



Scouts

**FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUTS
ANNUAL REPORT
2021-2022**

FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Annual General Meeting 2021-2022

Monday 16th May 2022 7.30pm

Gladstone Centre

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| 15 | Nomination of Auditors |

FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020-2021

Sunday 16th May 2021

7.30pm

via zoom

Present: Daniel Reynolds, Gareth Roberts, Allan Roberts, Alan Henshaw, Dan Reynolds, Lisa Reynolds, Arnold Woolley, Mike Bowen, Jerry Sommerton, Lena Heaps, Elved Gray-Jones, Sue Lloyd, Pat Royal, Kirs Hall, Eric Gardener, Mike Dawson, Dave Jones, Janet Joynson-Crosby, Michael Bailey, Roger Smith, Sam Hesbrook, Steve Love, Karen Hall, Robert Benyon, Ian Challinor, Jodie Challinor, Louise Speed, Laura Callaghan.

Apologies: Dan Campbell, Rhian Roberts, Paul Wright, Norman Scattergood, James Reynolds

Meeting Opened 19:31w

| # | Item | Actions |
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| 1 | Opening Reading / Prayer - Arnold Woolley A Prayer For Right Conduct - by William De Witt Hyde Give us clean hands, clean words and clean thoughts, O God. Help us to stand for the hard right against the easy wrong. Save us from habits that would harm. Teach us to work as hard and play as fair in your sight alone as if all the world saw. Forgive us when we are unkind, and help us to forgive those who are unkind to us. Keep us ready to help others at some cost to ourselves. Send us chances to do a little good every day, and so to grow more like Christ. | |
| 2 | Apologies As above In addition Arnold Woolley presents Mike Allport's resignation dated 1st February 2021 to be actioned at the coming AGM for 2020/21. The District Exec extend their thanks, gratitude and best wishes to Mike Allport for his many years of dedicated service. | |
| 3 | Welcome Arnold Woolley Welcomes all those who have joined the meeting this evening - nice to see lots of familiar faces and some new ones. | |
| 4 | Minutes of previous AGM meeting Page by page for factuality. Arnold will sign a copy and forward to secretary. No matters arising. | Move - Helena Heaps 2nd - Dave Jones All Agreed |

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| 5 | <p>Chair's Report - Arnold Woolley</p> <p>Report is attached for reference.</p> <p>Lots have changed since the report was written at the beginning of May - mainly in readiness levels. Now in Yellow and able to return to face to face Scouting indoors. As a District we have held it together well compared to the National and Regional averages so we should be very proud of the this. Much appreciation to the leadership teams of the Groups.</p> | |
| 6 | <p>District Commissioner's / Deputy District Commissioners Report Dan Reynolds DDC</p> <p>Echo those thoughts from Arnold. There are interesting times ahead. Both the DC and DDC feel immense pleasure in leading what is a dedicated, talented and resilient team. We are in very strong position - we have lost both young and adults members but to be expected. But there is a resurgence and increased interest in new members. Despite losing members we are confident numbers will return.</p> <p>News from the District - great pleasure to announce Janet Joynson-Crosby has stepped into the role of Cub ADC. Mike Bailey, who took on the role of Scout ADC just before lockdown and two new members to the District Exec will prove invaluable with their skills - Sue Lloyd and Greg Cooper.</p> <p>The entire leadership team have adapted to the use of digital really well.</p> <p>Thanks to Elved for his hard work on ensuring the majority of Groups have now been signed off for Amber and Yellow Risk Assessments. And finally - Thanks to all for everyones hard work and getting through this year.</p> | |
| 7 | <p>Presentation of Accounts - District Treasurer Gareth Roberts</p> <p>2020/21 accounts can be found at the back of the AGM Report for reference. No issues or concerns to report.</p> <p>Page 2 - Income & Expenditure. There has been a fall from last year with 19 less members. No income from Youth Online Manager or International support for 2020. Badge costs were minimal - Jott and one Sleepover. Contributions - this was Districts way of returning surplus funds to the Groups through grants - which were applied for specific projects. These contributions have resulted in a small deficit for the year.</p> <p>Page 3 - Balance Sheet. More money to sent to the building society account for International support plus further interest to show. Monies received in advance is one Group paying for next years census on a monthly basis.</p> | <p>Accounts have already been approved by the Exec Committee at a previous meeting.</p> <p>A general show of support from those attending the meeting - All agreed.</p> <p>Many Thanks to Gareth for his hard work and efforts as Treasurer.</p> |
| 8 | <p>Approval of District Commissioner's nomination for Chair</p> <p>DDC Dan on behalf of DC Dan nominates Arnold Woolley to continue as Chair - who is very happy to accept.</p> | <p>General show of support for nomination - All agreed.</p> |

