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Greater Manchester West
County Scout Council
Annual Report
2019



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WELCOME BY COUNTY CHAIR

Haydn Worrall - County Chair

Welcome to the April 2018 to March 2019 Annual Review and Report for Greater Manchester West County Scout Council.

I am happy to report on another exciting year of achievements and progress throughout our County.

Hopefully, in the following pages, you will find inspiration and encouragement from the many activities and events described.

First and foremost, the achievements of the young people are to be commended and celebrated.

Congratulations to all who achieved the top award in their section and well done also to all who experienced their first night away from home, gained their first activity badge or just grew in some new area. Well done to every single young person who has pushed themselves.

In this past year, many have enjoyed expeditions abroad, while others have worked hard planning future trips, helped financially by the newly formed County Grants Board.

Our exciting and adventurous programme could never exist without the huge dedication of our leaders and supporters, all of whom give their time voluntarily and sometimes at considerable personal expense. They deserve our warmest and most heart-felt thanks.

I would like to thank the County Executive for all they have done to support the County Commissioner and his extended County Leadership team in their sterling work across our County and beyond. In January, our Leaders' Conference 'Buzz Live' celebrated our success and launched our future planning.

"Lord Beeden Powel" our Bee Sculpture part of Art in the City was displayed in Manchester Cathedral and proved extremely popular.

The Online Scout Manager (OSM) is proving to be a fantastic resource. It helps sectional leaders deliver a balanced programme to our young people as they progress through the award schemes. We are now going to make this available, free of charge, to all sections within our County.

As part of our vision for the future the "#Skills for Life" strategy focuses on three areas of work, People, Perception and Programme. This is now being put into place. Our vision is that by 2023 we will have empowered more young people with skills for life and supported their amazing leaders to deliver truly inspiring programmes.

Our 3 Camp Sites continue to be a great asset for our County. Bispham Hall and Dunham Park thrive and provide a fantastic resource for young people and their leaders. Progress is being made at our new site at Hollinwood. Building a new site from scratch requires a huge amount of work, both on the actual camp site and in all the legal work around planning applications.

Hopefully we will see the fruits of all this labour in the near future. Having been involved with camp sites for many years I appreciate their frustrations, challenges and delights and so my special thanks go to the campsite staff and their management committees.

Finally, I would like once again to thank everyone involved in whatever capacity, for all that you do for the young people of Greater Manchester West. With your ongoing enthusiasm and commitment, Scouting will continue to flourish.

COUNTY TEAM MEMBERS

County President	Lord Lieutenant Mr Warren Smith JP KStJ JP DLitt LLD
Vice Presidents	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	Mr Andrew Corrie
County Commissioner	Mr Andy Farrell
Deputy County Commissioner	Mr Greg Archer (Operations) Mr Andy Connellan (Programme) Mrs Daniele Wiseman (Development)
County Youth Commissioner	Mr Lewis Foster
Deputy Youth Commissioner	Mr Matt Dawson Mr Will Taylor Miss Amelie Wiseman
Assistant Youth Commissioner	Mr James Turner Mr Troy Wood Mr Haydn Worrall Mrs Ann Lam Mr Roger Kettle Mrs Lindsay Pollard Mrs Jacqui Aspinall MBE Mr Graham Barrick (Chair) Mr Peter Marsh Mr Greg Archer Mr Lewis Foster 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 Chairman	
County Secretary	
County Treasurer	
County Appointments Secretary	
Assistant County Appointments Sec	
County Appts Advisory Committee	
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	Mr Jacob Bond
Cub Scouts	Miss Siobhan Mullen
Scouts	Mr Bob Wilson
Explorer Scouts	Mr David Kerrs
Scout Network	Mr Chris Hansford
International	Mr Jeff Picton
Activities	Mr Steve Ralph MBE, JP
Managers / Advisors	
Comms Manager - Media	Mr David Simpson
Comms Manager – Newsletter Editor	Mrs Michele Millington

COUNTY TEAM MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

Duke of Edinburgh Advisor
Bands Advisor

Queen's Scout Award Coordinator
Safeguarding Awareness Coordinator

Safety Coordinator

Gang Show Advisor

County Assessors

Climbing

Hill Walking

Kayaking

District Commissioners

Altrincham

Ellesmere

Lilford

Lowry

Sale

Stretford

Urmston

Wigan

Mr Phil Bainbridge

Mr Jim Field

Mr Chris Hansford

Mrs Nikki Parr

Mr Greg Archer

Mr Stephen Morrell

Mr Alex Waddington

Mr Stuart Johnston

Miss Sarah Goodstadt

Mr Neil Gregory

Mr Andrew Bradley

Mr Dave Keogh

Mr Roger Smith

Mr Keith Lang

Mr Steve Ralph MBE, JP

Mr Steve Baker

Mr David Smith

Mr Jim Akrill

Mr Paul Mullineux

Mr Chris Upton

Mr Kenneth Williams (from Mar 2019)

Miss Susan Leonard

Mr Steve Ralph MBE, JP

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 2018 A.G.M.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Greater Manchester West County Scout Council held on Wednesday 26th September 2018 at Bowdon Rugby Union Football Club, Clay Lane, Timperley WA15 7AF

Present:

Mr Warren Smith KStJ JP DLitt LLD, Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, County President
Mr Andrew Farrell, County Commissioner
Mr Andrew Corrie, Regional Commissioner
Mr Michael Rollinson, County Chair
Mrs Heather Lomas, County Secretary
Mr Roger Kettle, County Treasurer
Mr Lewis Foster, Youth Commissioner
Mr Matt Dawson, Deputy Youth Commissioner
Mr James Turner, Assistant Youth Commissioner
Mr Troy Wood, Assistant Youth Commissioner
Mr Chris Varley, F.C.A. Cedar Solutions (Management) Ltd – Account Examiners
Mr Graham Barrick, County Appointments Chair
Mr David Copeland, County Executive, District Chair Lilford
Mrs Iris Emery, County Executive, District Secretary Altrincham
Mr Andrew Connellan, Deputy County Commissioner - Programme
Mr Greg Archer, Deputy County Commissioner – Operations
Mrs Daniele Wiseman, Deputy County Commissioner – Development
Miss Gemma Higson, County Training Manager, County Scout Council member
Mr Jeff Picton, Assistant County Commissioner International
Mr David Kerrs, Assistant County Commissioner Explorer Scouts
Miss Siobhan Mullen, Assistant County Commissioner Cubs
Mr Jacob Bond, Assistant County Commissioner Beaver Scouts
Mr Chris Taylor, Deputy County Commissioner Greater Manchester North
Mr David Harvey, Assistant Land Agent Peel Land and Property
Mr Andrew Bradley, County Assessor, Scout Active Support Manager
Mr Neil Gregory, County Assessor
Mrs Pat Haynes, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Bob Haynes, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Hugh Davies, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Pamela Copeland, District Secretary Lilford, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Keith Lang, County Hill Walking Assessor, Silver Wolf Holder
Miss Sue Leonard, District Commissioner Ellesmere
Mrs Elizabeth Samson, District Commissioner Lowry
Mr Chris Knowles, District Commissioner Urmston
Mr Andrew Atherall, District Commissioner Sale
Miss Amy Atherall, District Secretary Sale
Mr Phil Rigby, District Chair Ellesmere
Mr Simon Gould, District Chair Altrincham
Mr Ged Davies, District Chair Wigan
Mrs Deborah Forrest, District Secretary Ellesmere
Mr Anthony Roberts, Local Training Manager Altrincham
Mrs Freda Clarke, County Scout Council member

Mrs Margaret Davies, County Scout Council member
Mr Paul Brighthouse, County Executive, WSJ 2019 Asst Ldr Swarm 44
Mr Tom Drinkwater, County Scout Council member
Mrs Tina Winterbottom, County Scout Council member
Miss Karen Salisbury, County Training
Mr John Paul Yates, County Training Advisor
Mr Derek Batchen, Hollinwood Scout Active Support
Mr Chris Starkie, Manager of the Permit Scheme, County Nights Away Advisor
Mrs Nikki Parr, Safeguarding Co-ordinator
Mr Michael Harding, District Treasurer Sale, County Scout Council member
Mrs Joan Smith, District Treasurer Wigan
Mrs Tricia Dunning, WSJ 2019 Unit Leader Swarm 44
Mrs Sue Ralph (County Administrator – Minutes) and
20 leaders, lay members and friends signed the attendance register.

Apologies

Mayors of Trafford, Wigan and Salford
Mr Haydn Worrall, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Phil Horton, County Chair Greater Manchester East
Mrs Christine Gleaves, Local Training Manager Sale, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Ian Silvester, County Commissioner Greater Manchester North
Mr Martin Shaw, Campsite Manager BHSE
Mr Bob Wilson, Assistant County Commissioner Scouts
Mr Peter Hart, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Thomas Ford, St. George's Day Award Holder
Mrs Judith Summersgill, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Paul Green, DC Wigan
Mr Alex Waddington, County Safety Co-ordinator, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Martin Maynard, District Chair Lowry
Mrs Vera Crossley, County Vice President, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Steve Ralph MBE, Assistant County Commissioner Activities, District Commissioner Lilford
Mrs Jacqui Aspinall MBE, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Ann Salt, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Simon Field, WSJ 2019 Assistant Leader Swarm 44
Mr Andrew Robinson GSL 6th Altrincham
Mrs Eileen Johnson, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Jean Archer, Scout Active Support member
Mr David Hughes, Campsite Manager Dunham Park
Mr Ian McGeogh, District Chair Sale
Mr Justin O'Donnell, Local Training Manager Lowry

- 01/18: Safety Notice – Jacob Bond, ACC Beaver Scouts.
02/18: Opening Thought read by Explorer Scout Troy Wood, Altrincham District.
03/18: The County President, Lord Lieutenant Warren Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.
He congratulated the Scouts on making an impact on the City of Manchester over the sale of the Bee Badges in aid of the memorial fund for the victims of the disastrous

bomb last year, with over £60,000 raised. Thanking and congratulating each and every one for their involvement in making a remarkable contribution to young people's lives and bringing awareness of how active, how positive and how powerful the Scout Movement is.

