



Scouts

Greater Manchester West



Greater Manchester West County Scout Council Annual Report 2018

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Welcome by County Chair

Michael Rollinson - County Chair



I am pleased to present to you the 2018 Annual Review and Report for Greater Manchester West Scout County.

Over the past year there has been a huge amount of hard work, effort and time given and it is always a pleasure to read the review of activities and reflect on all we have achieved. A special congratulations is given to the young people who have achieved top awards in their sections.

As a leadership team, we have been taking time to reflect on the achievements of the 2014-2018 National Strategy and create a plan which is synergised with the National Strategy 2018-2023 'preparing better futures, delivering skills for life'. Added to this, we have experimented with executive sub-committees; to help support our members better and in the coming year I hope that this will be further developed to ensure that we can support the adventures that our young people want.

I offer mine and the executive committee's thanks to the chairs and members of those sub-committees for the work you have accomplished this year.

I would like to record thanks to the Executive Committee for all your support and help both inside and outside of meetings. It has been a privilege to support the County Commissioner this year in helping him, his deputies and the team to continue to progress the County. Within Greater Manchester West we have such committed and valued volunteers who often sacrifice so much, especially family time, to ensure that our young people have a fantastic experience with action packed and adventurous programmes that build skills for life; Thank You!

I would like to record a special thanks to the campsite staff and management committees' at all three sites, having been to your meetings; I know and understand the frustrations that come with running the sites. I am sure that each and every one of us can recall our experiences of camps and activities and that leader that made all the difference.

I offer my sincere thanks to every leader across Greater Manchester West for all that they do.

Lastly, I would like to wish you well for the year ahead and hope that with your continued support, commitment and enthusiasm, Scouting in Greater Manchester West will continue to go from strength to strength.



County Team Members

County President
Vice Presidents

Lord Lieutenant Mr Warren Smith KStJ JP DLitt LLD
Dr Geoff Sides Ph.D FICE
Mrs Vera Crossley JP
Colonel Sir John Timmins KCVO, OBE, TD KStJ,DL,DSc,LLD
Mr Michael Oglesby CBE, DL, LLD, DSC

Regional Commissioner
County Commissioner
Deputy County Commissioner

Mr Andrew Corrie
Mr Andy Farrell
Mr Greg Archer (Operations)
Mr Andy Connellan (Programme)
Mrs Daniele Wiseman (Development)

County Youth Commissioner
Deputy Youth Commissioner

Mr Lewis Foster
Mr Matt Dawson
Mr Will Taylor
Miss Amelie Wiseman

Assistant Youth Commissioner

Mr James Turner
Mr Troy Wood

County Chairman
County Secretary
County Treasurer
County Appointments Secretary
Assistant County Appointments Sec
County Appts Advisory Committee

Mr Michael Rollinson
Mrs Heather Lomas
Mr Roger Kettle
Mrs Lindsay Pollard
Mrs Jacqui Aspinall MBE
Mr Graham Barrick (Chairman)
Mr Peter Marsh
Mr Alistair Holmes
Mr Greg Archer
Mr Lewis Foster
Mr Simon Field
Miss Penny Rothwell
Mr Andy Atherall
Miss Gemma Higson
Mrs Sue Ralph
Mr John McAtominey
Mrs Ruth Potts
Miss Dellamarie Jackson
Mr Peter Hodson
Mr Alan Bennett

County Training Manager
County Administrator
National Growth & Dev Manager
Area Growth & Dev Manager
Senior Growth & Dev Manager (Nth)
Growth & Development Officers

Assistant County Commissioners

Beaver Scouts
Cub Scouts
Scouts
Explorer Scouts
Scout Network
International
Activities

Mr Jacob Bond
Miss Siobhan Mullen
Mr Bob Wilson
Mr David Kerrs
Mr Chris Hansford
Mr Jeff Picton
Mr Steve Ralph MBE

County Team Members (continued)

Managers / Advisors

Communications Manager
Newsletter Editor
Duke of Edinburgh Adviser

Bands Adviser
Queen's Scout Award Coordinator
Safeguarding Awareness Coordinator

Safety Coordinator

Gang Show Advisor

Mr David Simpson
Mrs Michele Millington
Mrs Debbie Pullen
Mr Phil Bainbridge
Mr Jim Field
Mr Chris Hansford
Mrs Nikki Parr
Mr Greg Archer
Mr Stephen Morrell
Mr Alex Waddington
Mr Stuart Johnson
Miss Sarah Goodstadt

County Assessors

Climbing

Hill Walking

Kayaking

Mr Neil Gregory
Mr Andrew Bradley
Mr Dave Keogh
Mr Roger Smith
Mr Keith Lang
Mr Steve Ralph MBE
Mr Paul Mullineux

District Commissioners

Altrincham
Ellesmere
Lilford
Lowry
Sale
Stretford
Urmston
Wigan

Mr Chris Upton
Miss Susan Leonard
Mr Steve Ralph MBE
Mrs Elizabeth Samson
Mr Andy Atherall
Mr Matt Osborne (Acting)
Mr Chris Knowles
Mr Paul Green

Local Training Managers

Altrincham
Ellesmere
Lilford

Lowry
Sale
Stretford
Urmston
Wigan

Mr Anthony Roberts
Miss Georgina Dale
Mrs Jane Riley
Miss Gemma Higson
Mr Justin McDonnell
Mrs Christine Gleaves
To be advised
Mrs Sarah Gilpin
Mrs Christine Thompson



County Silver Wolf Holders



Mrs Jacqui Aspinall MBE
Mr John Bilsborough
Mrs Pamela Copeland
Mrs Sylvia Cornish
Mrs Vera Crossley
Mr Hugh Davies
Mr Derek Freeman
Mrs Christine Gleaves
Mr Peter Hart
Mrs Pat Haynes
Mr Bob Haynes
Mrs Eileen Johnson
Mr Keith Lang
Mr David Maltby
Mr Brian Mouat
Mrs Ann Salt
Mr George Sharp
Dr Geoff Sides
Mrs Judith Summersgill
Mr Jack Swinchatt
Mr Alex Waddington
Mr John Webb
Mr Haydn Worrall



Minutes of 2017 A.G.M.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Greater Manchester West County Scout Council held on Tuesday 26th September 2017 at Leigh Masonic Hall, Ellesmere Street, Leigh, Lancashire. WN7 4LQ

Present:

Mr Warren Smith JP, Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, County President
Mr Andrew Farrell, County Commissioner
Mr Gerard Davies, County Chairman
Mr Derek Batchen, County Secretary
Mr Roger Kettle, County Treasurer
Mr Lewis Foster, Youth Commissioner
Mr Matt Dawson, Deputy Youth Commissioner
Mr James Turner, Deputy Youth Commissioner
Mrs Edith Smith, President Girlguiding Lancashire South
Mr Chris Varley, F.C.A. Cedar Solutions (Management) Ltd – Account Examiners
Mrs Heather Lomas, County Appointments Secretary
Mr Graham Barrick, County Appointments Chairman
Mr David Copeland, County Executive, District Chairman Lilford
Mrs Iris Emery, County Executive, District Secretary Altrincham
Mrs Jane Ford, County Executive
Mr Tom Drinkwater, County Executive
Mr Bob Spoons, County Executive and St. George's Day Award Holder
Miss Karen Salisbury, County Training Manager
Mr Andrew Connellan, Deputy County Commissioner - Programme
Mr Greg Archer, Deputy County Commissioner – Operations
Mrs Daniele Wiseman, Deputy County Commissioner – Development
Mr Michael Rollinson, Queen Scout Co-ordinator, County Executive
Mr Jeff Picton, Assistant County Commissioner International
Mr Steve Ralph MBE, Ass County Commissioner Activities, District Commissioner Lilford
Miss Siobhan Mullen, Assistant County Commissioner Cubs
Mr Bob Wilson, Assistant County Commissioner Scouts
Mr David Kerrs, Assistant County Commissioner Explorer Scouts
Mr Haydn Worrall, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Pat Haynes, Secretary Dunham Park, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Bob Haynes, Chairman Dunham Park, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Eileen Johnson, Ellesmere District, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Pamela Copeland, District Secretary Lilford, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Keith Lang, County Hill Walking Assessor, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Alex Waddington, County Safety Co-ordinator, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Judith Summersgill, Sale District, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Ann Salt, Lowry District Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Sarah Goodstadt, County Advisor (Stage and Performance)
Miss Sue Leonard, District Commissioner Ellesmere
Mrs Elizabeth Samson, District Commissioner Lowry
Mr Chris Knowles, District Commissioner Urmston
Mr Andrew Atherall, District Chairman Sale
Mr Phil Rigby, District Chairman Ellesmere
Miss Rachel Picton, District Secretary Wigan

Minutes of 2017 A.G.M. (continued)

Miss Amy Atherall, District Secretary Sale
Mrs Deborah Forrest, District Secretary Ellesmere
Mrs Sue Irlam, St. George's Day Award Holder
Mr Simon Gould, Altrincham District, St. George's Day Award Holder
Mrs Carole Knowles, Urmston District, St. George's Day Award Holder
Mr Anthony Roberts, Local Training Manager Altrincham, St. George's Day Award Holder
Mr David Hughes, Campsite Manager Dunham Park, St. George's Day Award Holder
Mrs Lesley Roberts, Lilford District, St. George's Day Award Holder
Mrs Tina Winterbottom, Urmston District, St. George's Day Award Holder
Mrs Freda Clarke, Altrincham District, County Scout Council member
Mrs Margaret Davies, Wigan District, County Scout Council member
Mr John Paul Yates, County Training Advisor
Mr Chris Starkie, County Nights Away Advisor
Miss Gemma Higson, Local Training Manager Lilford
Mrs Christine Gleaves, Local Training Manager Sale
Mrs Sue Ralph (County Administrator – Minutes) and 22 leaders, lay members and friends signed the attendance register.

Apologies

Mayors of Wigan, Salford, and Trafford
Mrs Vera Crossley, County Vice President, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Andrew Corrie, Regional Commissioner
Mr Phil Horton, GME
Mrs Nicola Horsfield CC Girlguiding Manchester
Mrs Rachel Starkie CC Girlguiding Lancashire South
Mrs Ann Healey CC Girlguiding GMW
Mr Ross Radclyffe, Land Agent Peel Land and Property
Mr Stephen Morrell, DCC Adult Support
Mr Jacob Bond, ACC Beaver Scouts
Mr Chris Hayes, Campsite Manager BHSE
Mr Martin Shaw, Campsite Manager BHSE
Mrs Joan Hayton, District Appointment Secretary Wigan
Mr Alan Hayton, Assistant Camp Warden BHSE
Mrs Debbie Pullen Duke of Edinburgh Adviser
Mr Hugh Davies, District Chairman Altrincham Mr Jonathan Platt, Urmston
Mrs Janet Pearce Urmston
Mr Tony Pickering Urmston
Mrs Joan Smith Wigan
Mr Andrew McDonnell, Dunham Park
Mrs Christine Thompson, LTM Wigan
Mr John Bilsborough, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Eric Dun, St. George's Day Award Holder
Mrs Karen Mathieson, St. George's Day Award Holder
Mr Matt Osborne, Deputy DC Stretford
Mrs Sylvia Cornish, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr David Harvey, Assistant Land Agent Peel Land and Property
Mrs Jean Archer, Scout Active Support

Minutes of 2017 A.G.M. (continued)

Mr Ross Hague-Knowles, Urmston
Mrs Sarah Gilpin, LTM Urmston
Mr John Gilpin, LTA Urmston
Mr Paul Green, DC Wigan
Mr Alistair Holmes, DC Sale
Mr Mike Harding, District Treasurer Sale
Mr Bob Cole, District Appointment Secretary Sale
Mr Richard Gould, District Youth Commissioner Altrincham
Mrs Jacqui Aspinall MBE, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Steve Holloway, CC GME
Mr George Sharp, Altrincham District, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Gilbert Wilkinson Lilford, St. George's Day Award Holder
Mr Stewart Thompson, Wigan.

