



Scouts

Godalming

2020
Annual Report



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Godalming District Scouts 2020

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Welcome from the Chair

Report from Michael O'Sullivan

I was elected as Chair of the Godalming Scout District Council in September 2019 and had previously volunteered as Scout Ambassador from 2015. I physically attended two District Execs, one in October and another in January before the Covid pandemic hit us all.

Your executive has subsequently held meetings via zoom on Monday 4 May, 13 July and 21 September 2020.

In June this year, I was asked by my Rotary Club to give a short talk about how the Scout Association had reacted to the Covid crisis and I was able to tell them that after Lockdown was enforced with an email from the Chief Commissioner Tim Kidd on Monday evening 16 March 2020 all face-to-face Scout meetings, activities and events were suspended from Tuesday, 17 March 2020.

However by Friday 20 March the Scout Association together with Bear Grylls, the chief scout, announced a free website called the Great indoors with over 100 ideas for activities and craft ideas available for free on their website, and each one designed to have an outcome, for example improving your child's communication skills or teaching them how to problem solve.

A version of this, the Great Indoors badge was already available for Scouts but now was made accessible to anyone, not just scouts and the take up was tremendous. I also told them about how successful we were in Godalming citing the various groups and number but will not bore you all with that,

When I gave that talk it was the night scheduled for the original District AGM and the handover from the acting District Commissioner Julia Kielstra to the new DC Anne Bott. (That has now been postponed until 11 January 2021 and hopefully will be done in person). I also said that there was some hope that groups may be able to meet again come September but as with everything today we will be guided by the Scout Association following government guidelines.

Now you will see elsewhere in this report how Godalming District reacted to the Covid crisis and I have to say apart from being very disappointed at not being able to see you at various activities throughout the summer, following progress of groups on the website, Facebook etc. has been eye opening.

Two personal highlights:

1. Participating in the Project 25 group that examined how to bring Explorers and Network back into the Godalming scout experience.
2. Training. Not everyone's cup of tea I know but the enforced period of being at home had me and I know, many of you finish off all of your training. This resulted in our District being 100% compliant in Safeguarding and Safety training.

So not the easiest 9 months to navigate for any of us and on behalf of the District Executive could I thank all of you leaders for your time and perseverance in making Scouting work in these troubled times.

Also a big thank you to all members of the Executive but in particular to our Treasurer, Steve Argyle who has again done a tremendous job this year and to our new Secretary, Rita Tong who when she took on this role did not expect to have the additional challenge of setting up Zoom meetings.

Now I could not finish this without a huge welcome to Anne and a great shout out to Julia. I am really hoping that come the New Year we will be able to host a big party, both to welcome Anne and thank Julia for all of her extraordinary work during the past few years with us in Godalming.

Michael O'Sullivan

Chair, Godalming District Scout Council

**Thanks to all our
volunteers for always
going the extra mile
and giving our young
people memories they
will have forever.**

Every week, we help hundreds of young people in Godalming gain the skills they need to succeed. It's made possible by people like you.

District Commissioner

Report from Julia Kielstra

Three years ago, being in Godalming felt like I was – as Jillie said – a long way from home. Now, it feels like it is home.

From eating all the chicken stew at the District Cub Cooking Competition hosted by Milford to poking the fire with SSPP's Beavers for Guy Fawkes night, investing Beavers at the 2nd and new Cub leaders at the 4th and Busbridge, judging cardboard animals with the 1st Witley, drinking with the leaders at Farncombe, and frying bacon at Frost Camp, I've loved every minute of getting to know the adults and young people in our District.



I always knew I was only temporary, though, waiting for the moment that the miraculous Anne Bott would agree to join our merry band as your District Commissioner.

This year hasn't been the round of Getting To Know You events that she and I had planned, so she'll be meeting you and learning all about our little ways on the fly!

