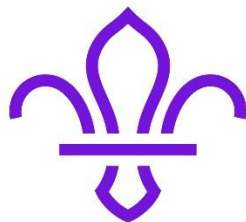


Ware & District Scout Council

Annual Report 2019

(For the year 2018)

Buntingford, Braughing, Thundridge, Ware
Gt Amwell, Hunsdon, Stanstead Abbots



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Introduction

The Trustees of Ware District Scout Council present their report and financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2018.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

District Executive Members as of Dec 2018

Noel Sanders (Ex-officio District Chairman)
District Secretary- Role vacant
Pat Horridge (Ex-officio District Commissioner)
Keith Jennings (Ex-officio District Explorer Scout Commissioner resigned June 2019)
Phil Clayden (Ex-officio District Scout Network Commissioner)
Dano O'Neil (District Youth Commissioner vacant as of Dec 2018)
Bob Cooper (Elected 2016 District Exec committee member)
Peter Raymen (Elected 2016 District Exec committee member)
Jim Smith (Elected 2016 District Exec committee member)
Geoff Addy (Elected 2017 District Treasurer)
Gail Stretch (Elected 2017 District Exec committee member Standing down July 2019 AGM)
Gavin Miles (Elected 2017 District Exec committee member)

District Chairman's Report

It has been another good year for Scouting in our District, with numbers of young people up and as you can see from the District Report some fantastic achievements and activities. After many years we have signed a 5 year lease with the Council for our District HQ this comes with a 40-year option subject to planning permission being granted for a new building.

Pat and his team of helpers have also made some greatly needed improvements to the fabric of the building, along with Keith sorting out the roof trusses. We have also invested in some new stackable tables and chairs, which should allow greater flexibility for anyone wishing to hire the hall.

For noting the District accounts have been included in the AGM Report and have been independently audited.

After standing for two years as Chair I will be standing down, leaving I hope the District in a better position for going forward.

I would like to thank the Exec for their support over that period and wish them and the District all the best for the future.

Noel Sanders District Chairman

District Commissioners Report

After 2 years in the role I'm delighted we now have our 3 ADCs in post. Lynn with Beavers Dee with Cubs and Graham with Scouts. It will take a little time for them to get familiar with the sections they represent but they are already ensuring regular meetings happen and sections across the district have a forum to discuss matters.

As always adult recruitment is an issue and despite a big effort in 2018 we saw little uptake. We did successfully promote Scouting across the District and attract more YP into Scouting but saw less than hoped additional adult take up.

We have spent some time and money on repairs and improvements to the District HQ to ensure we can make the most out of it during the renewed lease.

We have moved the DHQ bookings to an online calendar which can be accessed via our website along with a Hall booking page and enquiry form. We also rationalised rates for hire and have seen a number of additional bookings generated.

The DHQ front office has been cleared out of junk and is now used as a meeting room for reviews and training induction as part of the appointments meetings. That has led us to evaluate the equipment held in the district (some of it held members in their own spaces) and consider what we need to keep and how we manage that storage.

We once again have kept the District levy to groups to a minimum using District funds to subsidise additional costs.

We saw the introduction of a card payment solution in the Scout shop for a year trial and we'll know more of how that has panned out after the years up in November. But it certainly seems to be a popular addition to parents spending in the shop.

Jim Smith gave the exec notice of his stepping down from managing the shop in 2020 and we thank Jim and his whole team for their efforts and the funds they raise to help subsidise the District levy. We are seeing the shops profits reducing year on year as more parents chose to buy online, which is a shame as its often more expensive and we lose the earnings to the District. We are looking for a new team to take on and consider a new approach to the Scout shop moving forwards. After the 2019 Summer break the shop and the badges will operate on an order on demand basis. We plan to run down the held stock and order as needed badges and uniform.

Our Local Training Manager (LTM) Paul was only active for a short period of 2018 and then off sick hoping to return but eventually wasn't able to so we are still without an LTM. Karen White our appointments secretary agreed to step up to Training Administrator and we have appointed few more TAs. We have been working on ensuring mandatory training (safety Safeguarding etc) are up to date and that leaders over 5 years in the role without wood badges are helped to complete their training.