- 01/17** Safety Notice - Alex Waddington, County Safety Co-ordinator.
- 02/17** Opening thought read by Explorer Scout James Turner, Spartan Explorer Scout Unit.
- 03/17** Lord Lieutenant Mr Warren Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.
A moments silence was then held for members who had passed away, including Brian Wilding, Bernard Pennington, Steve Hayes, Chris Maxted and Bert Thomas.
- 04/17** Apologies for absence were read by the County Secretary Derek Batchen – as listed
- 05/17** Approval to accept the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 27 September 2016 as previously circulated.
- The County President proposed acceptance of the minutes of last year's AGM.
Seconded by Heather Lomas. All in favour.
- 06/17** The County Commissioner's appointment of the County Chairman.
County Commissioner Andy Farrell nominated Michael Rollinson as County Chairman.
He acknowledged all the work Ged Davies had done as County Chairman and hoped Ged would enjoy his new role as District Chairman of Wigan.
- 07/17** Presentation of the Annual Report
Ged then presented the Annual Report, thanking Phil Peacock for producing it and bringing it together. Taking on the usual format including financial reports, sections and campsites etc. A report to be proud of, belonging to everyone in GMW, the districts, groups, leaders, assistants, parents and everyone involved. Ged hoped everyone would take time to read it, share it, and be proud of it.
- 08/17** Presentation of the Examined Accounts by the County Treasurer, Roger Kettle.
Roger explained that copies of the accounts had been circulated and explained briefly about the accounts held with CAF Bank. The HSBC accounts were closed in April/May 2016 so will not show in next year's accounts.

Minutes of 2017 A.G.M. (continued)

The Scout Trust Investment Service (STIS) had recently advised it is changing its name and operating conditions and these changes would be looked at. Bispham Hall Scout Estate has a separate Charity Number and anyone wanting copies of their accounts can contact BHSE management committee.

Further to the opening of an international account, these have been shown as restricted funds because this is only a holding/handling account for those going on expeditions. Five expeditions are anticipated to run over the next two years and these figures would affect any grants that may be applied for.

Middlewood has transferred the majority of its money to County and the rest will be forwarded when finalised.

Roger thanked both Ged and Derek for all the support they had given to him in past years. Roger asked if anyone had any questions – none raised.

09/17 Proposal by David Copeland to approve the Annual Report and adopt the Examined Accounts.

10/17 Seconded by Sue Leonard. All in favour.

11/17 Announcement of the County Levy
The County Commissioner then explained there were three proposals

- To increase the County Levy from £7.80 to £9.00
- The International Levy be absorbed into the County Levy and the £9 be allocated into a central pot for expenditure at the approval of the Executive
- Increase to the County Levy of 25 pence per annum.

These proposals had been put before a meeting of the County Scout Council on Tuesday 26th July 2017 after circulation to members of the County Scout Council, District Commissioners and Executive members. The proposals were voted on at this meeting but the quorum was not met. It was therefore decided to take the vote to the AGM.

After explanation of the reasons for the proposals all three were voted on individually. For each proposal the show of hands in favour met the required quorum. No-one against. No abstentions.

12/17 Election of the County Secretary.
The County Commissioner proposed Heather Lomas as County Secretary. Thanks were given to Derek for all the work he has done as County Secretary. Pleased that Derek was continuing to work alongside the Campsite Management Team at Hollinwood concentrating on the legalities of the Hollinwood Site.
Seconded by Iris Emery. All in favour.

Minutes of 2017 A.G.M. (continued)

13/17 Election of the County Treasurer

The County Commissioner proposed Roger Kettle as the County Treasurer. This was a tough role and admirable that he takes the role on considering the amount of work involved.

Seconded by Karen Salisbury. All in favour.

14/17 Announcement by the County Secretary, Derek Batchen, of elected members to the County Executive Committee (now representatives from the Metro's rather than Districts). As follows:-

Salford Metro – Mr Paul Brighthouse

Trafford Metro – Mr Andrew Atherall and Mr Nick Anderson

Wigan Metro – Mr Stewart Thompson

15/17 The County Commissioners then announced his nominations to the County Executive Committee, as follows:-

Mrs Iris Emery, Mr David Copeland, Miss Rachel Picton, Miss Georgi Dale

16/17 Announcement by the County Secretary
'Each District Scout Council elect one Group Scouter to the County Scout Council' as notified to the County Secretary, as follows:-

Altrincham	Mrs Freda Clarke
Ellesmere	Mr Tom Drinkwater
Lilford	Miss Gemma Higson
Lowry	Mrs Gail Smith
Sale	Mr Mike Harding
Stretford	To be advised*
Urmston	Mrs Tina Winterbottom
Wigan	Mrs Margaret Davies

*[*indicates change from last year]*

17/17 Appointment to the Committee of the Association

The County Commissioner proposed his representative for adult and youth member - Lewis Foster.

Seconded by Greg Archer. All in favour.

18/17 Appointment of the Account Examiners

The County Treasurer proposed to continue with Chris Varley of Cedar Solutions. Seconded by Graham Barrick. All in favour

Minutes of 2017 A.G.M. (continued)

- 19/17** Presentation of Awards/Member recognition to the following:-
Graham Barrick, presented with Bar to the Silver Acorn

Woodbadges to:-

Phil Rigby – District Chairman Ellesmere
Elizabeth Samson – District Commissioner Lowry
David Hughes - County Active Support Manager
Danielle Wiseman - Assistant County Commissioner for Scouts
Siobhan Mullen – Assistant County Commissioner for Cub Scouts
Greg Archer – Deputy County Commissioner (Operations)
Matt Dawson – Deputy Youth Commissioner

Service Awards to:-

Heather Lomas 15 years' service
Derek Batchen 30 years' service
Chris Knowles 40 years' service
Pat Haynes 60 years' service

Haydn Worrall then presented Alex Waddington with the Silver Wolf for the most exceptional service. Congratulations were given to Alex.

The CC formally thanked and acknowledged Ged Davies and Derek Batchen presenting them with a gift. He thanked Bob Spoors and Tom Drinkwater for their work on the executive committee; Margaret Davies for her support to the Executive Committee; Phil Peacock for the production of the Annual report and Sue Ralph for her work in County Office.

- 20/17** Ged Davies thanked everyone for attending. Congratulating the Award holders in particular Alex Waddington for achieving the highest award in Scouting. He thanked Lilford District for hosting the AGM and all those who supported him during his time as County Chairman especially those who served on the County Executive.
- 21/17** The Lord Lieutenant reiterated Ged's comments. Thanking and congratulating each and every one for the remarkable work being done and for helping the young people to become good citizens. On a personal note thanking Ged for his work as Chairman and Derek for his work as County Secretary, wishing them well in their new roles.

The meeting was then formally closed.

There followed a presentation by Steve Ralph - Philmont 2019.



GREATER MANCHESTER WEST COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Report & Accounts for the year ended 31-Mar-18

PRESIDENT Lord Lieutenant Mr Warren Smith JP

VICE PRESIDENTS Mrs Vera Crossley, JP
Mr Michael Oglesby DL, LLD, DSC
Dr Geoffrey Sides, PhD, FICE
Colonel Sir John Timmins, KCVO, OBE, TD

TRUSTEES: *Ex-Officio* Mr Andrew Farrell
Mr Michael Rollinson
Mrs Heather Lomas
Mr Roger Kettle
Mr Lewis Foster

County Commissioner
County Chairman
County Secretary
County Treasurer
Youth Commissioner

Elected Mr Andrew Atherall (Trafford) from April
Mr Paul Brighthouse (Salford)
Mr Nicolas Anderson (Trafford)
Mr Stewart Thompson (Wigan)

Nominated Mrs Iris Emery
Miss Rachel Picton
Mr David Copeland
Miss Georgina Dale (resigned April 2018)

BANKERS CAF Bank Ltd
25 Kings Hill Avenue
Kings Hill, West Malling
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EXAMINERS Chris Varley, F.C.A.
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MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

A separate report, detailing major Scouting activities and achievements this year, is associated.

Adult training has now been incorporated into 3 weekends a year, where training for all modules is available during these weekends. Following the increase in capitation at last year's AGM, this included free training on these weekends, the only training that the County will charge for now will be Safeguarding & First Response.

International

We now have an international account at CAF Bank, which is being used to receive individual's payments for International Expeditions, and to make payments related to those expeditions. These funds now show under restricted funds as GMW is only acting as an agent. This account is or has been used by Roverway, Malawi, Climb Morocco, Jamboree and Philmont 2019.

STIS (Short Term Investment Service) During the last year we have closed the 2 accounts that we had through the Scout Association. They relaunched the account, but clearly indicated that the STIS would not be covered by the FSA (bank guarantee). We have opened a 60 Day account through CAF Bank called Shawbrook Bank. This means our funds are safe.

The renewal/replacement and acquisition plan for our assets continued, in line with our authorised budget.

The assessed contingency remains at £17,178 in conjunction with our budget setting procedures.

The allocation of our general funds is again shown in our account as noted on page 3.

At the end of the year income reserves amounted to £258,089

GENERAL COMMENT

The Trustees' policy on reserves is to hold funds against specific purposes only. General funds shown on the closing balance are therefore all allocated to designated funds, as shown on page 3.

Such funds to enable the administration of the County and management of the campsites to be carried out in accordance with minimum standards and local initiatives, to provide support for adult training & development and the management of Scouting activities, to develop Scouting within the County and to allocate an agreed level of financial grants towards the furtherance of Scouting within the County.

The Trustees' policy on interest received from invested funds is to retain such income to preserve the value of the investments.

The Trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the County is exposed. They have reviewed these and established systems to mitigate them.

The objects of the County are as detailed within the Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules.

The County is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scout Counties.

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

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis in line with the Scout Association's rules as amended by the Committee of Council in January 2005.

NEXT YEAR

In the following 12 months there will be a continued drive to increase our membership, maintain and improve the quality of the progressive training programme and to keep valued records in accordance with the Counties development plan.

Similar to this year, we will celebrate the achievements of our members and to enable those awards to be recognised and appreciated by family members and the wider community.

Approved by the trustees on 16-Jul-18 and signed on their behalf by

County Chairman  Michael Rollinson

County Treasurer  Roger Kettle

Accounts (continued)

Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended

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	2017 - 18			2016 - 17
	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £
Total receipts for the year (see page 4)	194,762	131,685	-	326,447
Total payments for the year (see page 5)	174,924	69,707	-	244,631
Net receipts (payments) for the year	19,838	61,978	-	81,816
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	173,412	2,861	-	176,273
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	193,250	64,839	-	258,089

NOTE

General Funds, shown on the closing balance, are allocated to the following designated funds:-

Name	Purpose	2017 - 18 Total Funds £	2016 - 17 Total Funds £
ADMINISTRATION			
Contingency (& In hand)	Amount to be held against identified and assessed financial risks within the Administration funds (plus amounts C/F in Cty Office (cash), in Network, and International accounts.)	17,178	17,178
Special Grants	Incorporating former Coffey/CC/Handicap funds and including enhanced use.	7,615	7,615
Activities	To be supplemented by 'trading' surpluses (and any advance payments for next year) from County activities/events or devalued due to losses (and any costs against previous year) from County activities/events. The fund total shown for last year includes funds held over for general activities/events.	4,000	4,000
International Fund (inc Jamboree)	To be used to support participation in major international events.	-	2,875
Restricted International Fund	To hold and control funds on behalf of participants for specific International events.	64,839	2,861
Middlewood Reserve	Set aside against potential that should we need to vacate Middlewood Camp Site, the fund would support any consequential costs. These funds will be merged into Hollinwood accounts during next financial year.	8,716	8,716
Projects Loan	Available to support any development projects within the County. Value set at balance remaining within Administration funds once allocation to above funds made. (ie the remainder of Administration General Funds)	32,652	32,652
Office & Training		96,657	49,952
		231,657	125,849
CAMP SITES			
Middlewood Trading	Value as shown on the individual trading balance for use to support the operation at Middlewood Camp Site	-	32,613
Dunham Trading	Value as shown on the individual trading balance for use to support the operation at Dunham Park Camp Site	26,432	17,811
		26,432	50,424
		258,089	176,273

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees

on 16-Jul-18 and signed on their behalf by the County Chairman and the County Treasurer.

