



Scouts Sunderland Annual Report 2020

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From the District Chair

Dear Colleagues,

Sunderland District Scout Council Annual General Meeting – 1 July 2020

Welcome to the 2020 Annual General Meeting of Sunderland District Scout Council and the first to be held entirely online.

We live in extraordinary times, with extraordinary but necessary restrictions on many aspects of our lives. History shows that as Scouts we've been adapting and changing with the times for 113 years. So, Scouting is still open for business as a movement, in Sunderland District and in our Groups. Clearly it is not business as usual but thankfully we do continue to function both behind the scenes as well as on the front line.

Of course, we are able to carry on effectively via Information Technology which allows us to maintain social distancing and stay safe from infection (no jokes about computer viruses please).

It is a little over 100 years since another global pandemic resulted in widespread fatalities and disruption – the influenza pandemic of 1918/19. The more things change, the more they remain the same.

I've been reading up on the response of Scouting in those non worldwide web days. It was inspiring to read in the October 24 1918 edition of Scouting Magazine, USA the several pages addressing the influenza outbreak there. They declared, "Scouts and Scout officials are not only, definitely concerned, but have a distinct opportunity for service by reason of the nation-wide influenza epidemic. The call for action would be heard by Scouts across the nation".

Scouts would go on to serve as junior health officers and in at least one instance, a Scout served as an intern in a hospital.

The movement warned Scouts to be on their guard due to the highly contagious flu and implored Scouts to receive permission from local health officers before undertaking any risk to themselves or their families. In Idaho, Scouts distributed some 7,500 pieces of literature to residents and met trains as people came off and distributed masks, while in Topeka, Kansas, Scouts were sworn in as junior health officers.



The global flu pandemic attracted a global response from the movement and similar welfare support duties were undertaken by Scouts in New Zealand. Closer to home in 1918, it was recorded that the 9th Leicester Scouts' Troop '...have been on duty ever since the stress began...and have been most useful in carrying messages, answering telephone calls, acting as orderlies, and on one case, carrying soup daily from the Municipal Kitchen'.

Different times, different needs – no NHS, no lockdown, no Covid 19 Symptom Study App, no test, track and isolate, in 1918.

In the current challenging situation I greatly appreciate the tribute paid by our Chief Scout and Chief Ambassador of World Scouting, to our remarkable volunteers only a few days ago,

" In Scouts, we've not been able to meet face to face, to keep people safe. But that's not stopped our volunteers. Over 80% have carried on delivering sessions online, helping our young people get through this crisis. They've helped young people continue to gain skills for life, provide a sense of normality and a chance to connect with their friends.

'What you have shown is called Scout spirit and it's in moments of turmoil that it often shines the brightest. It's been incredible to see our volunteers' response and their ability to adapt, and to keep innovating – you are all such our shining lights.

We have set up a dedicated web page at www.scouts.org.uk/coronavirusto to keep you up to date on the latest developments.

It's in challenging times like these that our Scout values matter most. We are talking to the Government and other community organisations to see how Scouts can support our country during this crisis".

Likewise, in Sunderland we carry on. Youth members are encouraged to continue their Scouting activities at home using the ideas on the District and County website including the Great Indoors programme.

There are also badges and awards to be done at home plus outdoor exercise. Scouting activities are still okay, as long as sensible guidelines are followed. Don't meet in groups, don't play team games and follow the up-to-date government guidance on social distancing!

I send my personal gratitude to everyone in our district Scouting family – the Executive Committee, leaders, volunteers and Scouts – for their dedication during this "new normal" and look forward to returning to something resembling the "old normal" as quickly as it is safe so to do.

Yours sincerely and with my best wishes

Keith Lowes
District Chair

10 June 2020



District Climbing Competition 2020

From the District Commissioner

This is my third year as District Commissioner for Scouts Sunderland and you might think I know what I'm doing by now! However, it is only because of great set of volunteers at District, Group and County level that I am able to do my volunteer role. Having a dedicated and enthusiastic team of Scouting colleagues with expertise and experience makes us all look good, including me. So, thank you to everyone who lets me still ask the important questions like; how long a specific permit is for, how they like their coffee made or where they went on their exploration for their Gold Scout Award.