As always, the admin element of the DC role keeps me busy for a number of hours each week and the recent requirement to check all adults for Nights Away ensures there is plenty of admin keeping me busy.

I'd like to thank the exec and the district team for their efforts. Noel for his 2 years helping steer the exec through the DHQ lease renewal and of course the GSLs for representing the district in our groups and all the leaders who work so tirelessly to deliver the skills for life scouting offers our young people.

Pat Horridge District Commissioner

District Management Team

The District Team consists of a number of District Scouters who help and support section events. A core of those also have management roles and meet regularly to contribute to the district scouting development are:

Pat Horridge (District Commissioner)
Ian Hooper (Deputy District Commissioner)
Keith Jennings (District Explorer Scout Commissioner)
Peter Raymen (ADC Development)
Lynn Isham (ADC Beavers)
Dee Handscomb-Teagle (ADC Cubs -appointed Feb 2019)
Graham Paul (ADC Scouts appointed April 2019)
Phil Clayden (District Scout Network Commissioner)
Bob Cooper (Nights Away Adviser)
Karen White (District Appointments Secretary)
Position Vacant District Youth Commissioner
Position Vacant District Local Training Manager
Dano O'Neill (Leader Young Leaders Stepped down Feb 2019)
Jennifer Makewell (District Assistant Commissioner – International)

There are also an additional 25 or so Leaders who also support the District in a number of ways, many in background roles. So our thanks to all those unsung helper and supporters.

ADC Scouts

2 of our ADCs are new to their roles but I've included their reports as useful information: Firstly, I would like to thank the Scout Section Leaders, Assistant Scout Leaders and occasional helpers for their time and commitment to supporting their troops and giving the young people in Ware and District the opportunity to experience new challenges and develop through scouting. After a lapsed period for the ADC(Scouts) position, I recently took on this role in parallel with my role as an Assistant Scout Leader. The Scout Leaders met for the inaugural meeting 30th April 2019. The Lightweight Hike made its return in 2019 (after

an absence of 3 years), with 10 teams participating in the hike and campcraft competition. Preparations for this event were well in hand before the start of the Summer term and I thank Martin, Simon and the rest of the planning team from Hunsdon, Braughing and 5th Ware for an excellent job in organising the event. The outdoor cinema was popular with our Scouts and 3rd Ware Girls took the trophy in what was a closely scored event. Nine Scout troops (at the time of going to press) will be competing in the Swimming Gala on 5th July, organised by Ware District Guides with 3rd Ware. We also have five Scout troops entered for the Ware Raft Race the following weekend. For the current year, we are planning the established District Scout competitions for the Autumn and Spring terms, with introduction of Remembrance Day as a Peter Geer event for 2019-2020.

Graham Paul ADC(Scouts)

ADC Cubs

Dee took on the role as ADC Cubs in Feb 2019 9 months after our previous ADC Cubs, Karen Hale stepped down. So a good proportion of 2018 saw us with no ADC Cubs. Thanks to all those Cub leaders who kept the show on the road and ensured the events still ran. It's very early days in helping the Cub sections with their District programme of events and we hope to have more to report next year.

Pat Horridge District Commissioner (ADC Cubs Dee Handscomb-Teagle)

ADC Beavers

Lynn took on the ADC Beavers role over 2 years ago and we've now started to see a more consistent delivery of District Beaver events. As always, it's the leaders on the ground who actually deliver these events and many thanks to those that step up and help deliver the programme. Section leader meetings are happening, and we look forward to sharing best practice between sections to ensure the best scouting for our youngest members. Leader recruitment and retention are possibly the hardest in this age range. It's never easy to attract new leaders or helpers but at Beaver age they tend to stay for the duration of their YPs time in the colony and then move on when their YP does so we are constantly filling adult roles.