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Receipts for the year ended 31-Mar-18

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	2017 - 18				2016 - 17	
	General Funds				TOTAL ALL FUNDS	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
	Administration £	Dunham Park Camp Site £	Middlewood Camp Site £	Total General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	£
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS						
Gross Receipts	171,231	-	-	171,231	-	165,870
Less Paid to H.Q.	131,716	-	-	131,716	-	129,526
Net Receipts to County	39,515	-	-	39,515	-	36,345
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED						
Bank interest	57	10	-	67	-	82
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association S.T.I.S.	535	-	-	535	-	613
Other dividends and interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
	592	10	-	602	-	695
DONATIONS/GRANTS						
Miscellaneous donations	250	-	-	250	-	319
Claimed Expenses subsequently donated	-	-	-	-	-	-
Awards for All Grant (Dunham Dev't Activities)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Patrons Scheme Development	3,050	-	-	3,050	-	-
Sundry Income	1,299	555	-	1,854	-	-
Network Fund Grant (Dunham Dev't - Harrop)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Donations - Holinwood	38,765	2,094	(32,740)	8,119	-	313
	43,364	2,649	(32,740)	13,273	-	633
ACTIVITIES						
Services & Sales	-	-	-	-	-	-
Major Events (County Camporee)	-	-	-	-	-	-
International	-	-	-	-	131,685	11,978
Other County Events/Activity	14,101	-	-	14,101	-	58,132
Camping/Activity Fees	-	20,796	-	20,796	-	52,434
Bee Badges	80,213	-	-	80,213	-	-
Visitor Fees	-	2,422	-	2,422	-	-
Lodge/Building Hire	-	13,735	-	13,735	-	-
Advance Fees Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment Hire/Permits	-	-	-	-	-	-
	94,314	36,953	-	131,267	131,685	122,544
TRAINING COURSE FEES	-	-	-	-	-	5,778
FUND RAISING (gross)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER INCOME						
Income tax recovered -						
on subscriptions and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
on dividends and interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUNDRY RECEIPTS						
Loans received	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone Coin Box	-	-	-	-	-	-
Providore Sales	-	8,845	-	8,845	-	3,415
Misc other receipts	1,133	-	-	1,133	-	650
	1,133	8,845	127	10,105	-	4,065
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	178,918	48,457	(32,613)	194,762	131,685	170,059

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Payments for the year ended 31-Mar-18

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	2017 - 18					2016 - 17
	General Funds					
	Administration £	Dunham Park Camp Site £	Middlewood Camp Site £	Total General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL ALL FUNDS £
RUNNING COSTS						
Rent / Rates	3,494	1,170		4,664	-	4,664
Water Charges		705		705	-	705
Electricity		1,330		1,330	-	1,330
Other fuel costs		1,433		1,433	-	1,433
Insurances	1,283	2,268		3,551	-	3,551
Telephone	329	306		635	-	635
Stamps/Stationery/Minor Purchases	384			384	-	384
Photocopier	70			70	-	70
I.T. Services	733			733	-	733
Security costs		2,017		2,017	-	2,017
Cleaning				-	-	-
Waste Disposal		2,342		2,342	-	2,342
T.V. Licence		148		148	-	148
Other miscellaneous	1,655	883		2,538	-	2,538
	7,947	12,602	-	20,549	-	20,549
STAFF & VOLUNTEER COSTS						
Staff costs	7,803	-	-	7,803	-	7,803
Expenses	3,252	-	-	3,252	-	3,252
Expenses - subsequently donated	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refreshments & Hospitality	-	817	-	817	-	817
	11,055	817	-	11,872	-	11,872
FEES & OTHER REGULAR COSTS						
Engraving	-	-	-	-	-	-
AGM/Meetings	1,339	-	-	1,339	-	1,339
Fees	65	-	-	65	-	65
	1,404	-	-	1,404	-	1,404
ASSET MANAGEMENT						
Renewals, Replacements & Repair	-	12,199	-	12,199	-	12,199
New	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	12,199	-	12,199	-	12,199
DONATIONS&GRANTS/DEVELOPMENT						
Donations & Grants paid out	943	-	-	943	-	943
Development initiatives	740	200	-	940	-	940
Dunham Development	-	1,197	-	1,197	-	1,197
Miscellaneous Toilet Block	-	-	-	-	-	-
Holnwood	6,465	-	-	6,465	-	6,465
	8,147	1,397	-	9,544	-	9,544
STOCK PURCHASES						
Badges/DofE books etc	1,782	-	-	1,782	-	1,782
Providence	-	8,019	-	8,019	-	8,019
	1,782	8,019	-	9,801	-	9,801
ACTIVITIES						
International	2,515	-	-	2,515	69,707	72,222
Other Events/Activity	18,073	1,754	-	19,827	-	19,827
Bee Badges	79,636	-	-	79,636	-	79,636
	100,223	1,754	-	101,977	69,707	171,684
TRAINING COSTS	6,097	-	-	6,097	-	6,097
SUNDRY PAYMENTS						
Misc	1,472	8	-	1,480	-	1,480
	1,472	8	-	1,480	-	1,480
FUND RAISING EXPENSES	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	138,128	36,796	-	174,924	69,707	244,631

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31-Mar-18

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	2017 - 18			2016 - 17
	Administration £	Dunham Park Camp Site £	Middlewood Camp Site £	Total Value £
ASSETS				
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, bank and similar funds				
Operating Account(s) (current & instant withdrawal savings a/cs)	1,000	27,731	-	28,731
Bank Premium/Deposit Account(s) (CAF Gold)	102,701	-	-	102,701
Shawbrook - 60 day account	60,000	-	-	60,000
International Account	64,839	-	-	64,839
The Scout Association S.T.I.S.	-	-	-	-
Cash in hand	76	1,742	-	1,818
	228,616	29,473	-	258,089
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
Tax Claim for Years Ending 31-Mar-18	600 a	-	-	600
Accounts receivable	-	1,121	-	1,121
Grant Allocation not yet received	-	-	-	-
Debts Due to County	-	-	-	-
	600	1,121	-	1,721
INVESTMENT ASSETS				
Other investments	-	-	-	-
NON-MONETARY ASSETS (for own use)				
Stocks	729	1,800	-	2,529
Equipment, furniture, etc	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-
	729	1,800	-	2,529
TOTAL ASSETS	229,946	32,394	-	262,340
LIABILITIES				
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
Accounts not yet paid	-	2,752	-	2,752
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced	-	-	-	-
Membership fees paid early	-	-	-	-
Deposits received in advance	-	3,210	-	3,210
	-	5,962	-	5,962
PAYABLE AFTER ONE YEAR				
Other long term liabilities	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	5,962	-	5,962
BALANCE OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES	229,946	26,432	-	256,378
CONTINGENCIES & FUTURE OBLIGATIONS				
Making good site on vacation - Middlewood	-	-	-	-
Admin contingency (assessed annually) & cash in hand	17,178	-	-	17,178
	17,178	-	-	17,178

NOTES

a Estimated amount for Gift Aid claim.

in 2017, the site lease for Hollinwood was under negotiation, to be re-assigned to support Hollinwood site development,

b when lease was signed.

Accounts (continued)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of GREATER MANCHESTER WEST COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

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We report on the accounts of the County for the year ended 31-Mar-18 which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

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 County'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

Our 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 County 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:

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.



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The Awards

Silver Wolf

In recognition of services to Scouting of the most exceptional nature. The Silver Wolf Award was introduced by Lord Baden-Powell and remains the Scout Association's highest award for service to Scouting. The Silver Wolf is the unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout and is only awarded 'for service of an exceptional nature'. It is not normally awarded until at least a Silver Acorn has been gained. In practice, this means that it is seldom awarded for less than 30 years' service, although this is not always the case.

Christine Dorothy Greaves

Sale District



Bar to the Silver Acorn

In recognition of further specially distinguished service, The Bar to the Silver Acorn can only be awarded after a Silver Acorn has been gained.

Derek William Batchen

Derek Brown

Keith Michael Chadbourne

Andrew Stephen Connellan

Grahame Bayfield Spencer Simmonds

Andrew Neil Spear

Alan Ronald Willmott

County

Altrincham District

Stretford District

County & Wigan District

Altrincham District

Urmston District

Stretford District



Silver Acorn

In recognition of specially distinguished service. The Silver Acorn was first introduced as a St George's Day Award in 1933 - It is not normally awarded until after at least the Award for Merit has been gained and is seldom awarded for less than 20 years' service.

Thomas Ford

Glenda Gould

Joan Howard

Graham Richard Jenkins

Christopher John Knowles

Stephen John Maddocks

John Magee

Eileen Magee

Dennis Matthews

Matthew Osborne

Brian John Thorpe

Urmston District

Altrincham District

Wigan District

Stretford District

Urmston District

Urmston District

Wigan District

Wigan District

Lowry District

Stretford District

Stretford District



Queen's Scouts Awards

Chris Hansford - Queen's Scout Co-Ordinator



The Queen's Scout Award is the top Award you can earn in Scouting as a young person and a truly great achievement.

Each year the young people demonstrate continuous hard work, pushing themselves to meet all the criteria necessary and in doing so are ably supported by many adults in the background, including leaders, parents, instructors etc.

Thank you to all those who support the young people in this way.

Congratulations to two members of Urmston District, namely Eleanor Hickman and James Boyd, who both achieved their Queen's Scout Award in May 2018 and although not in the report year 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018, many young people are in the process of working towards this Award.

I wish all those who are currently undertaking or thinking of commencing the Award the very best of luck.



County Commissioner

Andy Farrell - County Commissioner



In the last twelve months, the focus on preparing a coherent County Plan has meant our 2014 - 2018 Vision has become somewhat of a distant memory. It is only when reading the reports contained within this programme that we are reminded of just how much we have accomplished on every level from a relatively standing start in 2014. The reports are a testimony to how, collectively, we have more than achieved the four pillars of Youth Shaped, Inclusivity, Community and Growth identified in the National Strategy.

It is the hard work and determination of all our volunteers, which has brought us to where we are today. We continue to break new ground in creating a lasting legacy for future generations of young people. Some of our standout achievements include:

- 1st Buddha's Light Scout Group (UK first Buddhist group)
- 1st Springwood Scout Group (SEN school)
- Baltic States Explorer Belt
- Beavers 30th Carnival Camp
- Bee badge
- Bee in the City Art Trail
- Cardboard Canoe Competition

- Climb Morocco
- Corporate Patrons Scheme
- County Constitution
- Cub Mudder
- Cubs Centenary Bash
- Extended Leadership Team
- Hollinwood Scout Camp Lease
- ITV Coronation Strt Team GB Homecoming
- Lowry District
- Mad4Malawi
- Managers in Scouting Conference
- National Diversity Award Nomination
- National Honours
- Network Reboot
- Project Peru
- Summit17
- Survival Camp
- Training Module Restructure
- Track Car
- Visit from Steve Backshall and Helen Glover
- Wear their Necker
- Young Leader Unit Grants
- Youth Commissioner Appointments
- Youth Forum

The County is focussed on aligning to the National 2023 Vision. We have taken time to reflect and learn from our mistakes, restructure where necessary and we now have a solid readiness plan in place to ensure that our next four years are as successful as the last.

