudly say our achievements are a measure of our success during 2015.

Martin Vaughan - District Chairman

Scout Section

2015 was once again an active and busy year.

We've seen troops growing in size from the smaller troops like Hunsdon and 5th Ware to the larger ones like 2nd Ware, 3rd Ware and 1st Stanstead Abbots. 2nd Ware and Stanstead Abbots are running very large Troops rather than splitting into two Troops. Buntingford's two Troops have contracted down to one Troop once again. As have Braughing with the two Troops contracting down to one with 18 Scouts.

The annual District Programme includes the following:

Cooking Competition

St Georges Day Parade

Lightweight Camping Competition (now alternate years)

Bowls Gala

Swimming Gala

Raft Race

Heavyweight Camping Competition (now to alternate with Lightweight as a Scout District Camp)

Nocturnal Team Challenge

Scouts of course have an even fuller programme than that with Groups and Troop taking part in County events like Born 2 Be, Green Beret and more.

ITTH was held again this year with the complication of having to move venue now County have relinquished Orchard farm and the loss of a key Leader Barney of 3rd Ware. A difficult time for all but the Scouts enjoyed the event as always.

I presented 19 Chief Scout Gold Awards in 2015 a fine achievement for them all.

Last year we saw the introduction of a revised badge scheme with new badges and activities to explore. This has seen some Scouts transition from the old scheme to the new one but from 2016 all the Scouts will be working towards the new awards.

A number of troops have begun their work on the Million Hands Project, project that aims to make a positive, measurable impact on our local, national and international communities.

I would like to thank all of the District Leaders for their help as well as the many troop leaders and assistants. Without their support the District Activities could not take place. I would also like to extend my thanks to the Explorer Scouts who now regularly help at the Scout Section events as Young Leaders.

Mandy Challis and Carol West have been key in helping me run the various events through the year so my special thanks to them.

Pat Horridge - Assistant District Commissioner

Scout Active Support Unit

The Active Support Unit continues to provide help and support to all the groups in our District who I am pleased to say are taking advantage of our help and assistance. We, of course, always do the usual tea making and coffees etc., at the main District events and District and Executive meetings. We have a small social calendar which is always well attended. We have helped out, as usual, with marshalling and manning bases at all District and County competitions and our calendar, so far, for 2016/2017 is getting quite full.

We have twenty seven Active Support members who have various roles in the District including appointments committee, nights away permits, training advisors, badge secretaries and, of course, our shop which is managed by Jim Smith and his team. We look forward to getting involved with Cubs 100 this year and Beaver 30 year celebrations.

I would like to thank all the ASU members who have helped me make it a most enjoyable year with their support and I am looking forward to promoting and expanding the ASU Units within the groups throughout the coming year

Peter Raymen – Scout Active Support Unit Manager

1st Braughing Group Scout



FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND ADVENTURE



Activities

2015 was the Cub Year of Adventure. We were delighted to be able to extend this to every section within 1st Braughing Scout Group. The photos demonstrate the mix of opportunities and activities offered throughout the group and the supportive ethos of the group was evident throughout the year with leaders and parents stepping in to help out as required. The highlight of the year was the group camp attended by 15 adults and 80 young people. As a group we supported many of the District run events, both as participants and organisers. Our thanks to all who enabled these events to take place.



Our band and scout troop led the St George's Day Parade in 2015.



Group Scout Leader (GSL) Simon Marlow was invested as our new Group Scout Leader in the summer after a very long flight and then a rapid landing, from which he is yet to recover!

He was invested during a cub evening at the Van Hage Railway and has subsequently spent a considerable amount of time getting to know our personalities and foibles, visiting the various sections both during their weekly meetings and the additional activities arranged, gaining some insight into the fascinating and vibrant world of scouting in the process.

Group Numbers

In 2015 young people aged 6 to 14 were provided with a full and active scouting programme by a dedicated team of volunteers. The maximum numbers in each of the sections at any one time were Beavers 20, Cubs 52 and Scouts 22. There are young people on our waiting lists for both Beavers and Cubs who we will not be able to offer a place to within the Group.

FINALLY a thought from an ancient philosopher who said:
*As adults we are archers loading our bows with arrows (our children)
and releasing them to hit the target of success and happiness*

THANK YOU to our dedicated team of 'archers', the leaders, young leaders and occasional helpers who organise and run their own regular meetings plus additional activities/camps and readily help out with other sections when the need arises. Particular thanks to Akela Shaun for his help and support with the Group Administration whilst our GSL post was unfilled. Also to our Group Executive for their continued support as we aim to ensure that the Group has the facilities and resources needed to deliver good scouting throughout our sections.