Pat Horridge District Commissioner (ADC Beavers Lynn Isham)

Scout Active Support Unit

The Active Support Unit continues to provide help and support to all the groups in our District who I am pleased to say are taking advantage of our help and assistance. We, of course, always do the usual tea making and coffees etc., at the main District events and District and Executive meetings.

We only have a small social calendar which is always well attended including our Annual Dinner at Fanhams Hall in February which is always enjoyed by all.

We have helped out, as usual, with marshalling and manning bases at all District and County competitions and our calendar, so far, for 2018/2019 is getting quite full.

We have 32 Active Support members who have various roles in the District including appointments committee, nights away permits, training advisors, badge secretaries and, of course, our shop which is managed by Jim Smith and his team.

Jim Smith has asked for more help to come forward and help bolster the numbers as well as help present a younger face to parents.

I, of course, will also continue my role as County Active Support Manager. We look forward to getting involved with all the major Scout, Cub and Beaver events again this year.

We will be setting have set up a new ASU Unit called ASU Adventure which will incorporate more members of the Network who give their support to skilled activities including the Lochearnhead Expeditions and other adventurous events. This will be managed by Keith Jennings.

I look forward to working with Keith on this project.

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

Peter Raymen Active Support Unit Manager

Scout Adventure Active Support Unit

During 2018 we created a New ASU unit called Adventure ASU. This is managed by Keith Jennings and allows us to have a District presence for those leaders and former leaders that still offer an active adventure role to local scouting. It allows us to retain former leaders and adults within Scouting and call upon them when we have adventure activities that they have the skills to help support.

Pat Horridge District Commissioner (Adventure ASU Manager Keith Jennings)

Group Reports

Buntingford Scout Group

Quinn Beavers Friday	Rib Beavers 2 nd Sat of month	Hawk Cubs Monday	Griffins Cubs 2 nd Sat of month	Taurus Scout Troop 2 nd Sat of month	Phoenix Scout Troop Wednesday
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It was at the start of 2018 that we saw the launch of our monthly programme to incorporate Rib Beavers, both cub packs and the reopening of Taurus Scout Troop. Understandably there were concerns around the retention of children for these weekend sessions, certainly as we were unable to keep one cub pack open as an option for weekly meetings like one beaver and one scout troop were able to stay open.

The monthly programmes have seen a significant increase in section assistants coming on board to support the running of these meetings. It has been really positive to see so many parents joining the team and engaging in scouting activities with their children, which I am sure is something they may not of had a chance to do had the sessions at weekends not happened.

I am pleased that although there were a few children that were unable to continue with their scouting lives, the majority remained and continued to enjoy the activities, opportunities and friendships they had established. It is also great that some children do weekly as well as weekend meetings. On average we have 80 children attend our weekly sessions which is amazing.

In order to see whether these weekends were what people wanted to continue with, I spoke to the children firstly and every single one wanted to continue with the monthly sessions. They all told me they loved coming along and spending time with their friends and having a whole afternoon. Parents who completed the survey on the whole all agreed that the weekend sessions were really good, a few areas were identified such as communication as without weekly meetings sometimes things are missed, but we hope this can continue to be worked on with the OSM system and regular email updates.

Overall, I believe this has been really positive for us as a Group, with our geographical position and many of our families having to work out of the local area, the recruitment of leaders at a weekly meeting was such a barrier to Scouting in Buntingford. The weekend sessions have opened up new opportunities and friendships.

fundraising events, applying for grants and supporting our Group events. I am also pleased that many of our Executive support us at our monthly meetings, from Keri doing the registrations and attendance, to Sandra supporting with activities (usually the outdoor ones). Ian has been running the monthly weekend scouts, so as he moves more towards this as a focus. For parents that can offer us some extra time to help with events we really would like to hear from you- please come and speak to one of us.