As a district we have managed to achieve our third consecutive year of growth in youth numbers. We have held regular training courses for our volunteers, competitions and activity afternoons for our youth members and even had leaders and young people attend the World Scout Jamboree in the USA with over 50,000 Scouts from 160 countries and others visit Kandersteg – the Permanent Mini Jamboree. We have had Explorers, Network members and Leaders take part in the Durham and London Monopoly Run Events. Our Network, Explorers, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers have taken part in a variety of Durham County Scout events from Confido to the Pete Swinney to Beaver Picnic and Pride events. We have seen young people from all 11 groups and our 6 Explorer Units in Sunderland at our District events which is fantastic. These have ranged from a Scout Crossbow Competition, Handicraft Competitions, Christmas Campfire and Cub Camp as well as Indoor Games, Climbing Competition and Quizzes. We have had expeditions, camps and lots of adventurous activities enjoyed by our youth members and adult volunteers. A massive thank you to all of the 143 leaders and helpers who give their time to give such a balanced, rounded experience for our membership giving them #SkillsForLife. An equally great thank you must also go to our youth members, who continue to engage, grow, develop and challenge us to be our best as leaders and volunteers. Without all 531 of you, Scouting in Sunderland would not exist.

Training compliance and scouting from home are our focus for now and the District team are working hard to support Groups and Leaders to deliver Scouting in these difficult times whilst face-to-face scouting is suspended.

My heartfelt thanks go to everyone who helps to make Scouting in Sunderland what it is and why I am proud to be part of the Scouting Movement .





Pip Cottam
District Commissioner



What does Sunderland District do?

As a District we have many functions which keep us really busy...

	<p>District Scouting</p> <p>Explorer Scouting, Scout Network and Scout Active Support are all District responsibilities.</p>
	<p>Activities</p> <p>We encourage all sections to run adventurous activities for young people and adults and support the acquisition and renewal of activity permits.</p>
	<p>Development & Growth</p> <p>Growing Scouting and supporting the retention of members are key objectives of Scouting and we work hard to achieve these aims.</p>
	<p>Events</p> <p>District events are probably the most visible things that we do, bringing Groups and Units together to show everyone they're part of something big.</p>
	<p>Facilities</p> <p>We manage the District headquarters at Kayll House, including the Scout shop, and Dene Lane - all resources which directly benefit Scouting in Sunderland.</p>
	<p>Group Support</p> <p>Scout Groups & Units are where the magic happens - we provide direct support to help them run their programmes and activities.</p>
	<p>Policy, Organisation and Rules</p> <p>Keeping things legal, decent and honest is a vital function of District, through our own District Executive Committee and supporting Group Execs. We also ensure we have a functioning Appointments Advisory Committee and carry out DBS checks for our volunteer leaders.</p>

	<p>Links & Community Impact</p> <p>Maintaining links between our District and our neighbours, be they other Scouting Districts and Areas or external bodies, is essential. We encourage and support giving young people the opportunity to take part in high quality social action as part of the Scouting Movement.</p>
	<p>Training</p> <p>Working with County, who appoint local training advisors, we ensure all our adults have the skills and knowledge to deliver safe, quality, inclusive Scouting.</p>
	<p>Youth Shaped</p> <p>We're committed to trying as hard as we can to get young people working in partnership with adults to run Scouting through youth engagement, the young leader scheme and youth led scouting.</p>
	<p>Recognition</p> <p>Ensuring that we shout about our successes and recognise those who help us achieve them!</p>

Charity Trustees 2019-2020

Keith Lowes – Chair

David Kay – Secretary

Roz Barker – Treasurer (up to 1st Jan 2020)

Phil Atkinson – Nominated member

Joanna Chapman – Elected member

Mick Galley – Nominated member

Victoria Hunter – Elected member

Andrew Robinson - Elected member

Lesley Robinson – Elected member

David Russell - Nominated member

Steven Whatt - Nominated member

Philippa Cottam – District Commissioner

Ben Hudson – District Explorer Scout Commissioner

Sunderland District Scout Association Charity number: 520713

Last year....