04/18: Apologies for Absence read by the County Secretary Heather Lomas, as listed.

05/18: Approval to accept the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 26th September 2017 as previously circulated. The County President proposed acceptance of the minutes. Seconded by Greg Archer. All in favour.

06/18: County Commissioner's announcement of the County Chairman. Haydn Worrall. Thanks were given to Michael for his work over the last year.

07/18: Presentation of the Annual Report.
Michael presented the Annual Report for 2017/18, which included the Accounts and showed the fantastic things that have been happening in GMW. Highlighting a few of the events that had taken place and gave thanks to the ACC's and everyone involved for the fantastic work they do. Michael proposed the report be accepted. Seconded by Siobhan Mullen. All in Favour

08/18: Presentation of the Examined Accounts by the County Treasurer, Roger Kettle. Roger explained that copies of the accounts had been circulated and that we now solely operate through CAF Bank. The Scout Trust Investment Service (STIS) has changed its name and operating conditions. The committee agreed to close both accounts it held and open a 60 day account with Shawbrook Bank which CAF Bank use.

Bispham Hall Scout Estate has a separate charity number and anyone wanting copies of their accounts would need to contact the BHSE Management Committee.

Middlewood has transferred remaining balances to GMW and we are currently paying all expenses involved with Hollinwood. Roger was pleased to announce that they had appointed a treasurer who is currently in process of obtaining signatures for bank mandate.

International Account is shown as restricted funds as it is only a holding/handling account for those going on expeditions. A busy year with the Morocco and Malawi expeditions and to continue with the 2019 Jamboree and Philmont expeditions. The account is available for any future County expeditions.

Thanks to the Treasurers for each expedition who have done a brilliant job.

Restricted funds also include the Patron's Scheme and £60,000 held in Shawbrook Bank for Hollinwood.

Opportunity for questions given. None raised.

09/18: Proposal that the examined accounts be accepted.

10/18: Seconded by Chris Knowles. All in Favour

11/18: Announcement of the County Levy by the County Treasurer
HQ: £27.50 (£28 with 50 pence discount if paid by 23rd April)
County: £9.25 (in line with changes made last year to increase County Levy to £9.00 and increase of 25p per annum.)
Total payable: £36.75 for all members under the age of 18.
Thanks were given to all District Treasurers for ensuring the funds are received on time.

12/18: Election of the County Secretary
Graham Barrick proposed Ann Lam as the new County Secretary.
Seconded by Andy Connellan

13/18: Election of the County Treasurer
The County Commissioner proposed that Roger Kettle continue as County Treasurer.
Seconded by Daniele Wiseman

14/18: Announcement of elected members to the County Executive Committee as notified to County Secretary Heather Lomas

Salford Metro	-	Mr Paul Brighouse
Trafford Metro	-	Mr Clive Winby* (South) and Mr Nick Anderson (North)
Wigan Metro	-	Mr Stewart Thompson

[*indicates change from last year]

15/18: Announcement of the County Commissioner's nominations to the County Executive Committee

Mr David Copeland, Mrs Iris Emery and Mr Matt Dawson*
[*indicates change from last year]

16/18: Announcement of County Scout Council members.
(Each District Scout Council elected one Scouter to the County Scout Council, as notified to the County Secretary.)

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

[*indicates change from last year]

17/18: Appointment to the Committee of the Association
The County Commissioner proposed his representative for adult and youth member - Lewis Foster.
Seconded by Jacob Bond.

18/18: The County Treasurer proposed that Chris Varley from Cedar Solutions continue as the Account Examiners.
Seconded by Ged Davies.

19/18: Presentation of Awards by the County Commissioner.

County Commissioner's Commendation Award to:-

David Kerrs and Bev Kerrs in recognition of their time and commitment in promoting the track car, an enormous project from Urmston District which has raised the profile of Scouting both locally and nationally.

Lewis Foster and Matt Dawson for shaping the way that Youth Shaped Scouting operates in GMW. With a fantastic team alongside them they do a brilliant job in showing how Youth Shaped Scouting is done in the County as well as Nationally and Internationally.

Service Awards to:-

Daniele Wiseman, 5 years

Warren Smith, 10 years

St. George's Day Award to:-

Derek Batchen, Bar to the Silver Acorn

20/18: The Regional Commissioner, Andrew Corrie, stated that, as can be seen from the Annual Report, Greater Manchester West has had a lot to celebrate over the last twelve months. Giving congratulations on the Report, a fine testimony to the terrific work that is being done across the County. Not only on the achievements but in producing the Report itself, a terrific piece of PR that deserves wider readership.

Scouting is a powerful force for good, with its main aim to prepare young people for the future, in ever changing times. Following on from our Vision 2018 "Scouting for All" strategy promoting Growth, Inclusivity, Youth Shaped and Community Impact we move forward with our "Skills for Life" strategy focusing on three areas of work, People, Perception and Programme. By 2023 our vision is that we will have empowered more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders to deliver inspiring programmes.

Massive thanks and well done to all those involved in delivering programmes and those supporting the programmes, which provide life enhancing and life changing opportunities for thousands of young people.

In conclusion, he gave thanks to Andy and the County Team, ACC's, DC's for their leadership that has been prevalent over the last twelve months, to Mike and Heather for their work, support, and commitment to Scouting. Also congratulating the two Queen's Scouts from Urmston District for achieving the top award, a truly fantastic achievement, and to Christine Gleaves from Sale District for being awarded the Silver Wolf, a tribute to the commitment and dedication and exceptional service over many years.

The County Commissioner took the opportunity to mention "Lord Beeden Powell" our Bee Sculpture from Art in the City Bee Trail which had started life as a competition with over 300 entries from the three Manchester Scout Counties; all three Counties having contributed to the sculpture. The final design was taken from five winning designs which incorporated Manchester, Scouts, and Skills for Life. Massive thanks to Yasmin Lee for her overall vision of the Bee and for painting it using the winning designs. Yasmin was given a round of applause. 'Lord Beeden Powell' had been displayed in Manchester Cathedral and had proved extremely popular. Proceeds from the Bee have gone to "We Love Manchester" fund.

The CC announced that badges were on sale from the 'Unit 44 Swarm' Jamboree Unit for fundraising and that tickets were available for the Snowball event in January. He also hoped everyone would support the forthcoming County Conference being held at the Oasis Academy.

- 21/18: Sue Leonard gave thanks to Altrincham District for hosting the AGM and Ellesmere District looked forward to welcoming everyone next year.
Seconded by Andrew Connellan
- 22/18: Final address by County President who thanked the Regional Commissioner for his words and asked everyone to take the opportunity to sing the praise of Scouts wherever possible and to invite local councillors, MP's etc down to see what they do and what is happening; a lot to be proud of.

The County Commissioner then presented flowers to Heather and a gift to Michael as a thank you for their work.

With the formal business over, there were presentations by Chris Starkie on the 2018 expedition to Morocco and by Neil Gregory on the 2018 expedition to Malawi.



GREATER MANCHESTER WEST COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Report & Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019

PRESIDENT	Lord Lieutenant Mr Warren Smith JP		
VICE PRESIDENTS	Dr Geoffrey Sides, PhD, FICE Mrs Vera Crossley, JP Colonel Sir John Timmins, KCVO, OBE, TD Mr Michael Oglesby DL, LLD, DSC		
TRUSTEES:	<i>Ex-Officio</i>	Mr Andrew Farrell Mr Michael Rollinson Mrs Heather Lomas Mr Roger Kettle Mr Lewis Foster Mr Haydn Worrall Mrs Ann Lam	County Commissioner County Chairman to 26.9.18 County Secretary to 26.9.18 County Treasurer Youth Commissioner County Chairman from 26.9.18 County Secretary from 26.9.18
	<i>Elected</i>	Mr Paul Brighthouse - Salford Mr Clive Winby - Trafford (South) Mr Nick Anderson - Trafford (North) Mr Stewart Thompson (Wigan)	
	<i>Nominated</i>	Mrs Iris Emery Mr David Copeland Mr Matt Dawson	
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
CONTACT	County Secretary Mrs Ann Lam 3 Selworth Close Timperley Altrincham Cheshire, WA15 6RJ	REGISTRATION Scout Association 00168 Charity 508002	
OFFICE	Unit 5 Kelmercourt House 102 Sale Lane Tyldesley MANCHESTER M29 8PZ	E-MAIL WEB PAGE TEL/FAX	county.office@gmwscouts.org.uk www.gmwscouts.org.uk 0161 790 5634

GREATER MANCHESTER WEST COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2019

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MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

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

The Special Grants and Activities funds have been combined into a Development Grants fund for the support of individuals, groups and permit and activity training.

The reserve funds from Middlewood plus the closing balance of Middlewood accounts have been combined to form the Hollinwood Trading reserve fund. A separate fund, for matched funding, has been set aside for the development of the new Hollinwood Scout Camp site.