I know you'll help her though, because of the way you've helped me and – more important – others. Godalming was the first District in Surrey to achieve 100% compliance in both Safety and Safeguarding training as well as GDPR; you did this because you understand that the training will help you to stay safe, and to keep our young people safe while providing them with better opportunities for Scouting.

Further, Godalming was also one of the only Districts nationally to have 100% return on the questionnaire regarding financial needs going forward; this information was crucial to HQ in shaping their plans to support the Groups which may not survive Covid and your willingness to think of others when you, yourselves, are secure was nothing less than I've come to expect.

Further, you're working together to provide good Zoom Scouting, supporting each other with your risk assessments, and keeping in touch with each other all friendly-like.

The ADCs have been working hard to keep White Beeches beautiful, ready for our return to the Great Outdoors; the Appointments Advisory Committee has offered to help Haslemere District interview its new leaders as they've lost their AAC; our training team led by the phenomenal Ali Gisvold has helped many of you through not only your Mandatory Ongoing Learning but also your Wood Badges and is also working with our neighbouring Districts to provide training for their leaders as well.

Godalming is the smallest District, numerically, in Surrey; it is the biggest in terms of generosity, kindness, and helpfulness to others.

You are true Scouts, through and through, and I am proud that you've allowed me to support you over the last three years. Thank you for being mine, and for letting me be yours.

Julia Kielstra
District Commissioner,
Godalming Scouts



Awards

Recognising achievements and thanking volunteers for their contribution to Scouting in Godalming

5 Years Service

Adrian Crucefix

Christopher Churchill

Annabel Ford

Anthony Weedon

10 Years Service

Freda Jackson

Thomas Prince

30 Years Service

John Richardson

Julie Talman

Award for Merit

Alison Edwards

Thomas Prince

Bar to the Award for Merit

Steve Argyle

Wood Badge

Stuart Lodge

David Stanford

Thomas Prince

Charlie Thompson

Alex Harvey

Bianca McHugh

David Newman

Kerry Pilbeam

Richard Lynch

Beavers

Report from Cheryl Ruston-Knight



It was another exciting year for the Godalming Beavers. With our groups being well attended at Witley, Milford, 2nd Godalming, St Peter and St Paul, Farncombe and Busbridge who started up a 2nd Colony of eager Beavers.

We had a fantastic range of activities with arms full of badges to prove it.

There were evenings of world exploration from eating Haggis to Chinese ribbon dancing. They worked on their pioneering skills making bug hotels and whittling with potato peelers.

We had visits to Guildford cathedral, the Spectrum bowl, and residential care home where the Beavers sang songs and did a show and tell with the residents. They hiked, played team games and went fishing, although the parent helpers were little squeamish about the maggots!

There was Archery, rifle shooting, master chef competitions, arts, crafts and lego nights to name just a few of the amazing activities our wonderful leaders have organised.



Our beautiful bit of woodland, White beeches was well attended with groups enjoying lighting fires (safely of course !) cooking, toasting marshmallows and building dens.

I would like to thank all our groups for always going the extra mile and giving our young people memories they will have for ever.

Events in 2019

- St Georges activity day and very noisy parade through Godalming
- Beaver sleep overs over in halls
- Beavers Go wild 2019
- Family camps
- The Remembrance day services at Witley Milford and Godalming memorials
- Christmas carol service at Charterhouse school

Cubs

Report from Barrie Wyithe



As always, a wide variety of activities have been taking place at the Pack meetings across the District, and I am always amazed at the commitment and ingenuity of the Leaders to continue to provide exciting and enjoyable pack evenings.

At the start of this year, thanks to Busbridge Cubs who opened a second Cub pack, the number of packs in the District went up to eight for the first time in many, many years. However, as we approach the end of the year it is with great sadness that I have to report that the Milford Cub Leaders, Gary Cook, Adrian Graffham and Barrie Wyithe who after 18years have decided to call it a day.

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In September many of the Packs took part in litter picks across the District.

Even during the Covid lockdown many of the packs have continued to hold virtual pack meetings, and SSPP have even held a virtual camp with each pack member camping in their gardens and taking part in virtual activities, well done SSPP.