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting at Kayll House, Foyle Street Sunderland 3rd July 2019.

Welcome and Introductions by District Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from: Annika Stokoe, Caroline Knox, Jo Chapman, Hannah Finney, Gareth Cousins, Glen Davison, Marilyn Fairs, Mark Ireland, Lynn Elliott, Phil Atkinson, Gareth Johnson, Matthew Shovlin, Lynne Embley, Chris Lovell, Alan Palmer and Steven Whatt.

Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2nd July 2018: The minutes were proposed and seconded and signed in to the record.

Acceptance of the statement of accounts: The statement of accounts was presented by the District Treasurer and accepted by the meeting.

Approval of the District Commissioner's nomination for Chairperson: The District Commissioner proposed Keith Lowes for the post of District Chairperson. All present were in agreement.

Nomination and election of District Secretary: David Kay was proposed and seconded for the post of District Secretary and accepted by all present.

Nomination and election of District Treasurer: Roz Barker was proposed and seconded for the post of District Treasurer and accepted by all present.

Results of the election of members to serve on the Executive Committee: Victoria Hunter, Joanna Chapman, Andrew Robinson and Lesley Robinson were appointed as nominations with the most votes from the Scout Council Members.

Approval of persons nominated by the District Commissioner to serve on the Executive Committee: DC nominates Dave Russell, Steven Whatt, Phil Atkinson and Mick Galley. All present agreed.

Election of a representative as the nominated adult member to The Council of Durham County Scout Council: Steven Whatt was nominated and elected to represent the District.

Mr David Stokes - County Commissioner Durham Scouts addressed the meeting and thanked all of the volunteers in Sunderland for another great year.

Following the conclusion of the official matters and County Commissioners speech, the Chair informed the meeting that all Officers and members of the District Executive were available to answer questions. He then brought the meeting to a close.

Date of next meeting: July 2020

Accounts

Sunderland District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	01 April 2019	To	31 March 2020
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Receipts and Payments

	2019/20 Unrestricted funds £	2018/19 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership Subscriptions	22,185.50	21,796.22
Donations	2,700.00	3,700.00
County rebate	233.00	1,055.00
Rent from Kayll House car park	750.00	1,000.00
Utilities Refunds		0.00
Sub total	25,868.50	27,551.22
Grants		
Youth Investment Fund	0.00	9,500.00
Sub total	0.00	9,500.00
Fundraising (gross)		
Camps, training courses, events	2,087.82	1,975.18
Shop	6,772.53	6,762.69
Network	5.50	1,085.60
Explorers	4,077.50	0.00
Other	0.00	146.34
Sub total	12,943.35	9,969.81
Investment Income		
Bank Interest	0.12	0.08
Sub total	0.12	0.08

Total Gross Income	38,811.97	47,021.11
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Asset and Investment sales, etc.	0.00	0.00
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Total Receipts	38,811.97	47,021.11
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Sunderland District Scout Council