In the coming months, you will see significant changes to how we do Scouting in Greater Manchester West as we implement the #SkillsforLife curriculum.

This will impact every aspect of the County – from training, development and finance to programme and media. Communication will become a key focus and we will be providing more opportunities for adult volunteers and young people to be involved and have their say.

In closing, I would like to thank the District Commissioners for their continued support, both in their own Districts and collaborating as a peer group, to the Extended Leadership Team of Deputies for their drive, ambition and acceptance of continuous change, to the Executive Committee for their knowledge, understanding and rigour in the management of the County's policies and funds, and finally to you all.

It's been a rollercoaster of a year, but it is my firm belief that Greater Manchester West is the best it has ever been, and long may that continue.

Deputy County Commissioner (Operations)

Greg Archer - Deputy County Commissioner (Operations)



This year has been a very busy one; my role has seen several changes to both Adult Support and Operations. We have had changes in personnel and personally would like to thank Steve Morrell who looked after the Adult Support role and Karen Salisbury who looked after the County Training Manager role. They have worked tirelessly to give the County the foundations on which we can continue to build. I would also like to welcome Gemma Higson into the County Training Manager role and wish her every success.

We have this year re-structured the way in which we support our leaders. We now have specialist trainers/advisors in key areas: Safeguarding under the supervision of Nikki Parr who is in the process of developing the County Safeguarding Team and Mary Smith who is advising County on all matters concerning First Aid. We have had members of the training team attending courses to allow us to deliver Executive Committee training and Regional Management courses. Inclusivity courses have been run and we are looking at similar courses to offer our

leaders. However, we don't want to rest on our laurels and the team meet regularly to look at what more we can offer our leaders and looking to involve LTM's so we can make sure we are offering what the leaders want.

Further changes have seen Activities/MAPS move to Operations role so together with the Adult Support team allows joint meetings to look at where we need to offer leaders courses to gain the necessary skills and confidence to deliver the varied activities to the young people. One big role which Chris Starkie has taken on is the Manager of the Active Permit Scheme (MAPS). This is a role that has been dormant for several years and Chris is working with the team to bring the MAPS up to date and produce directory of all permit holders within the County.

With these changes I would like to thank the County Commissioner for the support he has given me whilst these changes were taking place and the continued support he has shown both me and the team.

Aside from the above I have been working with the CC

in developing the County's Vision up to and beyond 2018; supporting him where required in events throughout the County which has given me opportunities to see other counties and how they work. I truly believe we have a great County that is only going to get better in our approach to Vision 2023.

I look forward to continuing the great work the team have achieved, and look forward to the upcoming year and thank everyone who has supported me in my role.



Deputy County Commissioner (Development)

Daniele Wiseman - Deputy County Commissioner (Development)



This has been the first year in my Development role. It has been a year to reflect on how the County has delivered against the 2014-2018 National Strategy and align our thinking with the 2018-2023 National Strategy.

I have produced reports as slide decks which show how Greater Manchester West has delivered against the four pillars of Inclusivity, Youth Shaped, Community and Growth and show how our County strategy and plan for 2018-23 will deliver against those same pillars, focussing on People, Programme and Performance.

For Growth and Development, participation in the Regional Development Panel meetings enables me to benchmark our activities against other counties and leveraging the support provided by the region we have embarked on the first Four Acres Trust project building consensus about how to go about providing the young people with special needs at Springwood, the group established under the oversight of Paul Brighthouse, with the same experience when they move up to Oakwood and Chatsworth secondary schools (in a different District).

The ground work is done but this project is yet to get off the ground due to funding and resourcing challenges at the school.

1st Buddha's Light Scout Group has been of national interest attracting Scouting magazine and widespread press coverage for being the first Buddhist Group in the UK. They have thrown themselves into the life of the District and the County with leader Mun Kit Choy keen to involve his group in every aspect of Scouting. Other groups in the district are already benefiting from the opportunity to learn more about the Buddhist faith and the Fo Guang Shan temple.

I have initiated conversations with all District Commissioners to get their personal insight into Growth in their districts. Using the census data is key but the District Commissioners can provide important information about district specific challenges e.g. where leaders are doing multiple roles.

Media and Comms is now part of my team and with the recruitment of David Simpson as Media Development Manager and Michele Millington as Editor of our online newsletter,

I have the opportunity to delegate some of that responsibility.

The website is due a rethink and, as a Communications Team, we feel it should become a central repository for all the information that volunteers and members of the public might need. We will do some requirements gathering in the year ahead.

A big part of my role this year has been the launch of the Corporate Patrons Scheme. This scheme has required some bedding in so no new Patrons have been introduced but our existing Patrons have embraced the relationship we have established particularly our Gold Patron, Bathroom Takeaway who have made us one of their three charity partners, provided new toilets at Bispham House, supported the Cardboard Canoe Competition with the

Deputy County Commissioner (Development)

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Daniele Wiseman - Deputy County Commissioner (Development)



Bubble Bus, free drinks and a couple of baths, along with swimmers (I say, swimmers, 'cos thy didn't stay long in the baths!) This in addition to their support for the 2nd Urmston Track Car. Funding raised through Patrons is being spent on initiating the work on the pond at Bispham Hall Scout Estate in order to bring water activities back and providing Go-Karts and Track for Hollinwood. The planned Patrons Breakfast in September is intended to attract new Patrons and give them the opportunity to network with our existing Patrons.

The only challenge for the Corporate Patrons Scheme is the effort required to sustain it and the commitments made to providing them with opportunities to 'Be a Scout for a Day' during a working week – as always, our volunteers never let us down, but the Corporate Patrons Scheme will need to evolve as it grows.



Deputy County Commissioner (Programme)

Andy Connellan



Another busy year on the back of 2016-birthday celebrations. There was plenty of great activities for the young people. One of highlights for me included the Cardboard Canoe Race on a bright sunny day in Salford Quays.

Not only did we have lots of canoes, most of which spectacularly sunk, the general public from one of the local restaurants were cheering their support. There was a trophy for the best sinking as well as the one who got around the course.

Other stand out moments include the inaugural Beaver Cooking competition with lots of great food being cooked. I can't wait until we see the Beavers growing up to use their skills at the Cub Cooking competition.

The Cubs were themselves running a very muddy "Cub Mudder" course at Bispham Hall. The amount of mud seemed to heighten their fun!

We also had over 20 Scout and Explorer teams hiking around Rivington in the Hiking competition. Although the mist stopped the Scouts doing the whole course we still had one Explorer team complete it.

Regional Shelterbox Scavenger Hunt around Liverpool continues to be a success with more and more teams entering each year.

Please read the sectional reports for the details for all the fantastic activities for all the sections that have been run this year. I know that this just creeps into this year but very well done to the County Shooting team who came second in the National Shooting competition.

We had a great Celebration of Excellence Event held at Bispham Hall during the Summer. The sun was hot and the young people and their families together with the VIPs all enjoyed the event. The only downside was that we had to cancel the older sections meal due to the low numbers. However, this year we have changed this part back to an overnighter and I can report we have good numbers for this.

On the subject of high awards please use the County Programme team to support the getting of these top awards. The new Scout Association 18-23 strategy has an objective that 50% of young people achieve the top award by 2023. On the question of support, we ran an Inclusion support day which was very good and

extremely well attended.

We are looking at putting more on and broaden the scope to include sectional support days starting with the Beaver Scout section.

However, if you need help, support or information regarding any other aspect of the programme do not hesitate to contact any of the Programme team.

A very big thank you for time and commitment to the programme team, being Jacob Bond (Beavers), Siobhan Mullen (Cubs), Bob Wilson (Scouts), Dave Kerrs (Explorers), Chris Hansford (Network and QSA Co-ordinator), Jeff Picton (International) and Phil Bainbridge (DofE).

Bob and Phil are both new this year so I welcome them to the team.



Deputy County Commissioner (Programme)

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Andy Connellan



They all put on very active programmes, watch out for Chris's Network activities being planned. We also have had both Lewis Foster and James Turner giving their youth shaped input to the programme, so thanks to them.

The biggest thanks go to all the people in the districts and sections in the County running fantastic programmes for the young people. There are so many great activities going on it is hard to keep up!



County Training Report

Gemma Higson - County Training Manager (From 1st March 2018)



It has been a fantastic year for the Training Team and many new developments have taken place. There have been changes within the team structure, changes to residential and modular training delivery and changes implemented as required by HQ, all of which are helping us to make positive progress.

I officially took over as County Training Manager, under the direction of Greg Archer - DCC Operations, in March of this year. The whole team and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Karen Salisbury for her hard work and dedication during her time in the role of CTM. The team had been well supported under her management and we wish her every success in her roles moving forward.

We are now in a position where we have established teams to support training delivery in key areas. First Aid is looked after by Mary Smith from Wigan District and Safeguarding by Nikki Parr, who joins us from Merseyside. We also have JP Yates, Jane Riley and Karen Salisbury delivering Regional Training for Managers and Supporters within the three Greater Manchester Counties. The new structure for the team is working well, enabling

more members to access more courses and training opportunities.

Training opportunities have also been adapted based on the feedback we have received from course participants. February was the last Getting Going course (Modules 1 – 19 for Woodbadge) to run on a two-night basis and it has now been changed to one night. Participants can expect a very busy 2-day training event but with less down time - making the most of the weekend. This change has also enabled us to provide opportunities for County led First Aid and Safeguarding courses to run alongside modular training during the same weekend. The first Safeguarding course was run on the Friday evening of the last residential training course and was extremely well received and attended. Getting Away (Nights Away Permit training) has been re-developed under the leadership of Keith Morris to cover the requirements of module 38 as practically as possible.

We are also adding a new course, Getting Skilled, which will be run following requests from you. The course will aim to deliver any skills you wish to

learn or brush up on, from campfire songs to cooking to pioneering. Executive committee training is also scheduled to take place once per year during the September course following the successful 'train the trainer' sessions last year. Training from HQ on Inclusion also took place this year under the watchful eye of Jacob Bond, we are hoping to be able to deliver this ourselves very soon under his direction. To say it's been a busy couple of months for training would be an understatement!

Moving forward the next immediate challenge is to work with our Local Training Managers and they in turn their Training Advisors to deliver a more consistent and coherent approach to local training.



County Training Report

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Karen Salisbury - County Training Manager (up to 1st March 2018)



We currently have some fantastic LTM's and their support is vital to all our roles. Hopefully over the next few months we will work together to keep them better informed and as a team become more aware of how our roles work together. Anyone interested in becoming a Training Advisor should speak to their LTM.

Over the next year I am keen to fully embed the developments we have started and extend the opportunities that our members have by which to progress their own training. With continued hard work and dedication, Greater Manchester West has the potential to be a flagship for training. I would like to thank the Training Team for their support, outstanding commitment and fantastic work, without them our training programmes simply would not run. Please get in touch if you have any queries regarding training and I look forward to meeting with many more of you in the future.

Karen Salisbury

It's been yet another packed year, with the training team continuing to develop.

There were four of us who attended an Executive Committee 'Training the Trainer' course in October and we all found this incredibly informative and we ran our first course back in February 2018 alongside the Getting Going Course at Bispham which although not many attended it proved to be beneficial to those who did and they were able to make contacts and links to develop and support their Executives in the future.