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| 9 | <p>Election of Secretary No other candidates express an interest - Laura Callaghan is happy to continue in the role of District Secretary.</p> <p>Election of Treasurer No other candidates express an interest - Gareth Roberts is happy to continue in the role of District Treasurer. Gareth Roberts is happy to continue his role as Charity Commissioner</p> <p>Nomination of Auditors Caroline Blake FCCA, Mclintocks NW Chartered Accountants</p> <p>*DC, DDC and DESC will continue to sit on Committee as Ex-Officio Members. Current vacant for District Youth Commissioner.</p> | <p>Show of support for election of Group Treasurer, Group Secretary and Independent Auditors - All agreed.</p> |
| 10 | <p>Election of District Committee Helena Heaps, Lisa Reynolds and Mike Bowen will move from nominated members to elected members along with continuing elected members Allan Roberts, Elved Gray-Jones, Alan Henshaw, Jerry Sommerton.</p> | <p>Move - Arnold Woolley 2nd - Allan Roberts All Agreed</p> |
| 11 | <p>District Commissioner's nomination of members of Executive Committee Sue Lloyd and Greg Cooper have been nominated by the DC/DDC to join the Exec Committee along with existing nominated members Eric Gardener and Dan Reynolds.</p> | <p>Move - Arnold Woolley 2nd - Allan Roberts All Agreed</p> |
| 12 | <p>Election of Young Members (18-25yrs) to Executive Committee James Reynolds is happy to continue his role on the committee as the 18-25 representative.</p> | <p>Move - Arnold Woolley 2nd - Allan Roberts All Agreed</p> |
| 13 | <p>Election of any co-opted members to the District Executive Committee No co-opted members nominated or required currently.</p> | |
| 14 | <p>Election of Representative from District to the Area Committee Elved Gray-Jones is happy to continue as District Representative at Area Committee.</p> | <p>Move - Arnold Woolley 2nd - Allan Roberts All Agreed</p> |
| 15 | <p>Closing remark - Arnold Woolley Welcome to new and existing Exec members - I am certain that this great team will seize the opportunities of the next year and we will return bigger and better. Many Thanks - this concludes this evenings meeting.</p> | |

Meeting closed - Keep Scouting



FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUTS

CHAIR'S REPORT FOR 2022-22

I am old enough to recall a song, sung by Roy Rogers, in a western film from 1946. It had the title of "Back In The Saddle Again!" It came to mind recently when the notification reached me that Scouting is once more free of almost all of the curtailments which have bedevilled individuals, families, organisations and nations over the past two to three years of the Covid Pandemic. While that Pandemic has certainly not totally gone away yet, we can now once more raise our heads and eyes and look towards the horizon. Scouting, locally and globally, has displayed its resilience. While we have suffered some diminishment in membership numbers across the board, there are now clear signs of resurgence as our organisation regroups and plans to grow and to continue to deliver socially beneficial guidance and activities for the young of all ages, for the good of our local communities.

Arnold Woolley
District Chair



FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUTS

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

REPORT 2021-2022

Not even a few weeks into my custodianship of the Flintshire District Scouts, along with the entire world, we had to deal with a global pandemic. Our volunteers took this task on with great resilience and made sure the game of Scouting continues on. We are now in the recovery phase, growing our numbers back to pre pandemic levels and changing the way we Scout. Although it is important to get the balance right between action and reflection. With so many distractions, it is easy to forget to pause and take stock. Now is a time for discovery, looking at what can do to create a sustainable future for Scouting in Flintshire.

This year we have had the privilege of awarding out so many Commissioner Commendations, Awards of Merit and Gallantry Awards. We also have a Chief Scouts Personal Award given to a youth member for their quick reactions putting their first aid skills into action. Well done all, it is a real privilage to read through all the submissions and see the passion, time and commitment our youth and volunteers put into Scouting.