Yours in Scouting

Jo McNamara- Group Scout Leader

1st Braughing Scout Group

Beavers Tuesday	Puma Cubs Tuesday	Cheetah Cubs Wednesday	Scout Troop Wednesday
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This year has seen some positive and not so positive changes within the group. We successfully 're booted' the Scout troop and now have some 20+ Scouts. We continue to provide lots of fun and adventure to some 80+ young people on a weekly basis, but have many Beaver and Cub aged young people eager to join on waiting lists due to a lack of adult leaders and helpers. We need additional adults to help run Beavers and are still without a GSL.

Shaun Maguire Acting Group Scout Leader**2nd Ware Scout Group**

Apache Beavers Wednesday	Little Indians Beavers Monday	Thunderidge Cubs Tuesday	Mowgli Cubs Monday	Cougar Cubs Wednesday	Thundridge Cubs Tuesday	Scout Troop Friday
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Its been a busy year and all sections have done well but as always, it's a relatively small band of people that so much time and effort into keeping sections running.

Sarah West and Russell Meek seem to be everywhere helping with everything.

Mowgli Pack moved to a Monday evening and that seems to have paid dividends with number growing steadily.

Leader number are short and all the sections could do with some additional assistance as well as the non-scouting roles that need to be covered.

Thanks to everyone involved in the group this year for all their efforts, keep up the great work, the kids really appreciate it!

Jerry Pollard Group Scout Leader (content selected from 2nd Ware AGM report by DC)

3rd Ware Scout Group

River Ash Beavers Thursday	River Lea Beavers Wednesday	Falcon Cubs Tuesday	Heron Cubs Monday	Bobcats Scout Troop Friday	Lynx Scout Troop Wednesday
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Our Scout Group has continued to thrive with two Beaver Colonies, two Cub Packs and two Scout Troops and meetings every night of the working week.

2018 proved to be another exciting and activity packed year. There have been numerous events outside of the “full-on” weekly meetings and a tremendous amount of work and planning by leaders, committee members and parents. Our utmost thanks goes to this team that gives so much to our young people.



Gavin Matthews Group Scout Leader

5th Ware Scout Group

Warrior Beavers Monday	Lemur Cubs Monday	Scout Troop Friday
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2018 was another strong year for the 5th Ware (Christ Church) Scout Group. Both our adult and your person membership has grown slightly, and all the sections had been quite active. Our Beavers and Cubs especially demonstrate high levels of engagement and growing Scout section has also had shown strong participation in all the events we have made available.

We have made good progress in the development of the Group as a whole and continue to have very strong support from the parents within the Group who are key to getting young people to all the places they need to be. We also presented our first ever Chief Scout Gold awards (in fact five of them which seems apt) and congratulate the young people for the efforts they put in to this.

We are completely full for Cubs and are considering adding an additional Friday session if there is sufficient interest. Even though we are capable of running two Beaver colonies on the Monday, we have found that it has not been easy to fill the second but would welcome new six year olds for immediate start. We are also looking to add adults to our Scouts Leadership team of a regular or occasional basis.

We would also like to thank our hosts, Christ Church, for their continued support and grateful for their encouragement.

Colin Piper Group Scout Leader

1st Gt Amwell Scout Group

Bear Beavers Tuesday	Wolves Beavers Wednesday	Leopard Cubs Tuesday	Otter Cubs Thursday	Scout Troop Friday
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This year Great Amwell is looking to up skill their leaders. The group has just purchased archery equipment and is running a course for twelve leaders across the district to attend to become certificated. Our next project is to see leaders becoming skilled in water activities as our group camp next year is being held at ESSA.

We currently have availability in our Wednesday colony and Thursday cub pack, the other sections are full although scouts fluctuate.

Over the past year we have seen our beavers come runners up in the tug of war, Otter cubs come runners up in go-karts, Leopards cubs won last year's fun run and the Scouts won the orienteering at Green Beret.

Gail Stretch Group Scout Leader

Hunsdon Scout Group

Beavers Tuesday	Tiger Cubs Friday	Scout Troop Friday
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Leadership: As always some people have moved on but we have welcomed others, and for the first time in a while we also have 3 actively engaged Young Leaders. All sections have strong teams, although it's apparent that flexible arrangements are a must with very few leaders being able to attend on a weekly basis.