Validation remains the key to all training and attendance on any course still requires meeting with your Training Advisor and / or your Local Training Manager and the validations can't be done in one go – so please be aware that the dates and methods of your validations are checked and random checks also take place. It is also important that PLP's are prepared carefully and prior learning is considered. If you have any queries about training whatsoever then contact the County Training Team for their advice.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Training Team who have supported me whilst I was County Training Manager and I look forward to seeing future developments and will no doubt see many of you around at other events and meetings.



Youth Commissioner Report

Lewis Foster - Youth Commissioner



The Youth Commissioner team are pleased to say that in the third year of our existence in the County things have been going well. This year the team has expanded with the appointment of another Deputy, Amelie Wiseman and two Assistants, James Turner and Troy Wood. I also continue to be supported by Will Taylor and Matt Dawson.

We have also aligned our skill sets and have joined specific DCC teams – Comms, Adult Support, Operations, Programme and Development to help deliver the County vision from a youth shaped perspective – having attended the National Summit 17 we are pleased to report first-hand that many of the thoughts of the UK wide youth commissioners attending the event were listened to in the National consultation and the new vision is a good reflection of that.

We are grateful for our opportunities not just in local Scouting but also international events such as the World Scout Moot and Roverway. It is on reflection of this that we are continuing to increase the awareness and availability of opportunities for young people at County level and

beyond, hoping this will empower them as it has us.

We are currently attempting to create a GMW Youth rep pool that will be able to attend various County meetings to gain an understanding of roles within GMW and also to feed back directly into County without compromise. I very much hope it will help give GMW a sense both internally and externally that young people actively shape their Scouting and as a result both themselves and adults benefit.

On that note I am happy to report our annual Youth Forum has continued this year with great success, with many attendees also being on the Jamboree and Malawi teams showing the passion for Scouting of all varieties in GMW.

Both the GMW and District YC teams are constantly changing as people move away for university, work or travel. This is expected given our age range of 18-25. Regardless of this, we feel that Youth Commissioners are very much now well cemented in local Scouting and we hope that the foundations we have laid with our previous work will help pave the way for future YC's.

The YC team are also happy to say that we currently have a member on the UK international rep pool of around 12 people meaning that one of our team is able to get the occasional privilege of representing the UK at international events.

As always this is possible due to our amazing volunteers such as yourselves, that lead, teach, inspire and listen to our young people giving them the opportunity to flourish in Scouting, for which I thank you.



Beaver Scout Section Report

Jacob Bond - ACC Beaver Scouts



Throughout the last year I have had the opportunity to visit lots of colony meetings, invest Beaver Scouts, invest leaders, present badges and Chief Scout Bronze Awards, visit colonies on camp and at other places outside their usual meeting places and judged a number of cooking competitions!

Our year kicked off with a County trip to Blackpool Zoo in May 2017, attended by 333 Beaver Scouts and 105 leaders, arriving on 8 coaches and 2 double decker buses, we had people attending from groups across all districts. We spent several hours at the zoo looking at and learning about some of the zoos over 1500 animals including lions, tigers, elephants, giraffes, gorillas, sealions – just to name a few! With a quick stop for lunch in the middle of the day and a dash around the gift shop the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all – it helped that the rain held off for most of the day too!

During the trip I asked a 'random' Beaver Scout who happened to be from 3rd Davyhulme Avro Colony which animal was his favourite and he chose the tigers; it was from this as part of our trip to the zoo we adopted a TIGER shortly followed by a

naming competition where we received dozens of entries. The County Youth Commissioner team helped me choose the winning name and it was SPARKS, submitted by 2nd Atherton.

Their prize for choosing the winning name that came with our adoption package was a Zoo2You Experience from the team at Blackpool Zoo.

On a cold winters night in November 2017, some crawlies and critters came to 2nd Atherton's colony meeting and the Beaver Scouts not only learned so much about our adopted animal the Tiger but also got to hold and stroke the other animals too. They all really enjoyed themselves and learned a thing or two!

Later in the year, I had the opportunity along with two of the ADC team, Michele and Margaret to judge Lilford District Cooking competition.

The theme for their competition was 5 ingredients per course. All of the food was extraordinary with dishes from all over the world with the joint winners being 1st Atherton with their Indian themed menu and 5th Tyldesley with their Wartime themed menu,

both later attended the County Cooking competition representing Lilford District.

In January, I was then invited to judge the Urmston District Cooking competition with our CC, Andy Farrell and ADC Beavers from Stretford, Margaret. We had everything from spag bol to homemade burgers, cheesecake to Donald Trumple (crumble), for the first district competition the standard of food was amazing! The winners were 2nd Davyhulme and runners up were 3rd Davyhulme Avro, both went to represent their district in the County competition.

In March 2018 we had our inaugural County Beaver Cooking competition held at 3rd Davyhulme HQ with teams from 1st Atherton, 2nd Davyhulme, 2nd Davyhulme Avro, 5th Tyldesley, 23rd Stretford and 88th Salford. Along with DCC Programme, Womble and ACYC Troy we sampled the best of Greater Manchester West. The runners up were 1st Atherton sampling another spin on their Indian themed menu. The winners were 23rd Stretford (St Matthews Victoria) who blew all of the judges away with a completely independent approach with very little help from their leader delivering a

Beaver Scout Section Report

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Jacob Bond - ACC Beaver Scouts



menu of gnocchi made from scratch and homemade ice-cream frozen with real snow!

Well done everyone who took part the standard of food, presentation and teamwork was excellent.

The County Beaver team are already in the process of planning a whole list of events for both Beaver Scouts and their leaders throughout 2018/19.

These include a County Damboree camp to support young people achieving the Chief Scout Bronze Award, County Cooking competition to name a few.



Cub Scout Section Report

Siobhan Mullen - ACC Cub Scouts



In October, Cub Mudder ran for its second year, only this time there was a trophy to be won. My thanks to Bispham Hall for allowing the Cubs to use the Chariot Race course - hopefully those Cubs will move onto Scouts and compete in the Chariot Race.

We definitely had the mud for it and for the first time ever the Cubs had to brave the crossing of the pond which I believe was their favourite part! 44 teams entered, this was a 50% increase on teams in 2016 and the overall winners were 3rd Davyhulme!

Off the back of this event, I visited 1st Ashton to award the Personal Challenge Award to a Cub who not only gave Cub Mudder a go but conquered every obstacle with such determination and drive; with thanks to his fellow Cubs for the fantastic team spirit and encouragement helping him around the course, BRAVO!

In April the 'Best of British' County Cooking competition took place, the quality of food was exemplary! The Cubs had everything, drive, knowledge, organisation and good cooking- they were all worthy winners! Well done to 1st Ashton, 3rd Timperley and 17th Stretford!

My thanks to the leaders for their time during the competition and for the effort and practice required leading up to it.

The above is in addition to the many camps, indoor and outdoor held throughout the year by groups and districts plus all of their competitions - thank you for the invites! Please continue to invite me to the fantastic events going on throughout the County and I will do my best to attend.

Thank you to all involved, your commitment and dedication in providing our young people with an exciting, challenging and fun packed programme, is no easy task and I will continue to help support the ADCs in ensuring this continues.

On a side note, the Cub calendar has been much quieter than I would have liked - please can I ask districts to support County Cub events over the next 12 months? There are many activities and competitions I have in mind and ideas to help ensure as a County we continue to deliver fun, enjoyable and high quality programmes!



Scout Section Report

Bob Wilson - ACC Scouts



I took over from Daniele in July 2017 and since then it's continued to be another a very busy year for the Scout Section, with all the Scouts demonstrating just what it means to be a Scout in GMW.

I must thank Daniele for all her support and guidance in our handover which I found to be a great help.

The County Lord Derby competition was held at Dunham Park Scout Camp on 22nd April 2017 and it was a fantastic event which was won by 5th Urmston.

The Cardboard Canoe Race was held on 17th June 2017 at Helley Hanson Water Sports Centre, Salford and was a huge success. Thanks must go to Steve Gray and his team who ensured the day went so smoothly. In the Scouts section 3rd/1st Eccles were overall winners with 3rd Timperley winning Best Design. The weather was great which was a help as all but 5 canoes got their occupants wet!

The Camping and Backwoods Cooking competition was held at Bispham Hall Scout Estate over the weekend of 7th – 9th July 2017. The standard was very high with 5th Urmston winning the Backwoods and 1st Flixton

winning the Camping. Thanks, must go to all the judges who take a great deal of time to ensure a good fair competition.

BST Adventure was held on 23rd September 2017 with 18 teams navigating a course around the moors of Rivington. The low cloud made it an additional challenge but all performed exceptionally well. This is Chris Gaskell's last year running this event as he has moved to Cumbria. Chris heads a wonderful team and he will be missed but plans are in place for 2018 as Neil Tucker has kindly stepped up to the plate.

The Chariot Race at Bispham Hall was great fun on 7-8th October 2017. The weather was mixed but this didn't dampen everyone's spirits. Overall Scout winners were 30th Warrington West A Team with GMW Scout Winners being 16th Wigan B.

The Shooting Competition has once again been admirably co-ordinated and run by Ian Jones. It was held over the weekend of 13-14th January 2018. The under 18 winner was Ilena Sykes from Altrincham Panther ESU, 12 & Under winner was Edward Hall from 3rd Altrincham and the team winners were

3rd/1st Eccles. Well done to all that took part and thanks to all the team for such a well-run competition. The National competition is held on 9th April 2018 and we have high hopes given the skill level demonstrated.

I continue to be supported by a brilliant team of ADC (Scouts) who make our meetings enjoyable and can always be relied upon to assist whenever needed. They are often juggling their ADC role with their sectional role and I really appreciate all that they do. As a team we have tried to promote leadership skill within the patrol system and so have continued with our successful PL training days on 15th October 2017 and 17th March 2018.



Feedback from the Scouts attending has been positive and they are set to continue.

Scout Section Report

(continued)

Bob Wilson - ACC Scouts



I have had the pleasure in presenting a number of Chief Scouts Gold Awards over the year. I want to attend as many presentations as possible to really promote the value of this Award to our young people and so increase the numbers awarded.

Each year goes faster than the previous, but I am always amazed by everything all our leaders manage to fit into the year for the benefit of the Scouts in their charge.

Please carry on your good work as we continue to promote, grow and enjoy scouting in GMW.



Explorer Scout Section Report

David Kerrs - ACC Explorer Scouts



The last 12 months have been a busy one for the Explorer units across GMW, with Explorers taking part in a variety of different County events.

With teams taking part in the BST Hiking competition in September which was run in the Rivington and Winter Hill area.

Last year we had the inaugural Cardboard Canoe Race which included several Explorer teams together with Scout teams from the County. For this event the teams have to build their canoes out of cardboard and with two members have to complete a small course, with the best sinking getting the Titanic award. The 15th Wigan explorers managed to complete the course and came out the winners and Panthers Explorer unit were awarded the Titanic award for best sinking.

Other events include the annual Camping and Backwoods competitions where 1st Flixton Loki unit and 15th Wigan Pie Eaters were the only teams to enter, with 1st Flixton winning both the Backwoods and Camping competitions.

I had the pleasure of awarding the trophies at the Shooting competition which was held at Altrincham

Target sports centre. This was a fantastic day, and the under 18s trophy was won by Ilena Sykes from Altrincham Panther unit with a score of 325, this was beating the previous record of 324 set in 2015.

We have seen the growth in the Goodwood Activity weekend where there has been an increase in numbers again with a number of different activities and bases for the Network but also included Scouts and Explorers on the Saturday and team events for the Network and Explorers on the Sunday.

I have had a busy time visiting units and speaking to leaders in Wigan, Altrincham, Timperley and Lilford and I have been taking part in some activities.