Wendy Smith – Chairman, Executive Committee

Buntingford Scout Group

After another busy year in 2015 and all the changes within the group from changes with leaders and on the Executive Committee, members have still been able to concentrate on supporting the Scout Group and arranging fundraising events to raise money for the Group.

Having agreed that the remainder of the scout loan be paid to settle the account, the capitation bill for 2016 will be in region of £4000.

Despite some changes we have had a moderate year for fundraising; every event held was well supported and money poured in. The Barn dance this year was well attended and raised a good amount for the group. We had a very successful stall on the High Street along with Santa for Late Night Shopping, which saw large crowds of people attending as well as putting the Scout presence back in the high street among the community. Other events include a Quiz night held at the Scout Hut in April which was well attended.

Andy at The Cellar has very kindly donated glasses to the Scout Group. So for future events we will know longer need to hire them in.

Our fundraising year ended as always with Father Christmas on his grand tour of Buntingford, which was the best year so far despite the rain! I would like to thank all of our young people who have helped with the fundraising and also the parents who have helped to man stalls or provided help, support for any of the events over the past year.

Monies raised goes towards the maintenance and running cost of the Scout Headquarters, buying new equipment, providing uniform for new leaders and repaying our Scout Association loan. The Executive Committee was also very pleased to be able to keep the cost of subscriptions unchanged for the following year. I hope you will all agree that scouting in Buntingford is excellent value for money.

I would like to thank the members of Ware and District Scouts for their continued help & support to our Group.

The Group cannot be successful without the dedication of our Leaders who each week provide a range of activities for their sections, provide a listening ear to the young people sharing the highlights and the lows of each week and help to guide them on to learn new skills, achieve new goals and to become independent, confident young people. We should all be very proud of our Leaders and their achievements.

Thanks are also due to our Treasurer who spends endless hours keeping our books balanced, to Nikki for managing the lettings of the HQ seamlessly over the past year and to all of the members of the Executive Committee who all work very hard to ensure a well organised Scout Group.

Finally on behalf of the Group I would like to thank our Group Scout Leader Joanne McNamara who has not only found time in 2015 to have a full time job but has taken on the roles of Beaver Leader when necessary, helped our new Leaders to learn their new role and has worked tirelessly to ensure that the very best of scouting is provided here in Buntingford.

I look forward to another year of fun & friendship in scouting.

Kay Hamilton-Crook - Chairman, Buntingford Scout Group

1st Great Amwell Scout Group

It's that time of year – again!

The Great Amwell Scout Group has enjoyed another successful year with all sections enjoying strong support. However, at this year's census the group was shown to have reduced slightly to 120 members. I hope that this reduction in numbers is just a blip, as we have a strong leadership team and try hard to put on a range of activities for our young people to enjoy.

As always our members have participated in a full range of activities within their sections, and at group and district events.

I would like to give my personal thanks to Gail Stretch (Assistant GSL) for all of her help; without her the Group would not run so smoothly. Of course, my thanks goes to all the Leaders, Young Leaders, Executive Committee members, helpers and supporters of the Group for your continued hard work and dedication which has contributed to making Great Amwell Scout Group a very popular, successful and active member of the District.

I would also like to thank parents for their positive response in supporting the Group's activities and hope that this continues. Our activities within the wider community are always a good advert for the group.

Last year we changed the format of our successful Family Camp to run our first Group Camp. Our Leaders set up lots of activities for our young people

to take part in and the feedback that we received was very positive. We will be following the same format this year with 'Space' as our theme.

The HQ remains a valuable asset to the local community with people using the hall all through the week. Thanks to Pearl for maintaining the bookings.

We are fortunate as a group to have enthusiastic volunteers as both uniformed leaders and the executive committee and I would like to thank our Chairman, Andy Verdin, for his continued support of the group. I hope that we can continue to work with the rest of the team to promote Scouting within the Group and the District.

We have an established leadership team who are committed to delivering a balanced programme to our members and undertake training as required. However, uniformed Leaders are only part of our diverse team and we are always happy to receive any offers of help, no matter how infrequent.

The targets for the Group over the coming year are

- to maintain and develop the Group and its Executive;
- to decorate the interior of the hall and maintain the grounds; and
- to encourage new young people to join our Group.