Census & Subs: This year we recorded 47 youth members in group, a decline on what we expected, and making us the smallest group in the district. Largely due to the excellent work of our Treasurer and Chair, and the leaders' close attention to budgets for events, we are financially buoyant, and local subs remain at the same level for the 10th consecutive year.

Small Group, Great Achievements

Peter Geer Trophy - For a small group we pack quite a punch in the competitions, but we are also good at supporting and participating and for the 2nd year in a row we were delighted to come 2nd, behind our friends 5th Ware.

District Scouts Swimming Gala - joint 1st place

Oxley Shield - 2nd in this exciting annual camping competition

Green Beret - 2nd in the district and 32nd out of 150 teams in the county

Scouts Bowls Gala - first time we have participated in this competition in 15 years

Community: Along with all the traditional Scouting activities and District events, we support many local community days such as Remembrance Parade, Gardening Club Show and the School Fete. This year our Cubs helped design the Hunsdon Parish Neighbourhood Planning Group logo, provided feedback for Hunsdon Active, ran a project with the History Society, and have been visiting a local care home.

New things for the future

- an expedition further afield for Scouts
- Scouts Against Malaria project
- a talk from our London Paramedic friend who has climbed Everest
- a trip to Brownsea Island where it all started (and if not a return visit to HMS Belfast)
- a badger watch
- funding leaders to become Archery Instructors

I would like to give my personal thanks to everyone who supports us, young people and families, members of the community, but most importantly thank you to all the leaders for giving their time and energy for Scouting in Hunsdon. Their commitment and enthusiasm is amazing.

Yours in Scouting,

Karen Osterley Group Scout Leader

1st Stanstead Abbots & St Margarets Scout Group

Forest Beavers Friday	Woodland Beavers Thursday	Jaguar Cubs Wednesday	Panther Cubs Tuesday	Scout Troop Friday
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The Group has continued to offer a high-quality programme to our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts over the past year, with a huge number and range of activities at both regular weekly meetings and special events.

Applications to join our ever-popular Beaver Scout colonies are still strong, while both our Cub Scout packs have expanded to accommodate more young people this year, including many direct entrants. The Scout Troop is as large as ever despite being closed to direct entrants for several years, creating additional challenges for the leader team.

We've continued to attract new adult volunteers into the Group, something that we must always do to balance those volunteers who unfortunately move away or who have a change of circumstances and can no longer help. Woodland Beaver Scout colony had a difficult period last year due to a shortage of adults but are now doing well under new leadership.

Several adults have changed roles within the Group over the past year, which again leaves gaps that must always be filled. We also need additional adults to support the growing number of young people, so adult recruitment is always necessary.

Our team of 17 Explorer Scout Young Leaders, aged 14-17 years old, continue to support the adult leaders with their brilliant and valued contribution across all five sections. The Group Executive (Charity Trustees) have provided valuable support to the Group, releasing leaders from administration tasks such as chasing overdue subscriptions payments and helping the Group constantly improve with a high quality governance framework.

A continued focus on adult training over the past year has resulted in many adults making good progress in both initial and ongoing training, which helps to drive up the standard of programme for our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Overall the Group continues to grow and develop thanks to the brilliant team of over 40 adult volunteers who provide their time, skills and enthusiasm for the benefit of local young people.

Paul Stretch Group Scout Leader

Explorer Unit Reports

Armynage (Buntingford) Explorer Unit

Armynage ESU
Wednesdays Buntingford Scout HQ

Armynage Explorers, in Buntingford continue to strive as a unit. We have seen a number of new members join the unit in the past year, feeding from the Scout Groups in Buntingford and Braughing as well as receiving some new members from outside of scouting. Currently we have around 15 members who regularly turn up each week.

The unit enjoys an active and varied programme, and with the summer months upon us, we endeavour to enjoy the outdoors as much as possible. Some of the activities the Explorers have taken part include kayaking on the canal and climbing and caving in conjunction with HYMB, making and launching water bottle rockets, making cardboard box pizza ovens and homemade pizzas, a climbing theory evening, an evening hike and evening geocaching. Activities still to come include a bike ride, an evening stand up paddle boarding and a treasure trail with fish and chip supper in Royston to end the term.