The International fund is kept in a separate CAF Bank, which is being used to receive individual's payments for International Expeditions, and to make payments related to those expeditions. This fund is shown as restricted as GMW is only acting as an agent. This account is or has been used by Roverway 2018, Malawi 2018, Climb Morocco 2018, Jamboree 2019 and Philmont 2019.

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

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 assessed contingency has been revised to £17,491 in conjunction with our budget setting procedures.

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.

Like 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.

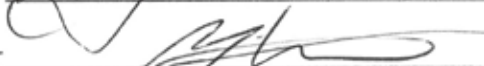
Approved by the trustees on 16th July 2019 and signed on their behalf by

County Chairman



Haydn Worrall

County Treasurer



Roger Kettle

ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

GREATER MANCHESTER WEST COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended

31 March 2019

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	2018 - 19			2017-18
	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Total receipts for the year (see page 4)	118,206	179,164		297,370
Total payments for the year (see page 5)	121,416	189,923		311,339
Net receipts (payments) for the year.	(3,210)	(10,759)		(13,969)
Transfers between funds				
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	193,250	64,839		258,089
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	190,040	54,080		244,120

NOTE

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

Name	Purpose	2018-19 Total Funds £	2017-18 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.)	17,491	17,178
Special Grants	Incorporating former Coffey/CC/Handicap funds and including enhanced use.		7,615
Development Grants	Annual budget agreed By Executive to support specific activities/groups/training.	10,000	
Activities	Last year includes funds for general activities/events.		4,000
Restricted International Fund	To hold & control funds on behalf of participants for specific International events.	54,080	64,839
Hollinwood Reserves: Trading reserves transferred from Middlewood Camp Site		28,403	8,716
	Capital reserve - Established from General Funds to cover development costs	60,000	
Projects Loan	Available to support any development projects within the County. Disbursed by exception by agreement of County Executive Committee, as required	13,914	32,652
Office & Training	Regular day to day maintenance and development spending	32,446	96,657
		216,334	231,657
CAMP SITES			
Hollinwood Trading	Value as shown on the individual trading balance for use to support the operation at Hollinwood Camp Site	1,000	
Dunham Trading	Value as shown on the individual trading balance for use to support the operation at Dunham Park Camp Site	26,786	26,432
		27,786	26,432
		244,120	258,089

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

on 16th July 2019 and signed on their behalf by the County Chairman and the County Treasurer.

ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

GREATER MANCHESTER WEST COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2019

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	2018-19				2017-18	
	General Funds					
	Administration £	Dunham Park Camp Site £	Hollinwood Camp Site £	Total General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL ALL FUNDS £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS						
Gross Receipts	179,524			179,524		171,231
Less Paid to H.Q.	134,011			134,011		131,716
Net Receipts to County	45,513			45,513		39,515
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED						
Bank interest	114	30		144		67
The Scout Association S.T.I.S.						535
60 Day account interest	482			482		
	596	30		626		602
DONATIONS/GRANTS						
Miscellaneous donations		31		31		250
Grants	87			87		
Patrons Scheme Development	4,100			4,100		3,050
Sundry Income						1,854
Other Donations - Hollinwood			5,041	5,041		8,119
	4,187	31	5,041	9,259		13,273
ACTIVITIES						
International					179,164	131,685
Other County Events/ Activity	7,389			7,389		14,101
Camping/Activity Fees		40,622		40,622		20,796
Bee Badges	711			711		80,213
Visitor Fees						2,422
Lodge/Building Hire						13,735
	8,100	40,622		48,722	179,164	262,952
TRAINING COURSE FEES	1,660			1,660		
FUND RAISING						
OTHER INCOME						
SUNDRY RECEIPTS						
Providore Sales		10,116		10,116		8,845
Misc other receipts	1,882	428		2,310		1,133
	1,882	10,544		12,426		10,105
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	61,938	51,227	5,041	118,206	179,164	326,447

ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

GREATER MANCHESTER WEST COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Payments for the year ended 31 March 2019

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	2018 - 19				2017 -18	
	General Funds				TOTAL ALL FUNDS	
	Administration £	Dunham Park Camp Site £	Hollinwood Camp Site £	Total General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL ALL FUNDS £
RUNNING COSTS						
Rent/ Rates	3,494	1,170	(53)	4,611		4,664
Water Charges						705
Electricity		1,891		1,891		1,330
Other fuel costs		3,042	392	3,434		1,433
Insurances	1,672	2,664		4,336		3,551
Telephone	235	345	233	813		635
Stamps/Stationery/Minor Purchases	33			33		384
Photocopier	125			125		70
I.T. Services	649	849		1,498		733
Security costs		1,352		1,352		2,017
Cleaning		3,504		3,504		
Waste Disposal		2,219	2,160	4,379		2,342
T.V. Licence		153		153		148
Other miscellaneous	2,193	398	855	3,446		2,538
	8,401	17,587	3,588	29,576		20,549
STAFF & VOLUNTEER COSTS						
Staff costs	7,043			7,043		7,803
Expenses	2,047			2,047		3,252
Expenses - subsequently donated						
Refreshments & Hospitality		1,041		1,041		817
	9,090	1,041		10,131		11,872
FEES & OTHER REGULAR COSTS						
AGM/Meetings	456			456		1,339
Fees						65
	456			456		1,404
ASSET MANAGEMENT						
Renewals, Replacements & Repair		23,266		23,266		12,199
New			2,322	2,322		
		23,266	2,322	25,588		12,199
DONATIONS&GRANTS/DEVELOPM ENT						
Donations & Grants paid out						943
Development initiatives	5,250			5,250		940
Dunham Development Miscellaneous						1,197
Hollinwood Development			12,184	12,184		6,465
	5,250		12,184	17,434		9,544
STOCK PURCHASES						
Badges/DofE books etc						1,782
Providence		9,531		9,531		8,019
		9,531		9,531		9,801
ACTIVITIES						
International	5,397			5,397	189,923	72,222
Other Events/Activity	15,782	2,489		18,271		19,827
Bee Badges	857			857		79,636
	22,036	2,489		24,525	189,923	171,684
TRAINING COSTS	2,018			2,018		6,097
SUNDRY PAYMENTS						
Misc	2,157			2,157		1,480
	2,157			2,157		1,480
FUND RAISING EXPENSES						
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	49,408	53,914	18,094	121,416	189,923	311,339
						244,631

GREATER MANCHESTER WEST COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 March 2019

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	2018 - 19			2017 - 18
	Administration £	Dunham Park Camp Site £	Hollinwood Camp Site £	Total Value £
ASSETS				
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, bank and similar funds				
Operating Account(s) (current & instant withdrawal savings a/cs)	1,000	24,459	1,000	26,459
Bank Premium/Deposit Account(s) (CAF Gold)	100,678			100,678
Shawbrook - 60 day account	60,540			60,540
International Account	54,080			54,080
Cash in hand	37	2,327		2,364
	216,334	26,786	1,000	244,120
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
Tax Claim for Years Ending 31 March 2019				600
Accounts receivable		1,151		1,121
		1,151		1,721
INVESTMENT ASSETS				
Other investments				
NON-MONETARY ASSETS (for own use)				
Stocks	307	1,800		2,107
	307	1,800		2,107
TOTAL ASSETS	216,641	29,737	1,000	247,378
LIABILITIES				
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
Accounts not yet paid	594	897		1,491
Deposits received in advance		6,237		6,237
	594	7,134		7,728
PAYABLE AFTER ONE YEAR				
Other long term liabilities				
TOTAL LIABILITIES	594	7,134		7,728
<u>BALANCE OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES</u>	<u>216,047</u>	<u>22,603</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>239,650</u>
CONTINGENCIES & FUTURE OBLIGATIONS				
Capital spend committed re Hollinwood	60,000			60,000
Admin contingency (assessed annually) & cash in hand	17,491			17,178
	77,491			77,178

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

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I report on the accounts of the County for the year ended 31 March 2019 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

My 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.



Name: Chris Varley
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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.

David Copeland – Lilford District (May 2019)



The Chief Scout's Commendation for Meritorious Conduct

The Chief Scout's Award for Meritorious Conduct is awarded for meritorious conduct of a high standard

David Graham Heald, Lowry District

Mary Frances Smith – Wigan 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.

David Mark Harrison – Wigan District

Stuart John Pullen – Urmston District



QUEEN'S SCOUTS AWARDS

Chris Hansford - Queen's Scout Co-Ordinator



The below named youth members have successfully completed the Queen's Scout Award. This achievement is testimony to the sustained hard work, effort and dedication that they have put into attaining what is the highest youth award in Scouting, including volunteering their time, an expedition of four days with full equipment and increasing their knowledge and skills set.

Congratulations to the following:

ELEANOR HICKMAN – URMSTON DISTRICT

JAMES BOYD – URMSTON DISTRICT

SAM FOSTER – WIGAN DISTRICT



All three were all fortunate enough to attend the National Scouts Parade at Windsor, a very special occasion.

The Queen's Scout Award continues to be an area in which we remain successful as a County and are seeing an increase in the number of young people working towards the Award.

Since November 2018, the requirement to register nationally with HQ has been removed and local registration is now in place. To register for the Award please visit www.gmwscouts.org.uk/QSA

I wish all those currently working towards the Queen's Scout Award the very best of luck.





As you will read from the DCC divisional reports in this year's programme, last year we made a commitment to significant change, to be underpinned by the introduction of 2018 - 2023 National strategy.