Training we are one of the most compliant Districts in the country thanks to our wonderful Group Scout Leaders working with our Local Training Manager to make sure everyone has the knowledge they require to support the youth members. We hope to be able to review and grow our learning provision over the coming months.

We are seeing a trend, now pandemic rules are easing, of all sections getting out there and enjoying the great outdoors and the good weather, especially those who enjoyed the JOTT in the sun. We have had the pleasure of hosting the International Badgers Club (Scout Badge Collectors) for a meet this year. We also have Gladstonbury, now a national event, being led by volunteers from across Flintshire. This looks to be an awesome camp for the Explorer Section. Beavers are also leading the way with the Damboree initiative, helping to support our members achieve the skills and knowledge to take our young people on Nights Away events.

Squirrels! Our new Section of the early years has also started. We have one pilot Drey open in the process of opening its doors to welcome new youth members to start their journey on learning skills for life. Hopefully this is a section that will keep on growing as time goes on.

The Gladstone Centre is also going from strength to strength with new activities on offer, new Scout Active Support Teams being put in place and continued hard work and dedication from the Operations Team. This ensures we have a resource for all our members to enjoy. I would like to make a special mention for our first retired member, Eric Gardner. His passion and drive to support the youth has been an inspiration to all over so many years.

It is important to take a step back and look at where we are on our journey, We are at the beginning of our path to recovery, yet we still have a mountain to climb to get back to where we once were. In Flintshire we have some groups that are really flying forwards with putting everything back together, but we do have some who are taking it slow. It is important to mention that both are good options. We are always looking to the future and over the next year there are some major changes to the way we volunteer coming. Making the volunteer journey much easier giving us more time and resource to put towards the reason we all do this, the life skills and experiences we give to all our members.

I know of no single formula for success, but over the years I have observed that some attributes of leadership are universal, and are often about finding ways of encouraging people to combine their efforts, their talents, their insights, their enthusiasm and their inspiration, to work together.

Here is to another great year of Scouting and hopefully some amazing adventures to be had by all that are in our movement.

Daniel Campbell
District Commissioner



FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUTS

DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER REPORT 2021-2022

Another year and my great privilege to serve Scouting in Flintshire, Wales and the UK.

Last year, despite everyone's efforts in very challenging circumstances, some young people decided to step back from Scouts. Now our numbers are increasing. All thanks to the efforts of our amazing volunteers to get young people meeting and enjoying safe, high-quality programmes face-to-face again. Well done!

Flintshire Scout district now back to face to face Scouting is to be celebrated. The opportunities for adventures now lie ahead of us. From large events like Gladstonbury to something smaller, like a Beaver toasting a marshmallow for the first time. And we are back camping again!

We continue to grow in many ways. We have successfully opened Squirrels, our brand new Section for four to five-year-olds. We have developed adventurous opportunities across the district, the Gladstone Centre and new Scout Activity Skills Units in shooting, archery, canoeing and climbing. And we have grown our membership and volunteer teams.

But as is reflected across the UK, we still have many young people on our waiting lists and interest in joining the Scouts is higher than ever. As DDC my focus is to support our existing groups and to bring more adults into Scouting. This will help more young people into the adventure of Scouting.

It's not always about the benefits to young people. We know that volunteering with the Scouts encourages you to try something new. It creates new friends, keeps your body active, promotes wellbeing, and supports the community. In short, it's good for you! With more volunteers we can continue to grow, with everyone doing what they feel they can, and no one left feeling they must do it all.

Scouting in Flintshire is already recognised as good at delivering fun and safe activities to young people. We are ambitious, but know we have lots left to accomplish. The district team is working hard to resolve the legacy issues following the pandemic and this is taking more time than we would have preferred. This will require patience and support from everyone across Scouting in Flintshire.

I take great pride in seeing everyone engaged in Scouting across Flintshire.

Thank you and well done.

Dan Reynolds

Deputy District Commissioner



FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUTS

DISTRICT BEAVER SECTION REPORT 2021-2022

This last year has been a quiet one for the District with groups concentrating on getting back to normal. We have continued with our regular meetings to ensure all Leaders are supported and encouraged new and varied activities to take place.