District Night Hike, Friday 29th November 2019:

Well attended event by all packs, and enjoyable route from the Shackleford Heath Centre car park and finishing at SSPP HQ. A big thank you to the Busbridge Leaders for a well organised event and to SSPP for arranging some welcome Hot Dogs and drinks at the end of the hike.

Remembrance Day, Sunday 10th November 2019:

Witley and Milford both hold their own events, which were very well attended but they had to organise their own road closures again this year. Feedback from Godalming Remembrance Day parade was again well attended with over 200 Scouts and Leaders paying their respects, and thankfully the weather held and we were all able to march in the dry.

Unfortunately, this year due to COVID we will not be possible for the Cubs and Scouts to attend and parade as we did last year, but we will have Scout representatives at the services across the District to remember and honour the fallen.

District Carol Concert, Sunday 8th December 2019:

A very enjoyable and worthwhile event and always signals the start of Christmas, but most thought the number of Cubs attending was down on past years.

District Cub Quiz, Friday 7th March 2020:

Teams of six from 5 of the 8 packs competed in the Quiz. It was a very close-run thing right up to the end, with it coming down to the picture round to sort out the winners.

Many Congratulations to 1st Busbridge who scored 56pts overall pipping SSPP (55pts) and 4th Godalming (54pts) to the title of Godalming District Quiz Champs. My thanks also to Luke Edwards for being Quiz master for the night.

District Tag Rugby Event- Sunday 15th March 2020:

The District Event was a taster of Tag-Rugby rather than a competition, and all those attending were put into mixed teams rather than in packs. It was a great fun afternoon for all with everyone having a thoroughly good time and was a great introduction to tag-rugby. Our thanks go to Sam Crossley (Busbridge Cubs) for organising and to Guildford Rugby Club for allowing us to use their pitches near Broadwater Lake.

St Georges Day 2020:

Due to COVID restrictions we were unable to hold the usual fun day and parade. However, many of the District Leaders and Cubs took the opportunity to renew their promises, posting pictures on the District Facebook page.

District Cub Camp, 8th – 10th May 2020, at Bentley Copse Campsite - Cancelled.

This was another District event that fell foul of the COVID-19 Pandemic at the last hurdle, but all the hard work that went into organising it will hopefully not go to waste and we will be able to reuse all the planning next year (fingers crossed!) . This was to be the first three-day District Cub camp for many years, taking advantage of the Bank Holiday Friday. We did however order Camp Badges that have 2020 on them and so next year's camp will be entitled 'The Camp that Never Was' or something like that so we can reuse them, and no doubt in years to come the badge will be a bit of a collectors piece (maybe). My thanks to Jillie, Luke Edwards and Mark Wareing for all their hard work and time that went into helping me to organise.



My thanks and gratitude to all the District Cub Leaders that continue to work hard to support their Packs and are still finding ways to hold meetings in these difficult times. Lets hope that it is not too long before this terrible pandemic is over and we can get back to normal Scouting.

Scouts

Report from Dave Fishlock



We had some considerable success with Chief Scout Gold Awards with a scouts from SSPP, Witley , 4th Godalming and Milford achieving the highest award.

It's been a while but thinking back the year began with several groups giving bowling a go at Godalming Bowling Club , ending the summer with a leaders fun event.

Our annual District expedition was partly cancelled due to bad weather.

In October Busbridge Scouts took part in the Jamboree on the Internet with great success with many worldwide contacts made and in January we had a great turnout to Frost Camp at Bentley copse, in April many Scouts renewed their promises as lockdown began.

Scouts also attended the Carol Service and Remembrance Parade earlier in the year.

The ADC team have been busy renovating the District Garage and a weekend get together at White Beeches .

Explorers & Network

Report from Project 25

Our work continues to transform our scouts provision for over 14s in Godalming. We've been working hard to recruit new volunteers, relaunch the explorer unit, introduce more support for young leaders and kick off opportunities for young people to do their D of E awards at scouts in Godalming.