The leaderships teams and I spent the majority of the year planning and forecasting so that by the beginning of 2019, we would have a clear vision - one that would be transparent and of benefit to the entire County and its members.

The objectives and promises announced at The Buzz Live in January were to improve communications, open Hollinwood Scout Camp and roll out Online Scout Manager; all of which have been achieved.

We endeavour to focus on continuous improvement, using the phased National plan of Programme, People and Perception, with a spotlight on top awards. This will mean improvements to Queens Scout Award registration process, plus further support at a County level for Network members and those taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme.

In terms of our teams, similar to our constitution, our personnel structure only remains unchanged whilst it is relevant and fit for purpose. The changes or moves we make are only ever in the best interests of the County.

Finally, I would like to thank all volunteers, young members and their families for supporting the County's continued growth.

We are bigger and stronger than ever with a robust plan to ensure that doesn't change.





Another very busy year. My role changed in January from Operations to Adult Support with the proposed DCC (Adventure) taking some of my responsibilities covered in previous roles.

In the time leading up to this change my role offered the same support as last year.

One of the key things was the Manager of the Activity Permit Scheme's role, which I need to thank Chris Starkie for his efforts; I know it caused issues within districts and same with County but it was a task that needed doing and safeguards both districts and County in the future. Lots of these were simple date issues with the majority leading from when Compass was launched, had teething problems and was offline for several months.

Fingers crossed this is behind us and any lessons we have learnt from.

From January my focus has been solely on Adult Support supporting the team set up last year.

Our residential training courses have been well attended, personal thanks to Gemma Higson for the time and effort spent on these courses, working with

the LTM's in each district to achieve this.

In November I attended the National Safeguarding "Train the Trainer" courses where we now have 15 members, led by Nikki Parr, to deliver Safeguarding throughout the County at district level. We know some districts have had locally run courses and some wanting to get leaders trained up so are looking to provide this in the future.

We are, I believe, leading the way in how training is being delivered but always looking to improve. We are more than aware residential courses don't work for some people – we are looking towards next year and revamping how they are run so the content will stay but be more flexible to meet the needs of some.

We are looking at more specialist training courses (Mental Health, First Aid, Exec Training, Inclusivity, Nights Away Assessors, etc) in some areas working with external providers to give you the very best we can offer to help in your role.

Aside from the above, I have been working with the County Commissioner in developing the County's

Vision up to 2023; exciting times ahead as we work together to achieve this.

With all that has taken place and the plans made, I would like to thank the County Commissioner for the support he has given me during this time and the continued support he has shown both me and the team.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the team for their time and effort, the tireless meetings to make sure we are delivering the very best that we can offer.

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.





The leadership team had great ambition for this year and one of our key objectives was to share the new National Strategy with leaders from across the County and take the opportunity to showcase the many fantastic activities provided by our very dedicated leaders. After properly considering how to do this, a Leader's Conference was scheduled for January 2018. Held at the Oasis Academy in Salford it was announced to the County via The Buzz Special Edition, a relaunch of the County magazine now distributed by email 6 times a year through the Communications Team.

Communications was temporarily under the Development remit and the new appointments meant the team could promote the Conference and showcase of activities taking place across the County on social media.

The Leader's Conference was co-located with the Corporate Patron's Scheme breakfast and I invited new and existing Patrons to join us to find out more about how they could help with a video message from Danny Simpson (Mid Communications) speaking about his passionate belief that businesses should give

back to the local community. Despite a few technical issues Alex Peace-Gadsby gave an energetic and excited briefing about the 2018-2023 National Strategy and the leadership team presented their response and plans for how it would be delivered in Greater Manchester West with the intention of inspiring leaders to take what they had learned back and share the strategy, initiatives, and ideas with every leader in the County.

The GMW leadership team announced a few changes to the County roles and responsibilities with those affecting Development being Communications moving into Programme and the setting up of a new Development Grants Board merging the existing routes to funding, Activities, International and Exceptional.

The Marketplace of stalls showing some of the fantastic stuff we've been up to in the County this year continued through the lunch break with the GMW Track Car sitting on the tarmac outside. After lunch 200 leaders heard from Davy Chilakalaka from Kasupe giving a passionate overview of the challenges facing his home country and the difference made

by a team of young people from GMW while they were there. As the last item on the agenda, our guest speaker, Sam Ruddock, British Champion and Paralympian spoke with great energy and humour about the challenges and rewards of working towards a personal & shared goal.

Earlier this year the Corporate Patron's Scheme was formerly handed over to the Executive Committee (Finance) where it is more appropriate for it to sit, with the Trustees.

Bathroom Takeaway's Julian Smith moved on to another company and the Bathroom Takeaway Bus which has appeared at many GMW



DEPUTY COUNTY COMMISSIONER (DEVELOPMENT)

(CONTINUED)

Daniele Wiseman - Deputy County Commissioner (Development)



events has been sold by the company but as companies change the level of their involvement so new Patrons join the GMW Corporate Patrons Scheme bringing much needed funds and collaboration for County projects and events. An excellent example of the way that the County has embraced and inspired the Patrons Scheme is the introduction of WarHammer activities to the national team resulting in the partnership initiated by Dave and Bev Kerrs in Urmston being rolled out across the country.

Growth at this year's census was 1.09% for young people and 1.87% for adults. The interviews I conducted with the County's District Commissioners identified some key issues with recruiting and retaining volunteers for many roles.

Through engagement at the Leaders Conference and other events a list of missing sections and requirements for volunteers to support existing sections has been compiled and as soon as the website can accommodate it, is intended to ensure that the widest possible net is thrown out to fill some of these opportunities across the County and support the provision of new sections.

There are also the new Growth Liaison roles announced at the Leader's Conference for which role descriptors have been prepared and which will help with ensuring we have the volunteers needed to continue to provide exciting and adventurous activities for young people.

For volunteers new to The Scouts there is no doubt that the excellent Training Programme for leaders and variety of courses run by the DCC Adult Support and his team is helping to ensure leaders recruited from the parents at the door of the scout hut get the training they need. You'll have noticed the County is also successfully retaining young people to support County events as Network and leaders and I would like to continue to grow the number of young adults volunteering in the County. If you think you can help, or for any questions regarding 'Growth' and the Regional Development support available to the County at group level, do not hesitate to email me at

daniele.wiseman@gmwscouts.org.uk





As usual there have been lots of activities in the County this last year with some notable highlights.

One of my personal highlights was the 2MAD for Malawi project team that went out to the Country for two weeks in the summer of 2018. The International report will contain more details but it was fantastic to see the presentation of what the team of scouts and leaders had achieved in the projects, enabling the water supply to the local village, the planting of orchards, the work to the school and the revamped kitchen. I've heard this is already making a huge difference to the village and surrounding communities.

The members of the project and the leaders are to be congratulated in this work and from the presentation it is clear it was a lifechanging experience for them. This is what Scouting is about.

This year it was good to lend support to the inaugural Survival Camp at Bispham Hall run by one of the Youth Commissioners James Turner. Lots of activities were run and the scouts and explorers more than survived the weekend. It was great to see all the explorers from the County mixing and camping under the stars on the Saturday night.

On behalf of the Programme Team, Jacob Bond ran another successful Excellence event for all those that had achieved the top awards in their sections. Again, this was held at Bispham Hall where the awardees and their families enjoyed a number of activities ranging from the Zip line bus to listening to the 3rd Davyhulme Band.

Our County President the Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester and other dignitaries attended the event to present participation certificates and they were extremely impressed by the young people's achievements.

There are a number of highlights in the sections for which you will find details in the County Programme sectional reports. It was great to see the beavers at the Cooking Competition producing excellent meals with great teamwork.

The cubs more than met the challenge at the Cub Mudder, the muddier the better it seems for them. The scouts and explorers sailed or sank at another fantastic Cardboard Canoe Race. I am sure the winners were spurred on to win in what can only be described as a torrential downpour.

If one wants to see fantastic teamwork and leadership in action you need to look no further than the County Camping/Backwoods and the BST Hiking Competitions.

A large part for the 18 to 23 vision, at least initially, is within the programme strand with support to the sections as well as events aimed at supporting the high awards. As a result, the Programme Team have planned and is starting to run sectional workshops.



They ran workshops for the beaver and scout leaders, and plan further ones for the cubs and explorer leaders.

This is for new and existing leaders to give them extra skills and to keep them up to date with current changes.

DEPUTY COUNTY COMMISSIONER (PROGRAMME)

(CONTINUED)

Andy Connellan



I took my bow from the role of DCC(Programme) in January this year having been in this role for over 7 years. Its always good to change roles as new people bring new ideas and direction. I am pleased that Jacob Bond took on the challenge as the new DCC(Programme) in March this year. I am sure he will have lots of initiatives to move the programme forward in the County as part of the 18 to 23 vision of programme, people and perception ensuring that the sections are supported in giving the young people skills for life.

For all that they do, I say a big thank you to the Programme Team, this being Jacob (ACC Beavers), Siobhan (ACC Cubs), Bob (ACC Scouts), Dave (ACC Explorers), Chris (ACC Network) and Jeff (ACC International) plus all the previous ACCs in my time in my role together with the supporting Youth Commissioners Lewis and James. It has been a privilege for me leading and working with them.

My biggest 'Thank You' goes to all the people in the districts and sections in the County running fantastic programmes for the young people.

They are the mainstay of Scouting.