Armynage ESU has also enjoyed a couple of evenings with Buntingford Rangers, where we have enjoyed playing silly games and cooking on campfire during the summer months to an outing to the Van Hage' Ice Skating Rink at Christmas time.

Last summer, saw eight members of the unit took part in the District Expedition to Lochearnhead, all of whom were challenged by adventures during their stay and had a wonderful time.

Good representation was shown by members of the unit at this year's St George's Day Parade, providing the flag bearer and colour party for the union flag.

We are also lucky enough to have one of our members, Josh Chowdhury who has been successfully been selected to represent Ware & District at the European Jamboree 2020, taking place in Gdansk in Poland.

This autumn we hope to enter a couple of teams into the Hertfordshire Peak Assault Competition. Armynage has been absence from taking part in this event for the last few years, so it will be good to see the unit represented again.

Finally, myself and assistant leader, Martin continue to keep the unit running and active, however we would always welcome an 'extra pair of hands' to support the leader team as well as the unit. If you or anyone you know would be interested and have a spare Wednesday evening, we would be delighted to hear from you!

Yours in scouting

Christine Sharman Explorer Scout Leader

Lygean (Ware) Explorer Unit

Lygean ESU
Friday Christ Church Ware

Lygean ESU meet in the Church Centre, Christ Church, Ware on Friday evenings.

Lygean Explorer Scout Unit has seen a steady influx of Scouts from all the Troops in Ware & District, and we offer a varied programme of activities to suit the Explorer age range.

The main highlight of the past year was the District Expedition to Lochearnhead - attended by 14 Lygean Explorers, along with three Lygean Explorer leaders (who were also on the organising committee). We held night hikes, bike rides, car & bike maintenance evenings, lightweight bivvy camps (now more commonly known as 'under the stars' camps), bushcraft events along with various cooking evenings including an outdoor master chef evening.

Thanks as always must go to the Explorer Leaders who give up their time to make all these evenings and events happen.

Jim Campbell Explorer Scout Leader

Young Leader Explorer Unit

Our Young Leaders are an Explorer Unit that is distributed across the whole District helping support mainly the Beaver and Cub sections. They turn up most weeks and help the Leaders with the sections activities and are our future Leaders. They have their own training programme and an adhoc activities programme which we hope to expand moving forward.

Dano has been running the YL unit but had to step down in Feb 2019 so we are looking at a more distributed method of running the section and welcome the input of any adults/ Leaders in the District.

Pat Horridge District Commissioner (Dano O'Neil Young Leader Explorer Scout Leader. Stepped down Feb 2019)

Treasurer's Report

We are pleased to report that we had a surplus of £7,102 for the year ending 31st December 2018.

Total income for 2018 was £93,620 (£37,264 in 2017) and expenditure was £86,518 (£36,071 in 2017). The Lochearnhead expedition in 2018 accounted for £47,427 of this increase in income, and likewise the same said expedition had expenditure of £38,987.

Subscription income was slightly higher in 2018 compared to 2017 at £41,178 with the resulting capitation payments for 2018 being at £36,440.

Gift aid income was £1,458 with two years of receipts in this financial year due to the administration issues I reported on last year.

Scout shop receipts were £18,047 and the associated expenses were £14,583 so resulting in a surplus on this activity of £3,464.

The district also received during the year a £10,000 legacy for the Barney fund, and it is now up to the Committee to decide on how this money and the previous Barney legacies are used to further scouting.

Letting income for the year was £671 and we also received donations of £2,050.

Cash funds at the end of 2018 were £76,418 (2017 £69,316) so from the narrative above you can see that excluding the Barney fund Legacy the District actually recorded a net deficit.

The District continues to hold regular Executive (Trustee) meetings, and the accounts have been prepared in accordance with the latest guidance of the Charities Commission and the policies and rules of the Scout Association.