Numbers are up with nearly all Colonies employing a waiting list ensuring that more children join the Scouting family as soon as they're able to do so. In addition, several groups have welcomed new adults into roles as Leaders, Section Assistants or Occasional Helpers.

District events have been kept to a minimum so far this last year in order to encourage more grass-roots Scouting at group level and to get everyone back into the swing of face to face on a regular basis.

Having said that, Damboree 2022 will take place Jubilee weekend, combining the celebrations and the opportunity for #beaversintents to encourage colonies to get back out camping. Later in the year we will also be running District Campfire for Halloween with several activities already in the pipeline for 2023.

By this time next year, we hope to be back to how we were and taking further steps to make Flintshire Beavers the success it usually is!

Yours in Scouting

Rhian Roberts

Assistant District Commissioner Beavers



FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUTS

DISTRICT CUBS SECTION REPORT 2021-2022

2021 again saw the Covid pandemic impacting on scouting, how and where meeting were held, number attending and the changing regulations. Many annual events were unable to take place but leaders continued to ensure that whenever possible weekly meeting went ahead.

The District Photograph Competition took place over the summer holidays.

Congratulations to Erin from Penyffordd and Ioan from Trinity Fammau groups for their winning entries. The photos were printed onto canvas and both cubs were presented with them and a certificate. Congratulations to both, as the photos were amazing. The number of entries wasn't as high as expected and the production of a calendar didn't go ahead.

In November 2 campfires were held at Gladstone with over 100 cubs and leaders from 9 groups attending. For many cubs this was their first opportunity to meet cubs from other groups and attend a district event. Despite rainy weather cubs enjoyed hotdogs, making s'mores and joining in with campfire songs.

With Covid restrictions easing the District Quiz was able to go ahead in March. Saltney Ferry offered the use of their scout hut and assistance from their explorer unit. The quiz was well attended with the winning team being 'Team Egg' from Mynydd Isa, who retained the quiz trophy for another year. Second and third places went to 'Raspberry Ripple' and 'Fun Squad' both from Buckley St Matthews.

The Cubs District Camp in September will be held at The Gladstone Centre. Cubs were asked to provide ideas for the camp theme and the majority of suggestions were of a sporting nature. Bases will include archery, rounders, board games, playground games, agility course, blind trail, climbing wall and street dance.

The annual swimming event will be held at Holywell Leisure Centre on 15th October. Previously this was held as a swimming competition but this has now been rebranded as a swimming spectacular with lots of fun activities for both swimmers and non-swimmer.

A special mention to Flint group. With only 3 cub members they joined up with Buckley St Matthews for meetings. Cub leaders from other groups offered to help Jo with increasing

Flint's numbers and to help run meetings at Flint's HQ. Gilli Jones joined as a leader and the group's cub number have now increased to 20.

Once again a big 'THANK YOU' to the leaders in Flintshire for all they do to support our cubs.

Diolch yn fawr. 😊

Janet Joynson-Crosby
Assistant District Commissioner Cubs



Photographs submitted into the competition from Flintshire Cubs

SCOUTS

FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUTS

DISTRICT SCOUT SECTION REPORT 2021-2022

This year has seen us return to a more normal way of scouting I am glad to say that most scout troops have been able to return to the full and active program they are used to although sad to see some have had to close due to low numbers

As ADC I have not been able to visit all the troops but intend to call in when time and programs allow and plan to have a planning meeting to discuss the future district events and camps this coming term

I am hugely grateful to all the leaders and supporters who have assisted in delivering scouting to Flintshire district and hope to see you all soon

Thank you,

Michael Bailey

Assistant District Commissioner Scouts

EXPLORERS

FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUTS

DISTRICT EXPLORER SECTION REPORT 2021-2022

Like all our sections, and I am sure, like the rest of the country, the last 12 months have continued to prove some of the most challenging times for our Explorer Scouting provision. Navigating the ever-changing rules and requirements has not been straight forward and particularly for a section which has the principle of integration between units at his heart, the rules have not leant themselves to this level of mixing for much of the last 12 months. That said, we have continued to operate at individual unit level brilliantly with many of our Explorers still having the opportunity to take part in camping experiences and complete awards, including their Duke of Edinburgh Award. At the start of 2022 we were also lucky enough for 24 of our Explorers from numerous groups to take part in a fully funded residential experience at Glan Llyn Activity Centre.