It has been a decidedly busy year for Greater Manchester West Training team. We have trained more leaders than ever before with over 400 places filled on County run courses alone. Add this to Regional Management Training places, District training events and group lead sessions and we have offered well over 1000 training opportunities! We have had some extremely enthusiastic leaders on our courses this year which makes the job of the training team much more enjoyable. Better communication is enabling us to have the right people at the right time in their scouting, so thank you for this.

Our Local Training Managers have been working tirelessly to ensure that training is logged efficiently and that we are using Compass properly to record training.

Woodbadges are being issued nearly every week, after your training has been audited. Your Training Advisors have been working hard to ensure that all the necessary modules are covered to the correct standard and are considering your relevant knowledge outside of Scouting. Keeping these lines of communication open is vital to ensuring that training is

accessible, high quality and as translucent as possible. I would like to offer my personal thanks to our Local Training Managers for their understanding, diligence and patience this year and for keeping up such high standards. Thanks must also go to Greg, Deputy County Commissioner, for being an excellent line manager.

Residential Training changed slightly this year so that we could offer a wider range of courses and make the best use of the venue.

We have added First Aid and Safeguarding catch-up sessions, Executive Committee training and Training Drop-In sessions alongside our regular Getting Going and Getting Away courses. These weekends enable us to train lots of leaders in many different areas, all in one go. We have use of a fantastic venue and resources and can provide varied and engaging training opportunities.

The catch-up sessions for First Aid and Safeguarding have developed from our new system this year of having District Training teams. Most Districts now have their own First Aid teams and have allocated and trained Safeguarding Co-ordinators who can

deliver face to face courses. These were some key needs identified from training data.

We are looking to appoint more Safeguarding Co-ordinators as and when the train-the-trainer course becomes available from HQ – watch this space.

Earlier this year we were approached by our Training Manager for England, Val Hodgson, and asked to trial the new module 25: Assessing Learning which she had been leading a team to re-write.

It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our training in Greater Manchester West and have an impact on new national training developments.



COUNTY TRAINING REPORT

(CONTINUED)

Gemma Higson - County Training Manager



Following the delivery of the course we made some suggestions for improvement in small areas, these were taken on board and the new module was released the following month.

As a County we are extremely lucky to have two Regional Trainers also, who deliver the Regional Management Training with Greater Manchester East and Greater Manchester North.

This cluster works together to deliver the management modules for leaders who are in managerial positions.

These courses have received excellent feedback from participants and are really driving forward further training for our leaders.

Looking back on this last year it has been a truly humbling experience to work with such

a huge number of leaders from across our County, leaders that I would otherwise not get to meet.

We have had those who arrived with little knowledge and some apprehension as to what they had signed up for to those who have been 'in the job' for decades but just wanted to come and polish their skills.

Woodbadges have been issued to some that I remember being unsure if they would even stay within Scouting because in particular the task of training seemed too much, hopefully we all helped ease their worries and they have succeeded. Thank you to all who have attended our courses, for your support, your enthusiasm and for your knowledge, because we all learn something new on every course.

Looking forward into this year, there are some exciting changes progressing within training, some of which have already started with our use of external training providers to extend our knowledge in relevant areas such as mental health.

The new structure will enable us to train even more leaders and advance our opportunities for gaining more knowledge, awareness and skills.

Eyes open for our new look training coming in January 2020.





2018/19 has presented many opportunities and challenges for the Youth Commissioner team including a geographical expanse of the team with various Youth Commissioners, both in the County and the Districts being away at university all over the UK.

Nevertheless, the team has made the most of when people have been around including Assistant County Youth Commissioner James Turner successfully undertaking the second youth-led Survival Camp at Bispham Hall helping young people undertake and learn about various survival-oriented skills and activities.

We are also looking at revamping the physical and digital platforms of the Youth Forum and will be looking at some of our amazing young people in the County (many who will have been on international events and are looking for new opportunities) to help pave the path going forward.

The young people in the County have been well served this last year with many international opportunities and also many great programme based events which have all helped us move forward with our #skillsforlife strategy.

Although the time frame is still undefined, the YC team are committed to helping improve the Network provision across the County and the further opportunities for members once they reach Network age.

This will hopefully take the form of some digital resources, increased opportunities created within the County and possibly some roadshow type event to increase the awareness of Scouting for members 18 and above.

As always, a massive thanks to all the leaders who make everything happening in Greater Manchester West a great success, whether that be executive members who manage appointments and finances to the leader who runs a section, sits on a district team and is also a scouting parent.

#skillsforlife



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, present Chief Scout Bronze Awards, visit colonies on camp and at other places outside of their usual meeting places and judged a number of cooking competitions!

Programme Support Day

As a County Programme team, in addition to running a series of activities and events for young people, another key area of our role is to support leaders in running quality programmes.

After consultation with Beaver leaders, we delivered a day at 5th Urmston split into various sessions around key areas of the Beaver programme.

We started with a session on top awards and quality programmes, followed by practical skills bases including backwoods cooking, fire lighting, shelter building and simple knots.

After a pie and peas lunch the afternoon session delivered was Scouting for All – overcoming barriers to scouting and make reasonable adjustments.

The day was a success with lots of knowledge shared and a great opportunity for networking between leaders.

Cooking Competition

In March 2019, we held the second County Beaver Cooking Competition at 17th Stretford (QUEST) Headquarters with teams from six of the eight districts across the County.

The teams who entered were 2nd Atherton, 2nd Brooklands, 3rd Davyhulme Metro, 3rd Timperley, 6th Worsley and 23rd Stretford. Along with myself, Assistant County Youth Commissioners, Troy Wood and James Turner judged the competition consisting of six main courses and six desserts. We had dishes ranging from meatballs with pasta, to chicken curry, from tiramisu to fruit crumble.

The competition winners were 3rd Davyhulme with their chilli with a secret ingredient (dark chocolate) and pancakes topped with chocolate sauce, strawberries and banana.

A huge well done to all the young people and their leaders who took the time

to take part in not only the County competition but all the District competitions and preparation beforehand!

Preparations for the Damboree

The County Beaver Team made up of ADC's and representatives of all the districts have spent the year planning our County Beaver Damboree taking place in June 2019 at Bispham Hall Scout Estate. The event will meet the requirements of the criteria of the Adventure and Outdoor Challenge badges to support young people and leaders in achieving their Chief Scout Bronze Awards.

What's Next....

In March 2019, I changed roles to Deputy County Commissioner for Programme.

In the interim, I will continue to lead the Beaver Section across the County until we have appointed a new Assistant County Commissioner for Beavers.

If you are interested in the role or know someone who might be suitable, please get in touch.

CUB SCOUT SECTION REPORT

Siobhan Mullen - ACC Cub Scouts



Another good year for the Cub Section. I have been lucky enough to attend various cub pack meetings and visit camps around the County seeing the excellent programmes and activities available to our young people, presented by some amazing leaders. In September 2018, 2nd Irlam entered the Supreme Box Kart championship down in Chichester, the first Northern team to attend winning the best newbies- well done!

I would like to welcome ADC's Andrew Jenkinson and Richard Taylor - Sale District; Julie Rust- Urmston District and Martin Hazell - Altrincham District to the team.

A massive thank you to all the ADC's for their time and commitment in supporting their Districts and County events. It would be great to see every district being represented at these events and we value the time and effort given.

Our aim is to ensure that every young person starting their journey in the Cub Scout section, through the two year programme, has the opportunity to gain the Chief Scout Silver Award.

If any leaders have found difficulty in getting their young people through the

Award or need help with any aspect of it, then please contact me and I will see what I can do to help. It was great to see over 130 Cub Scouts booked to attend the Celebration of Excellence in June 2018. This number does not include every young person who achieved the award, only those who were available to make the date/event.

We held our third Cub Mudder in October 2018 which took part at Bispham Hall Scout Estate. Thanks again to Bispham Hall for allowing us to use their Chariot Race course and to all the leaders who help make it a success on the day. It is growing year on year and we even had more packs taking part from outside of the County! 50 teams took part with the added weather conditions, courtesy of 'Storm Callum', so well done to all and to the overall winners 4th Bowdon!

I would like to thank everyone involved in the Cub Section for their commitment and enthusiasm.



What you do helps to shape our young people into good citizens of the future.

Thank you all.



SCOUT SECTION REPORT

Bob Wilson - ACC Scouts



It's fair to say we've had a packed calendar which has been both enjoyable and challenging.

The County Lord Derby competition was held at Dunham Scout Camp on 28th April 2018 and it was a fantastic event which was won by 1st Timperley B Team. 1st Timperley A Team came joint 2nd with 23rd Stretford. 1st Timperley and 23rd Stretford progressed to the Regional Lord Derby on 9th June at Waddicar where 1st Timperley won. A huge congratulations to them and we host the regional event next.

The Cardboard Canoe Race was held on 16th June 2018 at Helley Hanson Water Sports Centre, Salford which was great fun. Thanks go to Steve Gray and his team who made the day a success.

Bathroom Takeaway brought their bus along as part of the Patron's Scheme and the Bathtub Race they organised was priceless!

The Camping and Backwoods Cooking Competition was held at Bispham over the weekend of 14th – 15th July 2018.

Standards were impressive with 88th Salford (Girls) winning the Backwoods and

2nd Davyhulme winning the Camping. This event takes up a lot of the judge's time and I'm very grateful for all their support.

BST Adventure was held on 22nd September 2018 which enjoyed dryer weather this year around the moors of Rivington. Neil Tucker must be thanked in taking over the reins for this event so superbly. 1st Timperley won the event with 25th Stretford picking up the Team Spirit Award.