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Receipts and Payments

	2019/20 Unrestricted funds £	2018/19 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Membership fees paid to County	19,276.00	17,475.00
Youth programme and activities	1,707.08	4,316.32
Explorers	2,440.00	0.00
Adult support and training	0.00	232.14
Refunds/Rebates	230.00	215.50
Rates (Kayll House)	448.56	438.77
Water and sewerage (Kayll House)	184.98	171.10
Electricity and gas (Kayll House)	1,348.56	953.27
Maintenance and cleaning (Kayll House)	220.05	0.00
Telephone, alarm and broadband (Kayll House)	828.41	1,373.44
Rent and rates (Dene Lane)	110.64	110.89
Water and sewerage (Dene Lane)	184.83	254.01
Insurance	1,231.43	1,254.40
Youth Investment Fund	0.00	10,333.98
AGM and trustee expenses	30.00	35.45
Shop purchases for resale	5,308.17	5,124.23
Legal etc. Fees	0.00	50.00
Bank charges	60.00	88.83
Miscellaneous	94.79	1,293.52
Sub total	33,703.50	43,720.85
Total Gross Expenditure	33,703.50	43,720.85
Asset and Investment purchases, etc.	0.00	0.00
Total payments	33,703.50	43,720.85
Surplus generated in the year	5,108.47	3,300.26

Sunderland District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31 March 2020	31 March 2019
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	50,118.91	39,857.31
Bank RBS account	1,205.31	6,358.44
Building society account	670.60	670.60
Cash Floats	150.00	150.00
Total cash funds	52,144.82	47,036.35
Investment assets	0.00	0.00
Shop stock	7,098.14	7,817.98
Land and buildings		
Kayll House	75,000.00	75,000.00
Trailer	800.00	800.00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total non-cash assets	84,398.14	85,117.98

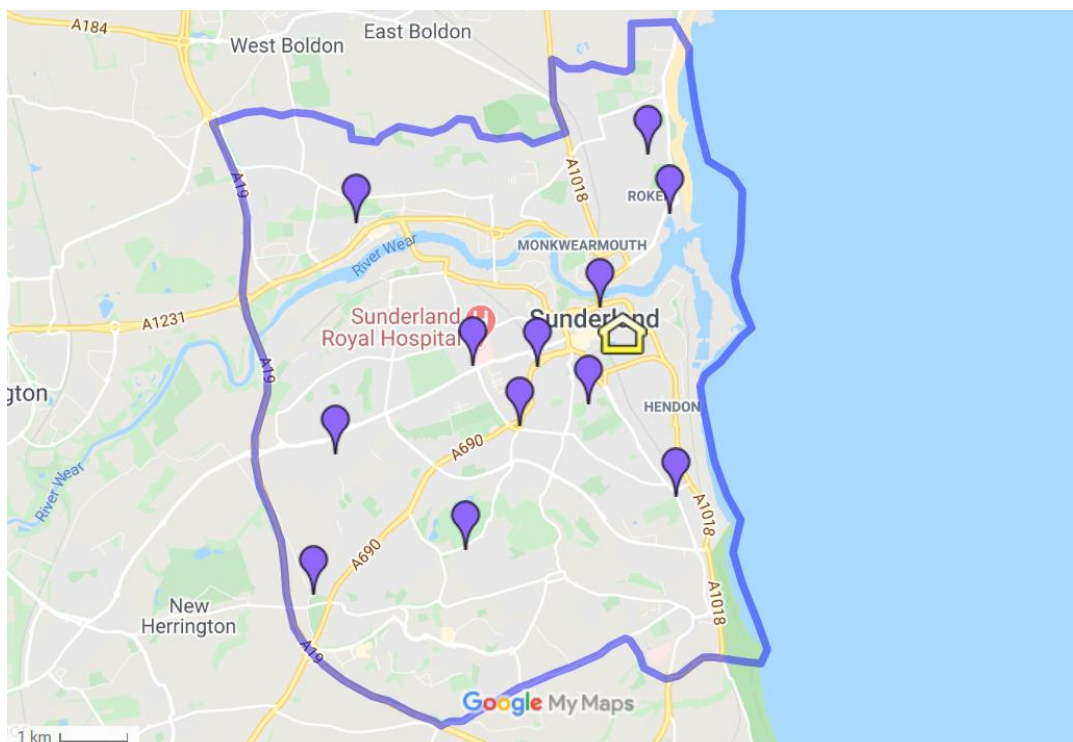
The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 01/07/20 and signed on their behalf by:

Signature

Name

Position





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