Keeping everything crossed, with covid now behind us, we have kick started the district programme again this year from January – relaunching the year long District Challenge Shield competition, whereby the first week of the month we meet not as individual units, but as a whole district for a challenge-based activity with the overall winning unit being crowned champions at the end of the year. It has been great to see these meetings start back up, with 80+ explorers attending most of the events we have hosted so far.

We saw a significant increase in the number of explorers registered on census this year, with 96 young people registered, up by 19%, but sadly still around 30 shy of where we were pre-pandemic. The increase seen this year has been driven in part by the continued growth of our newest unit – Echo, who are based in Mynydd Isa and are going from strength to strength. This year we have also had a change in leadership for the young leader unit with Tamsin stepping down from the role and Marie & Kavan taking over – it is probably safe to say that due to the impacts of covid, the YL unit was one of the most severely impacted sections, guidance on only attending 1 activity/ group a week for a period of time meant that providing training was challenging but I am pleased to say we are now back up and running, and hopefully helping our young leaders reach their potential.

Looking ahead to the rest of the year, we will continue with our monthly district challenge nights, have our big summer camp Gladstonbury to look forward to, where this year we are also welcoming 300 explorers from right across the country to Gladstone to join us in the fun, are in the process of exploring attending the Manchester Monopoly run as a district in October and will restart our annual recognition/ awards evening at the end of the year. All this is on top of the programme provided by the individual units – so definitely feels like we are back with a bang! Additionally we do have a number of explorers who

have been lucky enough to be selected to attend the 2023 World Scout Jamboree in South Korea, and I look forward to the Jamboree leaders reaching out to confirm the exact number and how we can support these young people in their adventure.

On a personal level, I am keen to look at how we can strengthen our links with scout troops that do not have a direct link to an explorer unit, as we continue to see a significant number of 14-year-old scouts not making that transition. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the brilliant team of Explorer Leaders we have in Flintshire whose hard work and determination to keep on scouting in the last couple of years has been unwavering – I know that our 96 (and growing!) explorers appreciate all of your efforts, and so do I... it makes my roles as DESC a much simpler and more enjoyable one knowing we are all pulling in the same direction! Here's to bouncing back even stronger in 2022!!!

Steve Love
District Explorer Scout Commissioner



FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUTS

SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT AGM REPORT 2021-2022

Recently, the section has had a boost in numbers. Our DC has formed several smaller Units to conform with Regulations. Our Campsite Crew, Canoe team, archers, climbers and shooters are now defined Active Support Posts within Compass, officially recognising many Scouting "jobs" that have been happening in the background.

Scout Active Support allows people to be involved in Scouting, and give their time on a flexible basis, without the full-time commitment of being a Leader. We provide a resource for Managers and event organisers of local Scouting, from our Group Scout Leaders and the various Commissioners to the local Camp Site Warden.

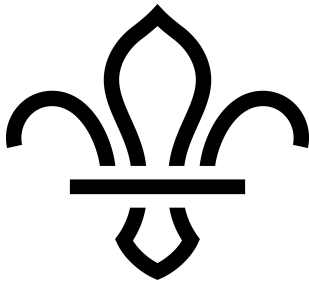
Normally members help out at most of the District events each year. On the second Saturday in May we join Scouts from all over the World for the Jamboree on the Trail hike, this has become our principal annual event with hundreds of Scouts and Supporters walking.

Last year (May 2021) Due to Covid restrictions we had to promote the family exercise walk idea again. We distributed 420 Badges, spread between most of the Groups. As I write this, plans for a whole of District walk taking in Alyn Waters and the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct are at an advanced stage, with Sue and Lena at the helm.

The section provides a platform for Leaders who have stepped away from time-consuming posts. People do not need to leave Scouting altogether, Scout Active Support Membership provides the means to stay involved.

Jerry Sommerton

Scout Active Support Manager



FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUTS

APPOINTMENT SECRETARY REPORT 2021-2022

Last year's report showed that a different approach to 'Appointments' during the pandemic had really worked so we have continued to do these informal 'appointment chats' for new leaders and leaders requiring change of role mainly via WhatsApp and very occasionally face to face. This is happening most weeks and occasionally twice weekly trying to play 'catch-up' when necessary.