Our most ambitious plans for the past year related to the camp fire circle, the drainage of the field and the maintenance of the exterior of hall. As you will see, all of these tasks were completed and I thank Pete, Richard and Keith for all of their hard work.

We are very fortunate that our funds are healthy at the moment. However, we are having to pay out more bills for the upkeep of the hall. Our funds are kept healthy by the Group's involvement in a number of set fundraising activities throughout the year. The Ware Fireworks display and Ware Carnival are great opportunities for us to raise the profile of the group, help our community and also to raise much needed funds.

During the year we had an operating surplus on general funds and activities of £5,218.66 which will be utilised in the coming year. At 31st January 2016 we had cash of £52,490.23 in general funds and no designated reserves.

I thank all those in the Group leadership team and helpers who have made the last year of Scouting happen. The future for the Group will need help from parents and new leaders; we can continue delivering an exciting and challenging range of activities in the future.

Julie Greaves - Group Scout Leader

Hunsdon Scout Group

In July 2015 Gwen Norris stood down from her role of GSL having supported our group for over 10 years. Gwen saw us through some difficult times and it is thanks to the support and encouragement that she has given me over the 10 years since I became CSL, that I felt able to take on the role of Senior Scout Leader last October. So it falls to me to write our contribution for the District Annual Review.

Hunsdon Scout Group is one of the two small groups in the district, and being a small community it follows that we have a small pool of members to call on for assistance. However, we have a steady stream of parent helpers supporting both Beavers and Cubs and more people have been getting involved in recent months. When I checked the statistics for the district adult:youth ratios I was pleased to see that ours is at the top.

Behind the scenes we have a devoted, effective and experienced executive committee, recently joined by two new parent representatives, and I really appreciate their continued support.

We attend just about everything going on in Ware and District Scouts, we run programmes packed with fun and activities, and we go on some brilliant adventures of our own. None of this would be possible without the dedication and energy of the leaders and young leaders, who make it all happen.

In financial terms we had another solid breakeven year, and we have been able to maintain our subscriptions rate for the 5th year running. Our healthy financial position has enabled us to purchase a new tent for leaders and some new catering equipment, having already updated Cubs & Scouts and the mess tent in the 2014. We also bought some new skills equipment.

Our three Young Leaders have been a valuable source of help during 2015. They have made such a difference and we are really pleased that they are so keen to continue with their Young Leader Training in the group where they were Scouts themselves not so long ago.

Our Scout section is small, and runs with about 10-12 members. The leader team (of 5) is extremely skilled, dedicated and organised under Martin's lead, and our Scouts are really lucky to have the opportunity to learn Scouting skills from such a great team. Apart from the know-how you might expect any Scout leader to have, between them they hold permits for nights away, green field camping, abseiling, climbing and water activities.

The Cubs leader team is thriving too, each person bringing their own strengths and qualities. The team has found a good way to share the responsibilities and has recently been joined by two new leaders.

At the time of our AGM I was beginning to get worried about how we would continue with our Beaver Colony as our two devoted leaders Jen and Christel, who have been doing such a marvellous job over the last couple of years, are standing down this Summer. However, I am thrilled to say that not only have we found a new BSL, but also a brand new team of four additional ABSLs/Section Assistants, who will together form the rota to run the section and help to ensure Beavers will flourish in Hunsdon.



We were excited to lead the St George's Day Parade

Apart from all the local Scouting events we've engaged with national Scouting initiatives such as #YouShape and A Million Hands, and in the local community we've assisted Hunsdon Active in the consultation for our local park development, and represented the group at local community events such as Hunsdon Village Panto, Quintessence Drama Productions, Hunsdon Garden and Produce Show, Remembrance Parade, and Carol Singing.



Eight proud Tigers receiving their Chief Scouts Silver Award at Ware Priory. Well done Cubs!

Our 2015 highlights were Scouts scooping 1st place in Lightweight Competition (we since came in 3rd and 4th places in the 2016 competition), Cubs achieving a comfortable 2nd place in the Go Carts competition (topping it with a 1st equal in 2016), and Beavers going on a big adventure to Skreens

Park for their first activity camp. At the end of the Peter Geer year, Hunsdon Scout Group was just 4 points behind a podium finish, which all goes to show we definitely punch above our weight.