We're excited to start rolling out all these new programmes and opportunities to young people in the coming months.

“Some of my best memories were made at Scouts. Whether we were hiking up a mountain or sitting around the campfire, it was always a load of fun. I looked forward to every week!”

Financial Activities Report

Report from Steve Argyll

For the year ended 31 March 2020

Receipts and Payments Account

	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	19,648	24,156
Less Membership subscriptions paid on to County	13,484	14,928
Less Unity Insurance PIP	1,364	1,417
Net Membership subscriptions retained	4,800	7,811
Donations	0	0
Jamboree	4,190	1,395
Activity A/C Net	0	3,110
Training	430	546
Other income	1,000	126
Sub total	10,420	12,988
Grants		
Other Grants	0	0
Sub total	0	0
Fundraising (Gross)		
Scout Shop Income	5,702	6,401
White Beeches	118	129
Sub total	5,820	6,530
Investment Income		
Bank Interest	0	0
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0	0
Property Rent Income	0	0
Other Investment Income	0	0
Sub total	0	0
Total Gross Income	16,240	19,518
Asset and Investment Sales etc		
Total Receipts	16,240	19,518

Receipts and Payments Account

	£	£
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Activity Account Net	2,693	0
Other Youth activities	789	717
Jamboree	7,425	0
2nd Godalming	125	0
Rent	525	500
White Beeches	113	373
Adult Support and Training	799	471
Materials and equipment	0	457
Online Scout Manager	0	387
DC Expenses	243	51
ADC Expenses	252	97
AGM and Trustee expenses	42	20
Sundry Expenditure	179	93
Donations	100	750
Scout shop expenses	5,314	5,906
Sub total	18,599	9,822
Fundraising expenses		
Other fundraising costs	0	0
Sub total	0	0
Total Gross Expenditure	18,599	9,822
Asset and Investment purchases etc	0	0
Total Payments	18,599	9,822
Net of receipts(payments)	-2,359	9,696
Cash Funds last year end	18,559	16,200
Cash Funds this year end	16,200	25,896

**Statement of assets and liabilities at
year end**

	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	£	£
Assets		
Cash Funds		
Bank Current Account	16,200	25,896
Bank Deposit Account		
Building Society Account		
Scout Association Short term Investment Service		
Cash/Floats		
Total Cash Funds	16,200	25,896
Other Monetary Assets		
Tax Claim	0	0
Debts due from County/Area/District/Group	5,278	3,974
Remaining Jamboree Credits	1,395	0
Sub total	6,673	3,974
Investment Assets		
Investment Property	0	0
Quoted Investments	0	0
Other Investments	0	0
Sub total	0	0
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge Stock (2018 estimate)	100	100
Shop Stock (2018 estimate)	100	100
Other stock	0	0
Land and Buildings	0	0
Motor Vehicles	0	0
Scouting Equipment	1,000	1,000
Other	0	0
Sub total	1,200	1,200
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	0	2,000
Provisions	0	0
Subscriptions not yet paid	0	0
Loan Detail	0	0
Other liabilities	0	0
Sub total	0	2,000
Total Assets	24,073	31,070
Total Liabilities	0	2,000
Net Worth	24,073	29,070

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities, were approved by the Trustees on 23rd November 2020 (the date of the AGM that approved the accounts). Signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Name
	M. O'Sullivan Chair
	S. Argyle, Treasurer