We must not forget the young leaders in the County. They are our future. They help out in the younger sections in every district across the County. Lots of sections couldn't manage without them so a big thank to all the young leaders in the County. A couple of districts including Lilford, Stretford and Urmston now have Young Leader units so that they can also do Explorer activities which all young leaders should have access to in every district.

I am in the process of introducing 'war hammer' to the County as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme - look out for information on the GMW page.

For the first time this year we are having an overnight stay at the Celebration of Excellence with an introduction to Airsoft.

Swarm 44 the Jamboree team are attending events throughout the County please come and support their fundraising efforts.

Thank you to all Explorer leaders for the varied programmes they are putting on for the Explorer units in the County.



Network Scout Section Report

Chris Hansford - Scout Network Commissioner



With the Network Facebook group, communication is slowly getting better although still not as popular as it could be. I would like to stress that all members use this forum as the more popular GMW forum page gets many items posted and some Network posts can get lost behind other posts.

Earlier in the year a Quiz trophy had been purchased and Quiz night arranged. However this was poorly attended with some saying that they were not aware it was taking place (see previous comments about the Facebook page and lost

posts) so it was decided to postpone the Quiz until later in the year. However for those Network members who did turn up we used the time wisely, had a few drinks, whilst putting ideas forward. I got a good insight and good information on how future Network events may be more popular and outlined my intentions for the Section and possible future events.

One such event is to hold the GMW Network Challenge Trophy, each year a different challenge - one year camping competition another year scoutcraft competition etc.

Those present seemed in good favour.

It looks hopeful that I have found someone to fill the role of Network Co-ordinator for Urmston District. I am in the process of arranging a meeting for them with myself and the District Commissioner to fully discuss the role.

Network's growth in membership over the last year has been substantial and I hope that we can build on this. Your support is valued so get on board and I look forward to meeting more of you at future events.



Activities Section Report

Steve Ralph MBE - ACC Activities



In 2017 / 2018 we concentrated on bringing our County Assessors up to speed with current practice and to that end sent eight assessors (four climbing and four hillwalking) to the National Mountaineering Centre at Plas Y Brenin to attend their assessors workshop. We also had one of our assessors attend a Climbing Leadership course at the same venue.

Our assessors have been working with Greater Manchester East to share best practice and exchange ideas.

Working with the new MAPS (Manager of Activities and Permits Scheme) Chris Starkie we are putting together a revised training and assessment programme for both T1 and T2 hillwalking (Summer). We are also totally overhauling the permit scheme and as a result Chris will be conducting a root and branch review of our current permit holders to see that we are complying with the current regulation and restrictions.

Four of our members have attended a bespoke multi pitch abseiling course in part to help with the Morocco expedition run by the Adventurous Activities SASU to add another dimension to the climbing

experiences provided by the County.

This is an activity not provided by many counties and gives us greater versatility when providing climbing activities.

We have run an archery course within the County and with the help of Alistair Holmes, set up tomahawk throwing courses. We initiated T1 (hillwalking) training earlier in the year along with assessments. The ultimate aim being to buy in an outside provider and run Mountain Leader Training and Assessments split over two weekends for each and run these at a subsidised cost in order to give our members quality training and the opportunity to gain real world qualifications in the outdoors. Myself (Activities), Jeff Picton (International) and Phil Bainbridge (D of E) attended a Royal Geographical Society sponsored Off Site Safety Management course at the beginning of December.

As more international activities are being run by the County it was felt that it would be prudent if GMW started aspiring to work to BS 8848 standards, which provides a rigorous framework for adventure providers to properly manage risks on adventure trips abroad.

Twelve GMW leaders have also completed a REC 2 first aid course made possible by a grant from the County. Phil Bainbridge is now a registered REC 2 trainer allowing us more flexibility to run this more specialised first aid course.

With regard to the Water SASU we just need to fine tune a few final details before this exciting new section is launched within GMW.

I would like to thank all the County assessors who give up their free time and money to undertake training, qualifications and assessments (all done outside of 'normal' scouting) to try and assist the County membership to achieve their outdoor aims within the Movement.



International Section Report

Jeff Picton - ACC International



The North West Scout Region International teams continued to work together on a fourth North West Region Scouts ShelterBox Scavenger Hunt in Liverpool which took place in May 2017. 17 teams from GMW took part, with over 80 teams in total, an increase again on last year's event. A total of approx. £15,500 has now been raised in the 4 years.

2017/2018 has seen trips to Kandersteg by Lilford District and the Danish Jamboree by Pegasus Explorers. This latter one has created a great partnership with a Danish Unit who will be visiting Pegasus this summer. Rebecca Winby (Sale District) continued her International experience by volunteering at Kandersteg as service crew for the 2017 summer season.

We had 7 participants and 2 IST attending The World Scout Moot 2017 (Iceland) and the pictures from them tell of a fantastic country and experience. Ireland is the venue for the next Moot in 2021.

Roverway 2016 (France) was only just finishing as they announced that the next one would be in 2018 in the Netherlands and we have 5 participants attending and with an additional 3 from

GME and Staffordshire making up the patrol. Matt Dawson is PL supported by Joe Thorpe.

Climb Morocco is well underway with 6 leaders and 10 young people. Some of the young people were novices when signing up but through well planned training days and weekends Chris Starkie, Andy Bradley and the team have got them to a good standard and all are raring to get out there and set some new routes.

MAD4Malawi2018 is the follow on event to our Project Peru 2014. The leadership team was created in September 2016 with participants following in the November. The team have had a number of training weekends, with the team selecting projects, working together and helping out at campsites and scout headquarters.

Fundraising has been hard work but has got them out there and they have been well supported. A water borehole has already been drilled and this will be part of a couple of the projects. The team are keen to get out there and as they have always said "Making A Difference For Malawi" is what it's all about and creating a benefit to the local people.

The World Scout Jamboree 2019 has already involved leader selection in July/September and then young people selection in November. We now have 4 leaders and 36 young people as Unit#44 "The Swarm" (Manchester Bees being the core of the badge and necker design by the yp's). They have had one training weekend already following their initial get together at Challenge4Change.

IST selection has also taken place though the original day had to be cancelled due to snow! We have 6 attending in this role.

2018 is shaping up to be a busy one with nearly 200 members from GMW travelling overseas!! Visits to Ireland, Oman, Netherlands, Morocco, Malawi and Sweden.



Duke of Edinburgh Award Report

Phil Bainbridge - County Duke of Edinburgh Adviser



The Duke of Edinburgh Award is performing well in Greater Manchester West with every District offering the provision.

There have been new leaders becoming involved and this has created some challenges alongside some process changes to improve registering and validation.

Planning is already underway for training sessions and meetings with potential new provision within Explorer Units. Urmston and Lowry Districts are showing growth within D of E.

Young People are undertaking a vast array of new experiences with physical, skill and volunteering opportunities from cakes to kayaks there have been some interesting challenges.

In the reporting period of April 2017 - March 2018, fifty young people have achieved their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Those awards are:

Bronze:	40
Silver:	7
Gold:	3

The previous reporting period delivered forty completed D of E Awards.

This is great news as the Duke of Edinburgh is a solid foundation, not just for the young people regarding employability and life skills, but also as a springboard for the top awards and the path to the Queen's Scout Award.



Dunham Park Scout Camp

David Hughes - Campsite Site Manager



We started the season with our first Goodwood weekender in May, the guys seemed to enjoy their weekend and worked very hard putting on a great event for the County. We had a very busy season with lots of different camps and events. Some of the weekends had duty cover, some were too busy for us and we decided that we would review what bookings were taken; only one large camp each weekend and a couple of small camps and various mixes.

Some events we stopped such as a school holiday club because it didn't work for the site. We had two unfortunate events where rope for the cattle being taken for milking was taken down and not replaced, so with cattle heading to the A56 the farmer was a little upset. We continued with various jobs across the site during the summer and in autumn a leaf collector was purchased to help with ground maintenance.

The team had a Christmas meal at the Swan with two Nicks, followed the next day by Sale District's carols sung around the camp fire, this year in the snow.

Our landlord, the National Trust representative Stewart Robinson, came for a full

site inspection in January and was very impressed with the site and standards; we also discussed various ideas to help each other with. He was also happy with our plans for future improvements in the coming years.

We focused on the Harrop Lodge bedrooms in February with a full redecoration and deep clean and new door furniture fitted. We also decorated the Blanchard lounge area.

We had a visit from the beast from the east in March, running out of Calor Gas wasn't great with a school party expected but luckily a delivery on Easter Sunday avoided a cancelled event. We had drained the toilet block, but this still gave us burst pipes, luckily no damage done, although we needed to plan what we do with the block in the next couple of years.

A new electric supply this autumn will allow heaters to be installed instead of our current two core twin and earth cable.

6th Cheadle Hulme had a service camp for Dunham replacing the fence along the side of the site in wintery weather they did a great job. Thanks to Dave & Alison Smethurst and Davyhulme

Scouts who have constructed a sustainable herb / garden in the car park instead of the junk area.

I am very pleased to announce that with County Executive's approval, we are to set up a friends' group as a registered charity to support the continuation of Dunham Park as a camp site.

This will be established in the autumn with Bob & Pat Haynes as Chair and Secretary and a small team to seek grants or hold specific fundraising initiatives for the sole benefit of Dunham Park. This will allow us to develop the site further and focus on three main areas, the climbing wall, the Harrop kitchen and toilet block.



Bispham Hall Scout Estate

Chris Hayes & Martin Shaw - Campsite Managers



In the last twelve months, our trustees have been working hard to ensure Bispham Hall is a safe place for our young people – investing in health and safety, new equipment, training and upgrading our facilities and infrastructure of the site.

It is widely recognised that Bispham House has been ready for some investment on its facilities - the house is over 40 years old and many of the fixtures and fittings are original and needed a makeover.

After listening to feedback from the users of the building we decided the priority for development was the redesign and renewal of the toilet and shower provision. In Early 2018 a budget of 25k was approved for this project. The work was completed on budget and the house now has 2 brand new unisex single toilets and 3 showers in the dormitory end as well as re-flooring the hallway. Feedback from users since this work has been very positive.

Following on from the development of the toilets and showers in the dormitory end of the building we decided to renew the toilets and wash hand basins in the entrance hall. This work was sponsored by the GMW Patrons Scheme; the toilets

and wash hand basins were donated by Bathroom Take Away, we would like to acknowledge their kind donation which has made an additional improvement to the entrance of the house. Chris Starkie led a team of volunteers both from Bispham Hall and a group of adult Scouts from Finland to construct a Lavvu on the Glades, near to the Orchard field. A Lavvu is a traditional Finnish wooden shelter for wild camping. This project saw a group work over 10 days to construct the first of two Lavvus for groups to use as a base for sleeping and backwoods cooking. The second Lavvu is now well underway and should be available to hire from next year.

Bispham Hall also held its 40th annual Chariot Race, this year over 60 groups entered the competition. As this year was a special year we were visited by John Harrison who founded the event in 1978. John met the current team who run the event and spoke at the Scouts Own on the Sunday.

It was a great privilege to meet John and hear about the stories from the first events, sadly we found out that he had 'gone home' in March of this year. The Chariot Race will continue as part of John's legacy,

in addition we will be introducing a new shield at this year's event in John's memory.

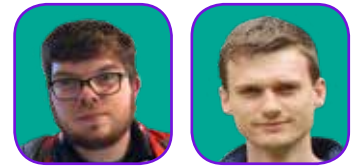
We continue our excellent relationship with the Nomad Rangers, who have been working with adults with learning disabilities arranging activity days on site. These events are very well organised and open our site up to more people. Nomad Rangers also have a great deal of skills in relation to woodland management and spend a significant amount of time supporting our volunteers to manage the site and woodland.