Our Beaver Activity Camp was a great success in September at Skreens Park

Karen Osterley - Senior Scout Leader

1st Stanstead Abbots & St Margaret's Scout Group

This is my last report as Group Chairman after more than nine years in the role. It is with a great sense of pride that I look back on that time. The Group has grown into one of the largest in the County. Today we have over 140 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and more than 40 adult volunteers. More importantly we are recognized by our peers and parents alike as being a highly successful community asset, delivering an outstanding experience to our young people.

Highlights and achievements are many. We have, for the fifth year in a row, won the Peter Geer Trophy. This award is all about participation, a fundamental tenet of Scouting, and one that we as a Group can be justifiably proud. This is a very real testament to the outstanding efforts of our Leader Team.

Our continued growth brings with it challenges, particularly with the Scout Troop meeting across two sites. We have made progress on our vision to secure a new HQ building for the Group. A planning pre-application has been prepared, for which I would like to thank Mark and Amanda Stewart for their advice, guidance and work on preparing the required documentation. I would also like to thank David Jupp (MD French & Jupps) for his support.

A perennial challenge is having enough Leaders to run all our sections, meeting the high standards we seek to maintain. I am delighted that this year we have had considerable success in recruiting adult volunteers into leader roles.

We continue to have a committed and active Executive Committee, comprising a balance of Leaders and parents, as is our aim over the long-term. My thanks to those Leaders and parents who have contributed this year, either on the Executive Committee or in other roles, and to those who have committed to do so over the coming year.

It is now time to say farewell and thank all my fellow adult volunteers, past and present, for their contributions over the years. All that remains for me is to make a simple request; that parents of present and future Beavers, Cubs and Scouts ensure that the Group continues its success by volunteering their time and energy.

I wish my successor all the best for the future.

Andrew Goldthorpe – Chairman

2nd Ware (St Mary's) Scout Group

Another busy year for the group with numbers steady across the board, with just the issue of ill health of one of the section leaders causing a temporary crisis, which we seem to have weathered. As always more help is welcome!

The troop are just back from a camp at Buddens in Dorset which featured "coasteering" (scrambling round the cliffs and jumping in the sea) and paddleboarding (more getting wet). They participated in all the usual district and county events, with great success. We had several scouts join County Air Activities day, flying from Gransden Lodge. It is also pleasing to note that we continue to attract new members to the troop from outside scouting which I think shows the appeal of scouting if the programme is right!

All three Cub Packs continue strongly, with participation in all events. Camps at Rigery in the summer and a weekend at Phasels in the winter provide active weekends away. We participated in the County Cyclo Cross and Water activities day, and visited the Climbing centre in Harlow

Little Indians and Apache Beavers have both had busy years with lots of work on challenge badges and a good though put to the cub packs. Our Thundridge pack is thriving which will have a knock on effect with the numbers in Thundridge Cubs.

We still have a strong contingent of young leaders with all sections having some help from them, and have had more success with getting them to go to Explorers. We still need to turn more of them into adult leaders!

Our waiting list numbers are steady, but we seem to maintain numbers with friends nights etc .We said goodbye and thank you to Graham Meldrum our treasurer for the past four years, and we welcome Catherine Lee to the role. And I must give my thanks to all the leaders, parents and other helpers who have made this another good year for 2nd Ware.

Jerry Pollard - Group Scout Leader

3rd Ware Scout Group

This last year has been a mixture of highs and lows for our Group. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have enjoyed a fully packed programme of adventures. Our Leaders and Young Leaders have done a wonderful job. However, we received the news that we were to lose Orchard Farm and Coetmor Mill - centres that hold many fond memories for our Scouts. We also had the sudden and tragic loss of Barney, a good friend and inspirational leader of our Young People.





Gavin Matthews - Group Scout Leader

5th Ware (Christ Church) Scout Group

It has been another full-on year at 5th Ware with the normal mixture of achievements, firsts and enjoyment. Our Beaver Colony continues to grow and is now full but for the third year in a row, it has continued to have the best attendance record at District events which is testament to the efforts of the small but dedicated team of leaders in that Section.

Our Scout Troop remains fairly small but an enthusiastic and young leader team are experiencing many new activities along with the young people and it is a delight to see them enter into all events with gusto. What we lack in previous knowledge we are making up for in our determination to give it a go and just "do our best". We wish to say thank you to all those other troops in the district who have provided us support this year, helping us to make events such as Green Beret successful and allowing us the opportunities to join in activities such as Fun Rings and Hi ropes.