The Chariot Race at Bispham was great fun on 6-7th October 2018. Winner of the GMW Trophy were 2nd Atherton.

The Football Competition was held on 10th November 2018 which was won by 3rd Altrincham. It's always popular and well attended.

This was the last time at the Trafford based venue as it is closing and I am actively seeking out a new venue within County.

The Shooting Competition had a bumper year for entries which Ian Jones managed to squeeze in to the weekend. It was held over the weekend of 11-13th January 2019.

The under 18 winner was Oliver Mo (17th Sale), 12

& Under winner was Luke Fenney (3rd/1st Eccles) and the junior team winners were 3rd Timperley.

It is always a great competition and grows each year. The National Competition was held on 24th March and the standard was very high. I am pleased to say we came third nationally so a huge 'well done'!

I held two PL Training days during the year on 3rd November 2018 and 23rd March 2019. These are always well attended and it's great to see the scout's high standards.

Top Awards remain a priority and I was pleased to be invited to various presentations over the year.

On 24th March 2019 I held my first Leader's Programme Support Day as we look to progress the 2018 to 2023 Plan.

This was well received with the idea to cover any subject or topic the attending leaders would like to be covered in an informal day. These will continue next year as we develop the format.

Whilst our focus is always about how the young people in our charge can develop

SCOUT SECTION REPORT

(CONTINUED)

Bob Wilson - ACC Scouts



and grow, none of this would be possible without the support from the fantastic leadership base we have within GMW. I have always been grateful for all your support and especially to the fantastic team of ADC (Scouts) and District Scout Reps. that have assisted me and put up with me over the year.

Well Done!

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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

Teams will be taking part in the BST Hiking Competition in September which is run in the Rivington and Winter Hill area.

This 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 had to build their canoes out of cardboard and with a minimum of two members have to complete a small course, with the best sinking getting the Titanic Award.

Fastest Scouts

15th Wigan

Fastest Explorers

3rd Davyhulme

Titanic Award

5th Urmston

Best Design

3rd Wigan

Other events to come include the annual Camping and Backwoods Competitions and BST Hiking Competition.

We had a busy weekend of excellence where explorers were invited to stay over and take part in a game of airsoft.

We also had a successful youth forum which allowed explorers to voice their ideas for improving uniform/ sharing information and access and registration to top awards.

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.

I am pleased to report that there has been an increase in DESC's attending County meetings.

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 You' to them all.

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 looking into how to facilitate completing top awards and improving communication links to youth members.

Swarm 44, the Jamboree team and Philmont team have been attending events throughout the County, please come and support their fundraising efforts.

They leave at the end of July for their adventures in America.

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



Scout Network allows young people to create, organise and participate in events and projects with other 18 to 25 year olds. This section allows its members to be more flexible and independent.

It gives the opportunity for them to choose their own programme which isn't always based around weekly meetings. The programme for Network members is organised into 3 areas, adventure, international and community.

All of which are underpinned by teamwork, leadership and

life skills. Members can aim to achieve the top awards in this section, namely the Explorer Belt, Scouts of the World Award, Chief Scout Diamond Award, Duke of Edinburgh Awards and the Queen's Scout Award.

Network is now a district provision and we are working towards every district having its own Scout Network Commissioner. In the meantime if you need guidance or advice please speak to your District Commissioner.

Everyone aged 18 to 25 in a membership role or moving up from the Explorer Scout

section is entitled to become a member of the Scout Network section. If you wish to be added then please contact your DSNC/DC. It is advisable to go into Compass and check that your personal record reflects that you have become a member.

All members are entitled to be part of the UK Scout Network and can participate in projects, programmes and events in the same way as they do at district level.

To join the National Network please visit

www.ukscoutnetwork.org.uk





During 2018 the major County International event was the MAD4Malawi Community project. The team worked in partnership with Kasupe, a UK based charity working in Malawi. The team completed a number of projects including a water bore hole (drilled before arrival), solar pump, water tank, piping and stand taps, kitchen area for the school, a fruit orchard, classroom makeovers and meeting local scouts. The team have always maintained their original concept "Making A Difference For Malawi" and that is what it was all about creating a benefit to the local people. No less important was the GMW Climb Morocco Event with 6 leaders and 10 YP's. Some of the YP's were novices when signing up but through well planned training days and weekends Chris Starkie, Andy Bradley and the team got them to a good standard. New routes were logged and named achieving one of its major objectives.

The North West Scout Region International teams continued to work together on a fifth North West Region Scouts ShelterBox Scavenger Hunt in Liverpool and following another full event started preparation for the sixth event in 2019.

The 2019 event opened for registration at the end of January and had sold out in just 5 weeks with 25 GMW teams!! And we are now looking at over £20,000 raised for ShelterBox. 2018 saw the exchange visit by the Danish Explorers who had partnered with Pegasus Explorers. They partnered up at the Chamboree event with visits out to Liverpool and Manchester amongst other great joint sessions.

5th Tyldesley had a visit to Ireland in April with 33 cubs and 7 leaders, 12th Swinton ran an Explorer Belt and a successful group camp for 50 young people and adults in Ireland during August 2018. A great achievement by both groups and Ireland seems to be a popular destination when dipping your toe into the international camps. We also had individuals overseas with Amelia Dell in Oman completing her Explorer Belt with the BSO and Siew Hon Teay attending an International First Buddha's Light leader's camp in Sweden. This later on has led to an exchange visit by a Norwegian group this summer.

Roverway 2018 took place in the Netherlands we had 5 participants attending and with an additional 3 from GME and Staffordshire making up the patrol.

Matt Dawson was PI supported by Joe Thorpe. All having a great time meeting scouts from all over as well as neighbouring counties. The next Roverway will be in Poland 2024.

The World Scout Jamboree 2019 is only 50 or so days away as I write this with the excitement building and final preparations being put in place. Sadly Simon Field had to withdraw from his leadership role due to personal reasons but I would like to thank him for his input and continued support of the team. Hopefully by the time of the AGM the team will have had a fantastic experience and have their presentation ready.

The Philmont 2019 Trans-Continental expedition is also rapidly nearing its departure date, with the patrols training in preparation for their 10 day trek following visits to New York and the WSJ site on the way. Again looking forward to their post event presentation.

This summer at group level is quieter but we have 1st Golborne visiting Kandersteg with 34 young people and leaders in total travelling to the World Scout Centre in the Swiss mountains so even in a quieter year (2019), we have over 120 GMW members overseas!!



The Duke of Edinburgh Award is performing well in Greater Manchester West with every district offering the provision. This year has seen a 50% increase in Gold Awards and is great to see.

There have been new leaders becoming involved and this has created some challenges alongside some process changes to improve delivery. This is a work in progress but it has been fantastic to set up new D of E groups in Stretford, Urmston and Lilford districts. A great achievement for Lilford as the new unit has already seen its first two Gold Award successes as well as achieving two Queen's Scout Awards.

I must congratulate Steve Ralph on his hard work in pulling the Gold Qualifier together working to tight timescales to ensure the success of the Network members.

Young People are undertaking a vast array of new experiences and activities. It's fantastic to see what they are getting up to. As a cautionary note, please ensure the choices fit the categories. It is unfair on the young people to have to redo a section because they have been told they can do something that's not eligible.

There is now representation in all districts except for one and this is reflected within the eDofE. I am slowly correcting the single district D of E groups as it creates a GDPR issue. If you have gone online and noticed a name change it's due to that. It will now show as the district followed by the group.

Can all leaders involved in the provision of D of E ensure they have an eDofE account and ID please. This is to ensure that trained people are delivering the Award. The previous method of just registering one leader isn't to continue to ensure our young people are safe in their activities.

In the reporting period of April 2018 - March 2019, forty four young people have achieved their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Those awards are:

Bronze: 24

Silver: 14

Gold: 6

The previous reporting period delivered fifty-one completed awards.

Although we see a slight decrease there has been a 50% increase in completed awards at both Silver and Gold levels, a fact that shows not only the commitment

of the participants but also the sheer hard work of the leaders chasing up evidence and getting it to the standard.

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 Queen's Scout.

If you need any assistance please feel free to contact me at

dofe@gmwscouts.org.uk

and there is also a Facebook group - Greater Manchester West D of E if you need support.

Looking forward to another year of young people achieving the top awards.





Starting our year was our very special AGM at Dunham Park to thank Pat and Bob Haynes who retired from the executive committee, when we arranged Davyhulme Band and a photographer who created a photo book of Dunham and the guests at the AGM, which was presented at our annual Christmas meal at the Swan with two Nic's.

We completed two major achievements this year, firstly the re-roofing of the Frank Harrop Lodge together with insulation in the roof and new gutters and barge boards. The second being a new electrical supply to the toilet block allowing us to install hand dryers, extractor fans, shaver and hair dryers in the adult facilities. We also have had architect plans drawn up for the other half of the block.

The duty wardens list was 90% covered which has been fantastic, allowing the shop and facilities to be fully open and the site to welcome visitors to look around. Camping and visitors have increased from 6,869 nights in 2017 to 8,366 nights in 2018.

The Tuesday crew have been busy as ever completing various jobs and projects around the site, making it look great. We had our first unplanned work this year with the campfire circle which spent about five months under a foot of water, originally an old pond which had been drained when the site was developed in the 1980's but the surrounding tree roots had invaded the pipe work.

The National Trust ranger, Andrew Wylie, finally came to our aid with a gizmo to help track the pipe and clear the blockages.