None of this would be possible without our fantastic team, many of whom have taken leave from work to dedicate time to the site, which saves us money and puts their own skills to good use. All of this has been done whilst still being able to deliver over 300 hours of activities.



Hollinwood Management

Matthew Morrissey & Jack Law - Campsite Managers



The year started with the appointment of the new committee and managers, the committee includes representatives from both the junior and senior service teams. The small team who moved over from Middlewood Campsite have managed to maintain morale despite the long delays and carry on with what work we can.

The donation of some site cabins and other useful materials have allowed the team to work on preparing the site for future development once all paperwork is signed and agreements are in place. Trees and hedgerows donated by City of Trees which were planted last year are starting to develop and give an indication of the site's future development.

The second balsam bash event has helped the team make significant progress towards eradicating invasive species from the site and working towards preparing the site for campers. We had people from all sections and districts attend who were a great help and seemed to have an enjoyable time.

Recent developments to note are the installation of the three culverts which bridge the main drainage ditch, funded mainly by the Woodland Trust. The

installation of the culverts allows us to access the second half of the site, the mature woodland, opening it up for development.

The woodland management plan and ecological requirements for the planning permission have been submitted for review by Salford Council and we await their response before serious clearance and development of the site can commence. The lease is in the final stages and Peel Holdings are assisting us with development and security by surveying for power and water installation and installing gates etc.

In the last month a treasurer has been recruited for the site and a bank account opened in preparation for the handover of the site from Peel Land & Property and the start of our development into a campsite.

Quoting and investigation for much needed site equipment and portable toilet/shower facilities are well underway.

The drainage management and planning, a stipulation of the planning permission, is being investigated quotations obtained. Once the lease is fully finalised and in hand we hope to begin a recruitment campaign to develop interest and volunteers for the project specifically to fill fundraising roles and to increase service

team volunteers from the local community and from within Scouting.

We look forward to creating a new campsite for Greater Manchester West with all offers of help, however small greatly appreciated, to help us get there.



Census 2018 Information

	Beaver Scouts			Cub Scouts			Scouts			Venture Scouts			Explorers Scouts			Scout Network			YOUTH TOTAL			To pay		
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12027717 Climb Morocco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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10001933 Lilford	208	31	239	175	45	220	99	33	132	0	0	0	29	16	45	13	9	22	524	134	658	511	125	636
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Adults (continued)

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10691576 Dunham Park Scout Camp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	5	14	0	0	0	9	5	14	9	5	14
12021846 W.S.J 2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11942363 Goodwood Scout Active Support Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
12021848 A.A.S.P.S.A.S.U	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10000769 Bispham Hall Scout Estate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	20	36	0	0	0	16	20	36	16	20	36
11973660 Malawi 2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12027717 Climb Morocco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10001921 Altrincham and District	0	0	0	5	2	7	21	29	50	1	3	4	126	80	206	0	0	0	831	188	1,019	831	188	1,019
10001932 Ellesmere	3	0	3	4	1	5	10	9	19	3	0	3	87	61	148	0	1	1	490	125	615	490	126	616
10001933 Lilford	0	0	0	4	1	5	19	11	30	0	1	1	113	88	201	1	0	1	636	222	858	637	222	859
10001925 Sale and District	1	0	1	2	1	3	32	12	44	1	0	1	125	74	199	0	0	0	802	177	979	802	177	979
11961947 Lowry	0	0	0	3	2	5	11	12	23	1	2	3	107	84	191	5	4	9	511	170	681	516	174	690
10001927 Stretford	0	0	0	0	2	2	10	14	24	0	1	1	71	52	123	1	1	2	369	211	580	370	212	582
10001929 Urmston and District	2	1	3	6	0	6	19	25	44	1	2	3	155	126	281	2	3	5	655	292	947	657	295	952
10001930 Wigan and District	0	1	1	8	3	11	28	22	50	1	3	4	157	107	264	8	6	14	834	279	1,113	842	285	1,127
TOTAL	10	3	13	46	15	61	152	135	287	8	14	22	1,003	707	1,710	21	16	37	5,186	1,698	6,884	5,207	1,714	6,921

Sections



Census 2018 Information

	Sections							Org.					Type		
	BS	CS	S	ES	SN	ASU	Tot	Grp	Dis	Cty	Reg	Oth	Air	Sea	Land
10000128 Gt. Manchester West	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10000773 GMW Training Team	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11974512 Hollinwood Project Steering inc. Patrons	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10691576 Dunham Park Scout Camp	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12021846 W.S.J 2019	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11942363 Goodwood Scout Active Support Unit	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12021848 A.A.S.P S.A.S.U	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10000769 Bispham Hall Scout Estate	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11973660 Malawi 2018	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12027717 Climb Morocco	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10001921 Altrincham and District	11	14	11	4	1	1	42	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	41
10001932 Ellesmere	10	11	8	1	1	1	32	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	31
10001933 Lilford	13	12	11	5	1	1	43	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	42
10001925 Sale and District	10	11	8	4	1	6	40	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	34
11961947 Lowry	11	11	8	3	1	1	35	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	34
10001927 Stretford	5	7	6	3	1	1	23	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	22
10001929 Urmston and District	9	9	7	7	1	3	36	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	33
10001930 Wigan and District	17	18	17	10	1	0	63	18	1	0	0	0	0	0	63
TOTAL	86	93	76	37	8	23	323	83	8	1	0	0	0	0	300

Meetings

	Meeting place				Meeting night							Gift aid		
	Free	Lease	Other	--	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	Y	N	--
10000128 Gt. Manchester West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10000773 GMW Training Team	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11974512 Hollinwood Project Steering inc. Patrons	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10691576 Dunham Park Scout Camp	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12021846 W.S.J 2019	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11942363 Goodwood Scout Active Support Unit	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12021848 A.A.S.P S.A.S.U	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10000769 Bispham Hall Scout Estate	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11973660 Malawi 2018	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12027717 Climb Morocco	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10001921 Altrincham and District	2	19	21	0	10	3	4	14	9	0	0	7	6	0
10001932 Ellesmere	10	5	17	0	10	4	8	3	5	0	0	4	7	0
10001933 Lilford	9	3	31	0	13	7	10	6	5	0	0	3	9	0
10001925 Sale and District	6	27	7	0	7	11	7	7	1	0	0	8	1	0
11961947 Lowry	16	3	16	0	8	9	10	3	3	0	0	2	10	0
10001927 Stretford	8	9	6	0	4	4	5	4	2	0	2	4	3	0
10001929 Urmston and District	16	19	1	0	7	6	7	8	4	0	0	7	1	0
10001930 Wigan and District	33	6	24	0	17	8	19	9	9	0	0	9	10	0
TOTAL	103	96	124	0	76	52	70	54	38	0	2	44	47	0

Disability

	Developmental			Injury			Physical			Medical			Mental		
	Y	A	T	Y	A	T	Y	A	T	Y	A	T	Y	A	T
10000128 Gt. Manchester West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10000773 GMW Training Team	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11974512 Hollinwood Project Steering inc. Patrons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10691576 Dunham Park Scout Camp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12021846 W.S.J 2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11942363 Goodwood Scout Active Support Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12021848 A.A.S.P S.A.S.U	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10000769 Bispham Hall Scout Estate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11973660 Malawi 2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12027717 Climb Morocco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10001921 Altrincham and District	9	0	9	2	0	2	2	0	2	24	1	25	1	0	1
10001932 Ellesmere	14	0	14	0	0	0	4	0	4	7	0	7	5	0	5
10001933 Lilford	27	0	27	0	0	0	8	0	8	27	0	27	2	0	2
10001925 Sale and District	21	0	21	0	0	0	3	0	3	38	2	40	1	1	2
11961947 Lowry	25	0	25	1	1	2	7	3	10	5	0	5	2	1	3
10001927 Stretford	11	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	9	0	0	0
10001929 Urmston and District	32	2	34	1	0	1	3	3	6	15	2	17	2	0	2
10001930 Wigan and District	36	0	36	2	0	2	1	0	1	16	2	18	9	1	10
TOTAL	175	2	177	6	1	7	28	6	34	141	7	148	22	3	25

Disability (continued)

Census 2018 Information

	Progressive			Sensory			None			Not stated		
	Y	A	T	Y	A	T	Y	A	T	Y	A	T
10000128 Gt. Manchester West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10000773 GMW Training Team	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11974512 Hollinwood Project Steering inc. Patrons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10691576 Dunham Park Scout Camp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12021846 W.S.J 2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11942363 Goodwood Scout Active Support Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12021848 A.A.S.P S.A.S.U	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10000769 Bispham Hall Scout Estate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11973660 Malawi 2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12027717 Climb Morocco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10001921 Altrincham and District	0	0	0	2	0	2	585	144	729	155	0	155
10001932 Ellesmere	0	0	0	4	0	4	316	7	323	105	18	123
10001933 Lilford	1	0	1	2	0	2	578	39	617	0	0	0
10001925 Sale and District	1	0	1	7	0	7	598	18	616	113	13	126
11961947 Lowry	0	0	0	7	0	7	345	21	366	76	2	78
10001927 Stretford	0	0	0	1	0	1	308	16	324	121	9	130
10001929 Urmston and District	0	0	0	0	3	3	504	111	615	112	2	114
10001930 Wigan and District	0	0	0	3	1	4	758	18	776	6	0	6
TOTAL	2	0	2	26	4	30	3,992	374	4,366	688	44	732



Notes

Top Awards & Census

Total Attendees at Celebration of Excellence:
Bronze & Silver 170! Gold and above 25!

Census 2018

Total Youth Membership

Male **4,204**

Female **1,007**

Total **5,211**

Increase from last year

96 = **1.9%**

Total Adult Membership

Male **1,003**

Female **707**

Total **1,710**

Increase from last year

137 = **8.7%**

Total Increases

2017 - 6,688

2018 - 6,921

233 = **3.5%**

NIGHTS AWAY
at
GMW Camps

11,650



Number of
New Sections Opened

Corporate Patrons Scheme

Our Patrons



Bathroom Takeaway



Farrell Business Solutions Ltd



Freebird Partnering & Consulting



Not Just Travel



Archer Catering Systems



Contiquip Ltd



H2O Divers



Wigan Pier Promotions



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GREATER MANCHESTER WEST COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Report & Accounts for the year ended 31-Mar-18

PRESIDENT Lord Lieutenant Mr Warren Smith JP

VICE PRESIDENTS Mrs Vera Crossley, JP
Mr Michael Oglesby DL, LLD, DSC
Dr Geoffrey Sides, PhD, FICE
Colonel Sir John Timmins, KCVO, OBE, TD

TRUSTEES:	<i>Ex-Officio</i>	Mr Andrew Farrell Mr Michael Rollinson Mrs Heather Lomas Mr Roger Kettle Mr Lewis Foster	County Commissioner County Chairman County Secretary County Treasurer Youth Commissioner
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<i>Elected</i>	Mr Andrew Atherall (Trafford) from April Mr Paul Brighthouse (Salford) Mr Nicolas Anderson (Trafford) Mr Stewart Thompson (Wigan)
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<i>Nominated</i>	Mrs Iris Emery Miss Rachel Picton Mr David Copeland Miss Georgina Dale (resigned April 2018)
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BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill, West Malling Kent, ME19 4JQ	EXAMINERS	Chris Varley, F.C.A. Cedar Solutions (Management) Ltd. Prospect House, 2 Sinderland Road Altrincham, Cheshire. WA14 5ET
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MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

A separate report, detailing major Scouting activities and achievements this year, is associated.

Adult training has now been incorporated into 3 weekends a year, where training for all modules is available during these weekends. Following the increase in capitation at last year's AGM, this included free training on these weekends, the only training that the County will charge for now will be Safeguarding & First Response.