Our Cub pack is on a roller coaster with numbers dipping at the start of the year due to the lure of conflicting activities such as football but we are delighted to see the numbers again swelling at what might turn out to be an alarming rate and we are adjusting our leader team in order to cope. It is clear that the work these volunteers are doing is appealing to the young members and the Lemur cub pack is participating in all the District activities.

As a Group we just celebrated our 5th Birthday which is a very small

number when compared to other Groups in the district but we do not consider ourselves to be small nor meek. Once again we finished second for the Peter Geer trophy, still scoring over 100 points. This equates to an average of two thirds of our members participating in every qualifying event and that is certainly a force to be reckoned with!

I would like to thank the parents of all the young members also not least for supporting us at annual family camp. Each year grows bigger and we typically get representation from about 70% of the families in the group. We are just finishing the planning for our next camp this July and the numbers have grown yet again. Being able to offer the opportunity for family members of all ages to join in with the experiences we allow our members is something that we feel is important at 5th Ware. Scouting is not just something you do for an hour or two on a Monday or Friday night but something to take home and expand in the family environment.

However continued growth comes as a challenge to a Group of our size. We do not have a dedicated meeting place of our own although we are eternally grateful to Christ Church for their continued support and accommodation. To do more we need to solve one or two key problems; we need more volunteers and we need more storage space. We have big ideas but sometimes finding a small item that would bring imagination to an evening's programme just is too big a challenge when buried in a small unlit garage full of heavy camping equipment! We hope we can resolve both of these issues soon.

So a final thank you to all those who **have** helped make the past 12 months another exciting period for the young members in the Group.

Colin Piper – Group Scout Leader

ACTING DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Having only been asked initially to stand in as DC for a couple of months I find myself 12 months down the line once again writing the DC's report for Ware. Some of you may be surprised at this but I can assure you all that following the DC search which took place at the latter end of the year we were unable to come to satisfactory appointment. I am however hopeful that by the summer of 2016 the announcement of the new DC of Ware will be made. I am sure that this will ensure that the achievements of Ware District in

the past year will continue and allow the District to return to its former glories and high esteem with which it has always been known.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those on the District Team who have continued to put on highly attended and successful activities for all of the sections within the District. Coupled with this is the support offered by Martin and his team on the District Executive and my thanks is also extended to them especially to Colin McIntyre who after many years of distinguished service to the District has decided to step down as Treasurer, but I am sure will still be around in a supportive role.

During 2015 we had many highs and lows and I would like to take this opportunity of mentioning one of each.

In July we were very proud to send some of our Explorers to the World Scout Jamboree in Japan, which I know they thoroughly enjoyed and have already spread the word regarding their trip and one of their last feedback reports will be at the AGM. We thank them for representing the District in such great fashion and continuing our tradition in having representatives attending this global event.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the lowest point of recent months for most of us in the District with the sad and unexpected loss of our District Network Commissioner "Barney". His enthusiasm, leadership and dedication to Scouting will be missed but I am sure his memory will live long in all those who had come into contact with him.

Finally many thanks for all the support and backing of all the leaders and young people who attend the various competitions and events organised it really would not be what it is without your support for Scouting in Ware.

Ian Leach – Acting District Commissioner

Beaver Section Report

2015-2016 has been a good year for the fourteen Beaver Colonies in the District. All the Colonies have good numbers with the majority having healthy waiting lists.

There have been various District events which most of the Colonies have attended. In September we had our annual Tug of War which for the first time was held at Chauncy School. The afternoon was organised and run by Daniel O'Neill and the young leaders. It was a closely fought competition and

was won by Forest Beavers of Stanstead Abbots. The Christmas Carol service was attended by several of the groups in the District.

In March we had our District Sleepover which celebrated thirty years of Beavers. Every Beaver was invited to the sleepover and we had a party theme to the evening. The Beavers enjoyed themselves by decorating cakes, making party hats and learning party dances. After a good night sleep and a hearty breakfast they all went home with their party bag having had a great time. Included in our sleepover was our Handicraft competition which was jointly won by Stanstead Abbots Forest Beavers & Buntingford Rib.

Later in March we had our Easter Egg hunt which again was well supported with most of the colonies taking part.