We had our annual site meeting with Stewart Robinson in January to review the standards of the site and discuss the plans for the climbing wall and the redevelopment of the toilet block, he gave us some contacts for exciting things such as road stone and stock fencing.

The unwelcome campfire pond put us back on our plans for the spring delaying the new gates at the site entrance, the reroofing of the Shooting and Archery ranges, the Tomahawk range and the Beaver trail around the site.

We have also looked at our lone working and Health and Safety policies at the site.

The management committee is headed by Jon Davis, Chairperson from Cheshire County and Judith Summersgill, Secretary.

Whilst the "friends" group announced in my last AGM report after a small delay got formed, headed by Paul Wilkinson, Pam Graham Treasurer and Louise Jackson Secretary and are to apply for charity status shortly.

We have also looked at the booking system and given feedback to make changes to allow customers to book easier and produce a condensed receipt / invoice.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the site in 2018.





We are happy to say that the team at Bispham Hall has had another challenging but successful 12 months; we have seen the good, the brilliant and unfortunately our fair share of bad luck along the way. We hope to share with you our most significant moments in this report.

The site has continued to be popular with Scout, Guide and non-Scout groups, over the last 12 months the number of camper nights has increased by around a thousand people compared with the 2017 / 18 annual report with over 7,200 camper nights recorded, these figures do not include day and evening visitors. Bispham House was booked for 41 weekends throughout the year, however was again closed over the summer holidays to enable the team to undertake some maintenance which we will highlight later in the report.

We have continued to deliver activities for groups visiting us and have again delivered around 300 hours of instructed activity led completely by our volunteer instructors.

Over the reporting period we have been the host for several events, these have included: GMW County Day of Excellence, The Regional

Lord Derby Competition, GMW Survival Camp, Ormskirk District Camp, Curious Pastimes, and accommodating the GMW training team several times throughout the year.

As a group of trustees we have continued to develop our Health and Safety policies, procedures and training to build on the work we have done in recent years to improve safety and compliance. We now have a small team of dedicated staff who are leading on this to ensure we are keeping our good safety record.

As reported previously over the last five years, we have invested heavily in refurbishing Bispham House and taken measures to reduce the cost of utilities across the site. Over the past 12 months we have continued to do this by installing further LED lighting and by replacing the aging boiler in the staff accommodation building, further measures to continue this work are planned in for the near future.

Following some consultation work with the users of Bispham House and working toward the end of our Health and Safety improvement plan we made a decision to undertake work to refurbish the bedrooms in Bispham

House and replace all the bedroom doors with fire doors that meet with current safety standards.

This work involved around 10 members of our team working most week day nights and every weekend for six weeks, a number of staff also used a week of their annual leave from work to ensure we could deliver what we had planned. Nine out of the 10 bedrooms were fully refurbished, all of the bedroom doors and frames were replaced, in addition to this a new heating system was fitted and ventilation was installed in every bedroom to improve air flow throughout the building. Additional power outlets with USB connections were installed in every bedroom. Massive thanks must be paid to Paul Lawrenson who led on this project.

Across the site, we have continued to manage our woodland and review our tree stock working toward the completion of our woodland management plan. A challenge for us when managing the tree stock is processing and disposing of the trees, especially larger ones, however a local business offered to donate two hydraulic wood processors, both of which required some work to return them to service.



Thanks to the work of our volunteers in refurbishing these, we now have a working wood processor which goes a long way to help us when processing trees; a training package has been put in place to train our volunteers going forward.

2017 saw the introduction of Laavu One and 2018 saw the introduction of Laavu Two and a dining shelter with a spectacular dining table. Other additions to the Laavus have been installation of land drains, footpaths and purchase of equipment such as safety gear and cooking equipment. Since the work was completed in March 2019, 13 groups made up of 169 people have used the Laavus and a further eight bookings have been made further in the year. The hire of the Laavus has brought with it around £2500 in income to date. This is one of our proudest achievements and our sincere thanks go to the every member of the team that was involved in this development.

Our team is our most important asset and providing them with adequate facilities and accommodation has been something we have wanted to do for a long time. We conducted a staff survey and the results demonstrated that upgrading of the kitchen

in the staff accommodation was a clear priority, closely followed by the bathroom. A decision was made to replace the 40 year old kitchen with a new more functional space, feedback from this work again has been really positive and we hope to continue a rolling refurbishment of our staff accommodation over the next few years.

Unfortunately we have had our fair share of challenges over the last year which had meant we have had to delay further planned projects. Firstly in February of 2019 a large tree came down at the top of site and landed on the roof of the top toilet block, this was a particular blow due to the upgrading we have done over the past few years. The damage cost around £10k to rectify and resulted in a lot of unplanned work for us. Thankfully the building was insured for storm damage and we received full costs back from our insurers. The cost of the claim was reduced significantly due to the work undertaken by our qualified chainsaw operators who worked to remove the tree from the building safely.

Whilst remedial works were ongoing we had a further setback when the main office was broken into overnight. The break

in resulted in significant damage to the office, both tractor containers, safe and alarm system, again this was covered in full by the insurers. Immediate work had to take place to secure the building and fix damage, again increasing the burden on our team of volunteers who had to stay on site for 24 hours to make the building secure. In July 2019, the final remedial works were completed on the building.

On a more positive note we held another successful Chariot Race, the race now in its 41st year is always well attended by groups of Scouts and Guides from all over the North West of England, this year we also had a team that travelled from Wales. Again massive thanks must go to our volunteers who make this event happen.

Overall we have had a challenging year, lots of fun, lots of development and a bit of stress thrown in for good measure!

We are looking forward to the next season and continuing with our plans to build a Bispham fit for the future, as a management team we cannot thank our amazing team enough for their service, dedication and friendship, without them Bispham Hall would not be the success it is today.



Where to start?!

We're unable to cover everything in this report as there's simply been too much to take in in terms of progress at Hollinwood since we began this journey. Weekends continue to be busy and we should rightly first point out the ongoing hard work and commitment shown from our dedicated core team. I'd like to thank Allan, Connor, Dan, Eric, Gill, Joe, John, Big Matt and Little Matt, Lindsay, Paul, Reese, Jack, Ian, Phil Rigby, Phil Rowe, Jacob, Al and Val, Dasa, and many others.

Literally through wind, rain or shine there's always a presence at Hollinwood, especially on Saturdays, and this shows in the way the campsite is developing.

If you think back to how the campsite was just a couple of short years ago, we've really begun to make our mark on the woodland and fields we're lucky enough to have.

The progress we've made on the Himalayan Balsam probably best embodies the way we've started to tackle challenges head-on.

It's meant we've reached out to various groups and organisations, we've had a task with a clear goal to

work towards and each step we've made we've been able to congratulate ourselves on another bit of progress.

Everyone at some point has had a hand in it. It's also meant we've been able to connect with people who may never have heard of us otherwise and this in turn has led to donations towards the camp and offers of further help.

In short, we're not just getting rid of Himalayan Balsam but we're building connections, enthusiasm and support for the camp. Donations and grants to the camp have come from Worsley Rotary and Boothstown Wobble locally and recently as far as Sheffield for free scaffolding directly from the goodwill that exists around Hollinwood.

But of course, there's much much more to what we've achieved.

The team have really come together and here are a few highlights in no particular order;

- We built the brew room which meant having a good attitude to teamwork
- We built a bird hide which showed we cared about our surroundings
- We have rebuilt and maintained our patchy machinery showing our resourcefulness

- We have improved our surroundings and made Hollinwood a pleasant place to be which has led to groups wanting to return again
- We have reached out to the local community to show that we are not simply a place for us to hang out at weekends
- We have secured materials and machinery to help in our endeavours including a new trailer, flail mower and strimmers, fencing and gates showing that we're prepared to invest in Hollinwood
- We have responded quickly to urgent events such as break-ins and fires and stayed late until the problem has been fixed meaning that we care about the well being of Hollinwood and each other.

Additionally, 3 culverts have been placed across the main site ditch to enable better access to the site by way of a grant from the Woodland Trust and a temporary parking area has been levelled whilst we await the planning consent for the full car park. Further evidence that we're moving in the right direction.

But perhaps the biggest strides forward have taken place 'behind-the-scenes'.

HOLLINWOOD SCOUT CAMP

Ste Butterworth & Mike Dunn - Campsite Managers



There are a number of extremely dedicated people who are working tirelessly to ensure Hollinwood's future. It's quite hard to quantify the complexity of what is involved in making a campsite. For those who don't know, Middlewood came into being by virtue of a letter asking for the use of some land for the local scout group. Hollinwood is, shall we say, slightly different.

Some of the work includes; planning applications, change-of-use applications, meetings with our landlords, architectural meetings, meetings with consultants about surface water run-off, pilings and arboriculture reports, fundraising applications and presentations to local groups, evenings spent talking to councillors and Lord Lieutenants or working out how much things will cost with our quantity surveyors, poring over plans and drawings and asking around through contacts trying to find the right people to help at the right time.

One of those people is Tom Green who has supported us immeasurably through the minefield of designing and building Hollinwood.

I'd also like to give special thanks to Derek Batchen who has worked relentlessly

sending, filing and tracking correspondence between many different parties and organisations.

The task is a big one but we're making good progress and in the next 6 months real changes are going to begin to happen quickly and each member of the team is central to making these happen.

Please, continue to be engaged and resourceful. Carry on working hard and looking out for ways that we can continue to make Hollinwood better.