Notes on Accounts

Notes on accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020

1. Last year it was agreed to report District and Canoe Club figures separately to improve visibility of both.
2. These accounts reflect the financial activity for the year. I consider the District finances to be in a strong position. An annual surplus of £9696 and Net Worth has increased by £4997. This year's surplus should be viewed alongside the deficit of £2747 last year. Timing of payments between 2019 and 2020 has increased the respective surplus/deficits and 2019 included higher Jamboree costs.
3. 2020 surplus was substantially higher than budget due to:
 - Increased Census numbers £1500
 - More timely Capitation collection £1500
 - Delayed Jamboree receipts from 2019 £1395
 - Positive cashflow on Activity A/C due to Camp receipts £3110
 - Lower DC/ADC Expenses £1000
 - No Swimming Gala £400
4. The Scout Shop has enjoyed another improved year with turnover up 12% and a surplus of £505.
5. £3974 of Membership subscriptions remained unpaid as of 31st March. Busbridge were allowed stage payments due a large census increase. Explorers due change of leadership. Busbridge have now paid in full and funds are in the Explorer account to make payments once this is re-activated.
6. Activity Account net represents the net movement in the balance due the timing of Camp receipts/payments
7. Whites Beeches' last Countryside Agency grant was made in 2017. Total unspent Grant funds remaining in the District Account now total £1709.
8. Youth Activities include Carol Service and St George's Day.

9. Materials are repairs to Milford Garage.
10. Donations are £500 for Burys HQ Hut towards the grounds and £250 SSPP towards SSSP Scout Association lease cost.
11. Not included in these figures is a Council grant of £500 which was paid into the District account for immediate disbursement to Jamboree participants.
12. DC expenses were very low in 2019 due to Julia claiming little. We should budget for £1000 in a normal year.
13. Debts due are Busbridge and Explorer Capitation.
14. I have included a nominal valuation for District Camping and other equipment. Its future value is currently uncertain.

Godalming Scout Canoe Club Accounts

Income and expenditure account 1st December 2018 to 30th November 2019

2017-18		2018-19	Variance	NOTES
£	INCOME	£	£	
420	Course fees - Discovery/1* (£35)	595	175	
385	Course fees - Explore/2* (£70)	140	(245)	
740	Course fees - WhiteWater/3* (£70)	630	(110)	
1,664	Taster sessions	1,524	(140)	Includes refunds to Camelsdale Guides and Camelsdale Cubs for weather related cancellations
210	Hut fund donations	325	115	£5 per short course, £10 per long course plus 3 donations of F19 refunds
272	Grants & other donations	60	(212)	Staycation donations & Kath's friends
32	Sundry income	16	(16)	Includes bank interest and BCU certificate fees
3,723		3,290	(433)	
£	EXPENDITURE			
(63)	Maintenance (hut)	(65)	(2)	
(1,451)	Insurance	(1,592)	(141)	Includes PIP insurance for coaches (new cost this year)
-	Licences	(535)	(535)	Due to BCU revamp, there was no fee paid in 2017/18; still awaiting 1 licence to be refunded
(438)	Equipment (repairs & replacements)	(270)	168	
-	Adult training	(120)	(120)	BCU revamp requires all coaches to undertake online training
-	Badges	(176)	(176)	New expense this year
(72)	AGM expenses	(159)	(87)	
(135)	Sundry expenses	-	135	
(2,159)		(2,918)	(759)	
1,564	ORDINARY SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	372	(1,191)	
-	France trip income	6,930	6,930	
-	France trip expenditure	(6,930)	(6,930)	
-	France surplus/(deficit)	-	-	
1,564	OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	372	(1,191)	
REPRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING MOVEMENTS IN BALANCES :-				
£		£	Movement	
3,666	Treasurers A/C	2,379	(1,287)	
8,212	Deposit A/C re hut replacement	8,541	329	Opening balance, plus £325 donated, plus interest earned to date
(1,330)	France 2019 deposits received	-	1,330	Transferred into 2018-19 income
			372	
Notes				
Local RNLI have indicated that they are willing to put £12k into a hut rebuild				

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the Godalming District Scout Council

Report on accounts of the District for the year ended 31 March 2020

Report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Scrutineer

As the District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 1993 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's statement

In accordance with the directions given in the District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out in the preceding pages.

Scrutineer's statement

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

Signed: 

Name VIRGINIA BURT
Address SINGLE STACK
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..... GODALMING, GU7 3AS
Date 11/11/20



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