On behalf of the Beaver Leaders

WARE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Receipts & payments Account

for the year from 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2015

2014 TOTAL		General	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL
RECEIPTS					
	Donations & similar income				
36,850.82	Membership subscriptions	33,511.40		2,466.36	35,977.76
(34,626.80)	Less: HQ & County	(33,511.40)			(33,511.40)
2,224.02	Subscriptions retained	0.00	0.00	2,466.36	2,466.36
7,101.25	Donations	3,511.25	0.00	0.00	3,511.25
79.93	Gift Aid	80.45			80.45
27,909.05	Youth Programme	531.00	26,708.35	125.00	27,364.35
110.00	Hire of Ropes etc		0.00		0.00
37,424.25		4,122.70	26,708.35	2,591.36	33,422.41
	Grants Received				
0.00	Grants				0.00
0.00					
	Sub-Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Fundraising (Gross)				
19,537.28	Scout Shop Sales		19,026.42		19,026.42
0.00	Fund Raising				0.00
19,537.28		0.00	19,026.42	0.00	19,026.42
	Sub-Total	0.00	19,026.42	0.00	19,026.42
	Investment Income				
338.72	Bank Interest	13.49	193.84	96.66	303.99
1,080.00	Hire of hall	1,067.00			1,067.00
1,418.72		1,080.49	193.84	96.66	1,370.99
	Sub-Total				
58,380.25	Total Gross Income	5,203.19	45,928.61	2,688.02	53,819.82
58,380.25	Asset & Investment sales				
58,380.25	Total Receipts	5,203.19	45,928.61	2,688.02	53,819.82
	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok
	PAYMENTS				
	Charitable payments				
38,415.91	Youth Programme	2,205.51	30,477.33	1,310.00	33,992.84
4,126.18	Discounts allowed to Groups		3,000.00		3,000.00
42,542.09		2,205.51	33,477.33	1,310.00	36,992.84
	Premises				
462.43	Rates/Heat/Light/Water	544.48			544.48
697.44	Maintenance	239.70			239.70
1,167.82	Insurance	1,249.66			1,249.66
25.00	Ground Rent	25.00			25.00
148.32	MPLC Licences	152.77			152.77
3,454.51	Repairs & renewals		792.00		792.00
175.14	Cleaning	85.00			85.00
6,130.66		2,296.61	792.00	0.00	3,088.61
	Administration				
225.19	AGM , Leader & Trustee Expenses	434.59		0.00	434.59
225.19		434.59	0.00	0.00	434.59
	Sub-Total	434.59	0.00	0.00	434.59
	Fund Raising Expenses				
14,930.62	Scout Shop Cost of Goods Sold		13,973.93		13,973.93
883.99	Administration		1,149.85		1,149.85
15,814.61		0.00	15,123.78	0.00	15,123.78
64,712.55	Total Gross Expenditure	4,936.71	49,393.11	1,310.00	55,639.82
64,712.55	Asset & Investment purchases	4,936.71	49,393.11	1,310.00	55,639.82
	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok
(6,332.30)	Net of receipts/(Payments)	266.48	(3,464.50)	1,378.02	(1,820.00)
	Transfers between Funds				
0.00	Cash Funds last Year	1,260.05	57,870.88	14,176.45	73,307.38
79,640					0.00
0.00	Cash Funds this year end	1,526.53	54,406.38	15,554.47	71,487.38
73,307.38		Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok

WARE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

TOTAL		General	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL
Ok					
ASSET DISTRIBUTION					
as at 31st December 2015					
BANK BALANCES					0.00
0.00	General Funds	(3,469.16)			(3,469.16)
(2,847.33)	Beaver Scouts	nil			0.00
0.00	Scout Section	nil			0.00
0.00	Scout Network	nil			0.00
55.28	Climbing Ropes Reserve		(2.34)		(2.34)
4,510.38	Building Fund		3,718.38		3,718.38
443.11	Expedition Reserve		443.11		443.11
720.54	Explorer Section		720.54		720.54
500.00	District Camp Fund		500.00		500.00
975.97	Ware Centenary		975.97		975.97
2,105.50	Training Fund			2,527.10	2,527.10
200.00	Lutyens Fund			200.00	200.00
(1,565.86)	Jamboree Fund			(706.10)	(706.10)
5,097.59	Barclays Bank General Account	(3,469.16)	6,355.66	2,021.00	4,907.50
720.55	Barclays Bank Beaver Scouts		1,331.23		1,331.23
514.30	Barclays Bank Cub Scouts		70.26		70.26
1,272.64	Barclays Scout Section		1,223.85		1,223.85
104.57	Barclays Y/L Explorer Scouts		78.81		78.81
680.44	Barclays Scout Network		1,484.71		1,484.71
0.00	Barclays Expedition Account		0.00		0.00
8,390.09	Barclays Bank Total	(3,469.16)	10,544.52	2,021.00	9,096.36
	Royal Bank of Scotland (Cubs)				0.00
7,828.73	Nat West Lygean Explorers		3,672.57		3,672.57
1,057.87	Nat West Lygean Explorers Deposit		1,058.29		1,058.29
1,181.88	Nat West Armynage Explorers		1,072.97		1,072.97
1,661.30	Scout Shop		2,723.98		2,723.98
20,119.87	Sub-Total	(3,469.16)	19,072.33	2,021.00	17,624.17
NATIONAL SAVINGS					
1,982.20	General Funds	1,995.69			1,995.69
3,216.53	Expedition		3,238.42		3,238.42
5,931.40	Lygean Reserve			5,971.77	5,971.77
25,263.29	Building Fund		25,435.24		25,435.24
7,505.41	Jamboree Fund			7,561.70	7,561.70
43,898.83	Sub-Total	1,995.69	28,673.66	13,533.47	44,202.82
0.00 CASH BALANCES					0.00
319.63	Beaver Section		0.00		0.00
20.36	Cub Section		0.92		0.92
6.95	Scouts		2.95		2.95
284.69	Scout Shop		135.15		135.15
631.63		0.00	139.02	0.00	139.02
STOCK					
7,907.82	Scout Shop Stock		8,695.40		8,695.40
7,907.82	Stock	0.00	8,695.40	0.00	8,695.40
0.00 DEBTORS					0.00
2,125.18	General Fund	3,000.00			3,000.00
0.00	Scout Section		0.00		0.00
0.00	Expedition		104.43		104.43
0.00	Lygean Explorer Unit		0.00		0.00
1,264.23	Scout Shop due from Groups		1,489.07		1,489.07
3,389.41		3,000.00	1,593.50	0.00	4,593.50
CREDITORS					
0.00	Expedition		0.00		0.00
(220.00)	Lygean		(220.00)		(220.00)
(2,420.18)	Scout Shop		(3,547.53)		(3,547.53)
(2,640.18)		0.00	(3,767.53)	0.00	(3,767.53)
73,307.38	TOTAL ASSETS	1,526.53	54,406.38	15,554.47	71,487.38
Ok		Ok	Ok	Ok	(0.00)

WARE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

TOTAL		General	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL
		FUND BALANCES			
		as at 31st December 2015			
1,260.05	General	1,526.53			1,526.53
	Designated Funds				
1,040.18	Beaver Scouts		1,331.23		1,331.23
534.66	Cub Section		71.18		71.18
1,279.59	Scout Section		1,226.80		1,226.80
8,666.60	Lygean Explorer Scouts		4,510.86		4,510.86
1,181.88	Armynage Explorer Scouts		1,072.97		1,072.97
104.57	Young Leader Explorer Scouts		78.81		78.81
680.44	Scout Network		1,484.71		1,484.71
55.28	Climbing Ropes Reserve		(2.34)		(2.34)
29,773.67	Building Fund		29,153.62		29,153.62
3,659.64	Lochearnhead Expedition Reserve		3,681.53		3,681.53
0.00	District Expedition				0.00
720.54	Explorer Section		720.54		720.54
500.00	District Camp Fund		500.00		500.00
975.97	Ware Centenary		975.97		975.97
8,697.86	Scout Shop		9,600.50		9,600.50
57,870.88		(7,437.81)	0.00	0.00	54,406.38
	Restricted Funds				0.00
2,105.50	Training Fund			2,527.10	2,527.10
200.00	Lutyens Fund			200.00	200.00
5,931.40	Lygean VSU Fund			5,971.77	5,971.77
5,939.55	Jamboree Fund			6,855.60	6,855.60
14,176.45			0.00	15,554.47	15,554.47
73,307.38	TOTAL	1,526.53	54,406.38	15,554.47	71,487.38
73,307.38	Assets Balances	1,526.53	54,406.38	15,554.47	71,487.38
Ok		Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok

Chairman	10-Jun-16	<i>Martin Vaughan</i>
Treasurer	10-Jun-16	<i>Colin McIntyre</i>
Independent Examiner	10-Jun-16	<i>Geoff Addy</i>