International

We now have an international account at CAF Bank, which is being used to receive individual's payments for International Expeditions, and to make payments related to those expeditions. These funds now show under restricted funds as GMW is only acting as an agent. This account is or has been used by Roverway, Malawi, Climb Morocco, Jamboree and Philmont 2019.

STIS (Short Term Investment Service) During the last year we have closed the 2 accounts that we had through the Scout Association. They relaunched the account, but clearly indicated that the STIS would not be covered by the FSA (bank guarantee). We have opened a 60 Day account through CAF Bank called Shawbrook Bank. This means our funds are safe.

The renewal/replacement and acquisition plan for our assets continued, in line with our authorised budget.

The assessed contingency remains at £17,178 in conjunction with our budget setting procedures.

The allocation of our general funds is again shown in our account as noted on page 3.

At the end of the year income reserves amounted to £258,089

GENERAL COMMENT

The Trustees' policy on reserves is to hold funds against specific purposes only. General funds shown on the closing balance are therefore all allocated to designated funds, as shown on page 3.

Such funds to enable the administration of the County and management of the campsites to be carried out in accordance with minimum standards and local initiatives, to provide support for adult training & development and the management of Scouting activities, to develop Scouting within the County and to allocate an agreed level of financial grants towards the furtherance of Scouting within the County.

The Trustees' policy on interest received from invested funds is to retain such income to preserve the value of the investments.

The Trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the County is exposed. They have reviewed these and established systems to mitigate them.

The objects of the County are as detailed within the Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules.

The County is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scout Counties.

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

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis in line with the Scout Association's rules as amended by the Committee of Council in January 2005.

NEXT YEAR

In the following 12 months there will be a continued drive to increase our membership, maintain and improve the quality of the progressive training programme and to keep valued records in accordance with the Counties development plan.

Similar to this year, we will celebrate the achievements of our members and to enable those awards to be recognised and appreciated by family members and the wider community.

Approved by the trustees on 16-Jul-18 and signed on their behalf by

County Chairman _____ Michael Rollinson

County Treasurer _____ Roger Kettle

Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended

31-Mar-18

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	2017 - 18				2016 - 17
	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Total receipts for the year (see page 4)	194,762	131,685	-	326,447	170,059
Total payments for the year (see page 5)	174,924	69,707	-	244,631	151,772
Net receipts (payments) for the year .	19,838	61,978	-	81,816	18,287
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	173,412	2,861	-	176,273	157,986
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	193,250	64,839	-	258,089	176,273

NOTE

General Funds, shown on the closing balance, are allocated to the following designated funds:-

Name	Purpose	2017 - 18 Total Funds £	2016 - 17 Total Funds £
ADMINISTRATION			
Contingency (& In hand)	Amount to be held against identified and assessed financial risks within the Administration funds (plus amounts C/F in Cty Office (cash), in Network, and International accounts.)	17,178	17,178
Special Grants	Incorporating former Coffey/CC/Handicap funds and including enhanced use.	7,615	7,615
Activities	To be supplemented by 'trading' surpluses (and any advance payments for next year) from County activities/events or devalued due to losses (and any costs against previous year) from County activities/events. The fund total shown for last year includes funds held over for general activities/events.	4,000	4,000
International Fund (inc Jamboree)	To be used to support participation in major international events.	-	2,875
Restricted International Fund	To hold and control funds on behalf of participants for specific International events.	64,839	2,861
Middlewood Reserve	Set aside against potential that should we need to vacate Middlewood Camp Site, the fund would support any consequential costs. These funds will be merged into Hollinwood accounts during next financial year.	8,716	8,716
Projects Loan	Available to support any development projects within the County. Value set at balance remaining within Administration funds once allocation to above funds made. (ie the remainder of Administration General Funds)	32,652	32,652
Office & Training		96,657	49,952
		231,657	125,849
CAMP SITES			
Middlewood Trading	Value as shown on the individual trading balance for use to support the operation at Middlewood Camp Site	-	32,613
Dunham Trading	Value as shown on the individual trading balance for use to support the operation at Dunham Park Camp Site	26,432	17,811
		26,432	50,424
		258,089	176,273

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees

on 16-Jul-18 and signed on their behalf by the County Chairman and the County Treasurer.

Receipts for the year ended 31-Mar-18

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	2017 - 18					2016 - 17	
	General Funds						
	Administration £	Dunham Park Camp Site £	Middlewood Camp Site £	Total General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL ALL FUNDS £	TOTAL ALL FUNDS £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS							
Gross Receipts	171,231	-	-	171,231	-	171,231	165,870
Less Paid to H.Q.	131,716	-	-	131,716	-	131,716	129,526
Net Receipts to County	39,515	-	-	39,515	-	39,515	36,345
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED							
Bank interest	57	10	-	67	-	67	82
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association S.T.I.S.	535	-	-	535	-	535	613
Other dividends and interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	592	10	-	602	-	602	695
DONATIONS/GRANTS							
Miscellaneous donations	250	-	-	250	-	250	319
Claimed Expenses subsequently donated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Awards for All Grant (Dunham Dev't Activities)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Patrons Scheme Development	3,050	-	-	3,050	-	3,050	-
Sundry Income	1,299	555	-	1,854	-	1,854	-
Network Fund Grant (Dunham Dev't - Harrop)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Donations - Holinwood	38,765	2,094	(32,740)	8,119	-	8,119	313
	43,364	2,649	(32,740)	13,273	-	13,273	633
ACTIVITIES							
Services & Sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Major Events (County Camporee)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
International	-	-	-	-	131,685	131,685	11,978
Other County Events/Activity	14,101	-	-	14,101	-	14,101	58,132
Camping/Activity Fees	-	20,796	-	20,796	-	20,796	52,434
Bee Badges	80,213	-	-	80,213	-	80,213	-
Visitor Fees	-	2,422	-	2,422	-	2,422	-
Lodge/Building Hire	-	13,735	-	13,735	-	13,735	-
Advance Fees Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment Hire/Permits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	94,314	36,953	-	131,267	131,685	262,952	122,544
TRAINING COURSE FEES	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,778
FUND RAISING (gross)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER INCOME							
Income tax recovered -							
on subscriptions and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
on dividends and interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUNDRY RECEIPTS							
Loans received	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone Coin Box	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Providore Sales	-	8,845	-	8,845	-	8,845	3,415
Misc other receipts	1,133	-	-	1,133	-	1,133	650
	1,133	8,845	127	10,105	-	10,105	4,065
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	178,918	48,457	(32,613)	194,762	131,685	326,447	170,059

	2017 - 18					2016 - 17
	General Funds					
	Administration £	Dunham Park Camp Site £	Middlewood Camp Site £	Total General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL ALL FUNDS £
RUNNING COSTS						
Rent / Rates	3,494	1,170		4,664	-	5,860
Water Charges		705		705	-	2,632
Electricity		1,330		1,330	-	2,861
Other fuel costs		1,433		1,433	-	4,031
Insurances	1,283	2,268		3,551	-	4,614
Telephone	329	306		635	-	1,414
Stamps/Stationery/MinorPurchases	384			384	-	58
Photocopier	70			70	-	438
I.T. Services	733			733	-	425
Security costs		2,017		2,017	-	1,178
Cleaning				-	-	483
Waste Disposal		2,342		2,342	-	1,796
T.V. Licence		148		148	-	145
Other miscellaneous	1,655	883		2,538	-	997
	7,947	12,602	-	20,549	-	26,933
STAFF & VOLUNTEER COSTS						
Staff costs	7,803	-	-	7,803	-	7,441
Expenses	3,252	-	-	3,252	-	2,547
Expenses - subsequently donated	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refreshments & Hospitality	-	817	-	817	-	338
	11,055	817	-	11,872	-	10,326
FEES & OTHER REGULAR COSTS						
Engraving	-	-	-	-	-	-
AGM/Meetings	1,339	-	-	1,339	-	1,307
Fees	65	-	-	65	-	619
	1,404	-	-	1,404	-	1,926
ASSET MANAGEMENT						
Renewals, Replacements & Repair	-	12,199		12,199	-	6,985
New	-	-		-	-	770
	-	12,199	-	12,199	-	7,755
DONATIONS&GRANTS/DEVELOPMENT						
Donations & Grants paid out	943	-	-	943	-	400
Development initiatives	740	200	-	940	-	480
Dunham Development	-	1,197	-	1,197	-	8,751
Miscellaneous Toilet Block	-	-	-	-	-	-
Holnwood	6,465	-	-	6,465	-	3,573
	8,147	1,397	-	9,544	-	13,204
STOCK PURCHASES						
Badges/DofE books etc	1,782	-	-	1,782	-	-
Providore	-	8,019	-	8,019	-	8,228
	1,782	8,019	-	9,801	-	8,228
ACTIVITIES						
International	2,515	-	-	2,515	69,707	10,485
Other Events/Activity	18,073	1,754	-	19,827	-	67,885
Bee Badges	79,636	-	-	79,636	-	-
	100,223	1,754	-	101,977	69,707	78,370
TRAINING COSTS	6,097	-	-	6,097	-	4,418
SUNDRY PAYMENTS						
Misc	1,472	8	-	1,480	-	613
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1,472	8	-	1,480	-	613
FUND RAISING EXPENSES	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	138,128	36,796	-	174,924	69,707	151,772

	2017 - 18				2016 - 17
	Administration £	Dunham Park Camp Site £	Middlewood Camp Site £	Total Value £	Total Value £
ASSETS					
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, bank and similar funds					
Operating Account(s) (current & instant withdrawal savings a/cs)	1,000	27,731	-	28,731	33,730
Bank Premium/Deposit Account(s) (CAF Gold)	102,701	-	-	102,701	18,025
Shawbrook - 60 day account	60,000	-	-	60,000	-
International Account	64,839	-	-	64,839	2,861
The Scout Association S.T.I.S.	-	-	-	-	121,262
Cash in hand	76	1,742	-	1,818	395
	228,616	29,473	-	258,089	176,273
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS					
Tax Claim for Years Ending 31-Mar-18	600 a	-	-	600	600
Accounts receivable	-	1,121	-	1,121	842
Grant Allocation not yet received	-	-	-	-	-
Debts Due to County	-	-	-	-	-
	600	1,121	-	1,721	1,442
INVESTMENT ASSETS					
Other investments	-	-	-	-	-
NON-MONETARY ASSETS (for own use)					
Stocks	729	1,800	-	2,529	2,529
Equipment, furniture, etc	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-
	729	1,800	-	2,529	2,529
TOTAL ASSETS	229,946	32,394	-	262,340	180,244
LIABILITIES					
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR					
Accounts not yet paid	-	2,752	-	2,752	3,218
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Membership fees paid early	-	-	-	-	-
Deposits received in advance	-	3,210	-	3,210	2,750
	-	5,962	-	5,962	5,968
PAYABLE AFTER ONE YEAR					
Other long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	5,962	-	5,962	5,968
<u>BALANCE OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES</u>	<u>229,946</u>	<u>26,432</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>256,378</u>	<u>174,276</u>
CONTINGENCIES & FUTURE OBLIGATIONS					
Making good site on vacation - Middlewood	-	-	-	- b	8,716
Admin contingency (assessed annually) & cash in hand	17,178	-	-	17,178	17,178
	17,178	-	-	17,178	25,894

NOTES

a Estimated amount for Gift Aid claim.

in 2017, the site lease for Hollinwood was under negotiation, to be re-assigned to support Hollinwood site development,

b when lease was signed.

We report on the accounts of the County for the year ended 31-Mar-18 which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

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 County'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

Our 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 County 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:

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.



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