Geoffrey Addy District Treasurer

Ware & District Accounts 2018 Receipts

Ware District Scout Council
Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date		Year end date	
For the year from	01-Jan-18	To	31-Dec-18

Receipts and payments

	2018			2017	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	38,965	2,213		41,178	40,898
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Net membership subscriptions retained	2,525	2,213	-	4,738	4,677
Donations	2,050			2,050	114
Legacies		10,000		10,000	-
Gift Aid	1,458			1,458	-
Other similar income	305			305	441
Sub total	6,338	12,213	-	18,551	5,232
Grants					
Maintenance grant				-	-
Other grants				-	422
Sub total	-	-	-	-	422
Fundraising (gross)					
Locheamhead Expedition	47,427			47,427	-
Ware Real Ale Festival	700			700	-
Scout Active Support	472			472	991
Training Sections	7,522			7,522	10,539
Barn Dance				-	2,107
Scout Shop	18,047			18,047	16,071
Sub total	74,168	-	-	74,168	28,707
Investment income					
Bank interest	230			230	32
Building Society interest				-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service				-	-
Property Rent income	671			671	1,308
Other investment income				-	563
Sub total	901	-	-	901	1,903
Total Gross Income	81,407	12,213	-	93,620	37,264
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	81,407	12,213	-	93,620	37,264

Ware & District Accounts 2018 Payments

Ware District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01-Jan-18	To	31-Dec-18

Receipts and payments

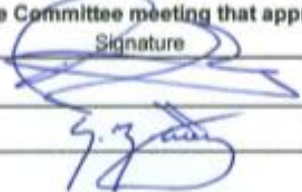
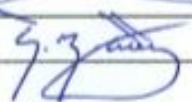
	2018			2017
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Youth programme and activities	10,216			11,118
Lochearnhead Expedition	38,987			
Adult support and training	638			1,498
Rent	1,110			25
Water and Sewerage	4,024			276
Electricity and Gas & Rates	533			572
Insurance	2,656			2,586
Repairs and Renewals	124			1,425
Materials and equipment	179			179
Adult Recruitment	2,810			-
Contribution to Jamboree		8,340		1,800
Uniforms	489			167
AGM and trustee expenses	1,006			244
Donations To Charity	706			194
Training Fund Grants	116			52
Hertfordshire County Lottery				214
Sub total	63,595	8,340	-	20,350
Fundraising expenses				
Scout Shop	14,583	-	-	13,948
Barn Dance		-	-	1,772
Detail 3		-	-	-
Other fundraising costs		-	-	-
Sub total	14,583	-	-	15,721
Total Gross Expenditure	78,178	8,340	-	86,518
Asset and investment purchases, etc.				
Total payments	78,178	8,340	-	36,071
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,229	3,873	-	1,193
Transfers between funds				
Cash funds last year end	49,999	19,317	-	68,122
Cash funds this year end	53,228	23,190	-	69,316

Ware & District Accounts 2018 Assets Liabilities

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st December 2018			31-Dec-17	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Bank current account	37,989			37,989	19,039
Bank deposit account	15,240	23,190		38,429	50,260
Building society account				-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service				-	-
Cash/Floats	130			130	17
Total cash funds	53,358	23,190	-	76,548	69,316
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim				-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	1,115			1,115	514
Insurance claim				-	-
Sub total	1,115	-	-	1,115	514
Investment assets					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
Badge stock				-	-
Shop stock	7,980			7,980	7,980
Other stock				-	-
Land and buildings				-	-
Motor vehicles				-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc				-	-
Other				-	800
Sub total	7,980	-	-	7,980	8,780
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	532			532	328
Expenses incurred but not invoiced				-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid				-	-
Loan - detail				-	-
Other liabilities				-	-
Sub total	532	-	-	532	328

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name	
	N S SANDERS	Chair
	G. L. Aday	Treasurer

Ware & District Accounts 2018 Scrutineer's Report to The Trustees

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the

WARE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 31st December 2018

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages to

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

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