Since May 10th we've had over 450 cubs, scouts, brownies and guides visit Hollinwood; Boothstown Scouts and Guides were the first group to 'officially' camp at the site in June.

This itself is an enormous positive and young people are already starting to benefit from the campsite. It means we've also been able to raise some revenue and improve our security over the summer months.

Requests to use the site are coming in from far and wide. Interestingly other scouting organisations like the Federation of Scouts de Europe and The Polish Scouts in UK, have both expressed an interest in not only using, but helping to build and develop the site.

We've also welcomed over 100 outside volunteers to the camp. This is going to be something that we continue to support in the next 12 months and is proving invaluable in increasing people's awareness of Hollinwood and in raising the large amount of money we need to build the site. Companies such as Sage, and Transport for Greater Manchester have all supported the site by providing volunteers under their Corporate Social Responsibility programmes. Sale and Altrincham Conservation Volunteers continue to help too.

And, as always, we're looking to increase our team numbers and hope that our team will support us in doing this. We will continue to offer Hollinwood as a place where people of any age and skill can feel welcome to come and help.

What's Next?

Our full planning applications have been submitted and we hope to have positive outcomes in November. Services (Electric and Water) are to be completed as soon as possible.

We'd like to set up a 'friends of' group to encourage local involvement in the site, we are aware of a large number

HOLLINWOOD SCOUT CAMP

Ste Butterworth & Mike Dunn - Campsite Managers



of active local people with weekday time spare that would love to garden and socialise on a 30-acre plot.

Further invasive species removal is needed over the coming years. We want to continue to encourage active use of the site by groups in Greater Manchester West and beyond.

The construction of the toilet block and Start-up building is needed initially to enable more usage of the site as without the toilets Scout usage is limited by camping permit restrictions. Opening up of camping areas in the bracken patch and further tree planting will be available for groups to come and be involved and feel more connected to the site.

Improvements to site security to the east of the site is needed. Drainage on the camping fields is also paramount and will take many people working diligently to achieve.

Thank you to all who have helped, do help and will help in the future.



Summary in Gt. Manchester West For the year ending 31st January 2019

		Youth																					To pay		
		Beaver Scouts			Cub Scouts			Scouts			Venture Scouts			Explorers Scouts			Scout Network			YOUTH TOTAL					
		M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
10000128	Gt. Manchester West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12077328	GMW Safeguarding	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	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	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	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	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11974512	Hollinwood Scout Camp	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	203	13	216	275	41	316	175	42	217	0	0	0	39	19	58	26	14	40	718	129	847	692	115	807
10001932	Ellesmere	127	11	138	142	26	168	78	23	101	0	0	0	15	7	22	8	3	11	370	70	440	362	67	429
10001933	Lilford	185	32	217	171	40	211	93	32	125	0	0	0	40	17	57	8	11	19	497	132	629	489	121	610
10001925	Sale and District	209	18	227	254	15	269	174	61	235	0	0	0	56	39	95	2	2	4	695	135	830	693	133	826
11961947	Lowry	160	25	185	163	21	184	77	13	90	0	0	0	13	8	21	19	12	31	432	79	511	413	67	480
10001927	Stretford	80	32	112	103	59	162	95	54	149	0	0	0	32	19	51	5	4	9	315	168	483	310	164	474
10001929	Urmston and District	144	37	181	160	35	195	101	45	146	0	0	0	49	37	86	7	2	9	461	156	617	454	154	608
10001930	Wigan and District	240	45	285	245	60	305	156	55	211	0	0	0	58	13	71	31	8	39	730	181	911	699	173	872
TOTAL		1,348	213	1,561	1,513	297	1,810	949	325	1,274	0	0	0	302	159	461	106	56	162	4,218	1,050	5,268	4,112	994	5,106

		Adults																				
		Leaders			Sec.Ass.			Scout A.Supp			Other adults			Scouters			Inst'rs					
		M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T			
10000128	Gt. Manchester West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	5	17	0	0	0	7	0	7			
10691576	Dunham Park Scout Camp	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	15	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
12077328	GMW Safeguarding	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
10000769	Bispham Hall Scout Estate	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	28	59	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	0	0	0			
11942363	Goodwood Scout Active Support Unit	0	0	0	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	9	5	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
12021848	A.A.S.P S.A.S.U	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
11974512	Hollinwood Scout Camp	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	5	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
10001921	Altrincham and District	84	30	114	4	5	9	5	8	13	3	1	4	2	1	3	3	0	3			
10001932	Ellesmere	51	30	81	2	5	7	3	6	9	13	12	25	0	0	0	0	0	0			
10001933	Lilford	64	58	122	7	7	14	0	0	0	10	9	19	0	0	0	0	0	0			
10001925	Sale and District	68	37	105	5	3	8	5	14	19	10	4	14	0	0	0	0	0	0			
11961947	Lowry	50	41	91	3	16	19	2	0	2	23	9	32	1	0	1	0	0	0			
10001927	Stretford	44	28	72	9	7	16	1	1	2	27	22	49	0	0	0	0	0	0			
10001929	Urmston and District	49	40	89	10	11	21	29	17	46	8	12	20	0	1	1	0	3	3			
10001930	Wigan and District	106	73	179	18	9	27	0	0	0	11	10	21	1	1	2	0	0	0			
TOTAL		516	337	853	58	63	121	131	101	232	117	84	201	4	3	7	10	3	13			

CENSUS 2019 INFORMATION

Adults (continued)

	Advisers			Commissioners			Officers			ADULT TOTAL			ASSOCIATE TOTAL			MEMBERS TOTAL			TOTAL		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
10000128 Gt. Manchester West	5	2	7	13	5	18	10	2	12	47	14	61	4	1	5	43	13	56	47	14	61
10691576 Dunham Park Scout Camp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	15	40	0	0	0	25	15	40	25	15	40
12077328 GMW Safeguarding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	2
10000769 Bispham Hall Scout Estate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	28	59	0	0	0	31	28	59	31	28	59
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
11942363 Goodwood Scout Active Support Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	9	5	14	0	0	0	9	5	14	9	5	14
12021848 A.A.S.P S.A.S.U	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	8	0	0	0	7	1	8	7	1	8
11974512 Hollinwood Scout Camp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	5	18	0	0	0	13	5	18	13	5	18
10001921 Altrincham and District	1	0	1	5	3	8	24	26	50	131	74	205	0	0	0	849	203	1,052	849	203	1,052
10001932 Ellesmere	3	0	3	2	1	3	8	4	12	82	58	140	0	1	1	452	127	579	452	128	580
10001933 Lilford	0	0	0	4	0	4	18	13	31	103	87	190	7	9	16	593	210	803	600	219	819
10001925 Sale and District	1	0	1	3	1	4	29	18	47	121	77	198	0	0	0	816	212	1,028	816	212	1,028
11961947 Lowry	0	0	0	3	1	4	17	16	33	99	83	182	0	0	0	531	162	693	531	162	693
10001927 Stretford	0	0	0	0	1	1	14	15	29	95	74	169	23	15	38	387	227	614	410	242	652
10001929 Urmston and District	2	0	2	3	4	7	20	23	43	121	111	232	1	2	3	581	265	846	582	267	849
10001930 Wigan and District	0	0	0	3	0	3	27	26	53	166	119	285	3	1	4	893	299	1,192	896	300	1,196
TOTAL	12	2	14	36	16	52	167	143	310	1,051	752	1,803	38	29	67	5,231	1,773	7,004	5,269	1,802	7,071

Sections

	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	0	0	0	0	1	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	
12077328 GMW Safeguarding	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	
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	
10000773 GMW Training Team	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	
11974512 Hollinwood Scout Camp	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	16	
10001932 Ellesmere	9	10	8	2	1	1	31	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	
10001933 Lilford	13	12	11	5	1	0	42	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	17	
10001925 Sale and District	10	11	10	4	1	6	42	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	15	
11961947 Lowry	11	11	9	3	1	1	36	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	13	
10001927 Stretford	6	7	6	3	1	1	24	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	10	
10001929 Urmston and District	9	9	7	7	1	3	36	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	15	
10001930 Wigan and District	18	18	16	9	1	0	62	18	1	0	0	0	0	0	26	
TOTAL	87	92	78	37	8	21	323	85	8	1	0	0	0	0	123	

CENSUS 2019 INFORMATION

		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
10691576	Dunham Park Scout Camp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12077328	GMW Safeguarding	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
12021846	W.S.J 2019	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
10000773	GMW Training Team	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
11974512	Hollinwood Scout Camp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10001921	Altrincham and District	0	0	0	0	9	4	5	13	9	0	0	8	5	0
10001932	Ellesmere	0	0	0	0	9	4	9	3	4	0	0	4	9	0
10001933	Lilford	0	0	0	0	13	7	10	6	5	0	0	2	10	0
10001925	Sale and District	0	0	0	0	7	12	8	6	1	1	0	8	1	0
11961947	Lowry	0	0	0	0	9	9	11	2	3	0	0	2	10	0
10001927	Stretford	0	0	0	0	6	3	6	4	1	0	2	6	1	0
10001929	Urmston and District	0	0	0	0	8	6	7	7	4	0	0	6	2	0
10001930	Wigan and District	0	0	0	0	15	10	18	10	8	0	0	7	12	0
TOTAL		0	0	0	0	76	55	74	51	35	1	2	43	50	0





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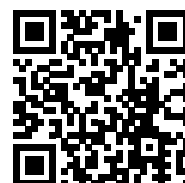
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