Since April 2021 we have successfully appointed nearly 60 new leaders. Coming out of a pandemic has really showed the need for new leaders to support the ever-increasing amount of young people requesting to join local scouting. We can never have enough leaders as there are still so many young people in our District wanting to join. What is great news is we have a lot of young new leaders who have just turned 18 and have previously been Young Leaders in groups and want to give their time back to help and becoming leaders.

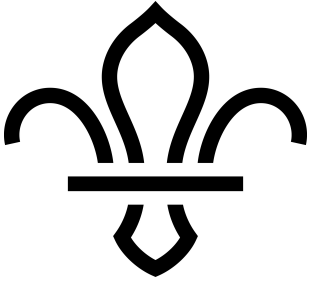
As a committee we have also helped Llangollen and Vale of Clwyd Districts appoint 20 new leaders in the past year as they were unable to have enough committee members available and to sort virtually.

We have several dedicated committee members who rotate between themselves for each 'appointments chat'. My thanks go out to them all for their continued support throughout this past year.

Again, we're looking forward to seeing what the next 12 months brings!

Yours in Scouting

Sue Lloyd
Appointments Secretary



FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUTS

LOCAL TRAINING MANAGER REPORT 2021-2022

Again, a difficult year but great opportunities to continue training via Zoom from all over the country including ScoutsCymru which some leaders have taken up.

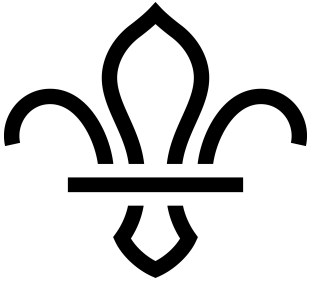
As a District we aim to be 100% compliant with our Mandatory On Going Learning so regular updates each term are sent out to GSL's & TA's to chase up their learners and leaders who are coming up for re-newel. This requires constant chasing up and TSA are sending out email reminders too.

Face to face First Aid is now back up and running with in the District thanks to Dave Jones. We have virtually caught up with those in need and look forward to Dave's 16 hour outdoor first aid this summer term for those scout and explorer leaders who do more adventurous activities.

Hopefully looking forward to getting some more 'local' training back up and running with the training team very soon.

Yours in Scouting

Sue Lloyd
Local Training Manager



THE GLADSTONE CENTRE WARDEN REPORT 2021-2022

When Eric Gardener decided to retire, he left a massive pair of shoes to fill, his tireless dedication, hard work and devotion have made the Training Centre and Campsite what it is today and our thanks go to Eric for his exemplary service.

The lockdown certainly had its effect on The Gladstone Centre but under the guidance of Phil Houghton we managed to keep up with some maintenance and make some additions to the Centre. The archery and shooting range are now completed and in use. The storage compound is done and additional fences have been installed as well as repairs and replacement of existing fences. A new wood pile and chopping area has been built with sections for both processed and natural timber. We are currently carrying out repairs to the agility course and hope to have them completed soon. Phil and I have a maintenance day most Wednesdays when possible, and work parties for some of the larger jobs. We are well supported by the Gladstone Crew and our service team of volunteers, Which, by the way always welcome new members. One of the next projects is to refurbish the abseil tower and hopefully add a climbing wall to the structure. We have also just purchased some second-hand Pulse Ranger equipment so we will be able to offer Laser Quest sessions to our activities list.

Also in the pipeline is a new website, we have managed to keep our old domain name(www.thegladstonecentre.org.uk) so we should be easy to find once we are up and running, Booking, queries and calendars should all be available soon, but for now email addresses to remember are; warden@thegladstonecentre.org.uk; bookings@thegladstonecentre.org.uk; treasurer@thegladstonecentre.org.uk from now on bookings will only be accepted through the bookings email address.

Post-Covid our bookings are looking reasonably good; Deeside Round Table have booked us for their Beer Festival and a private company are using us for their Family Fun Day. Scouting wise we have Scouts from Sweden spending a night with us and a Group from Stevenage enquiring about a week's camp, and the return of the bi-annual Explorer Scout Festival, which I believe is a sell out at around 300 Explorers descending on us from all over the country. Weekend bookings are filling up and early booking is advisable to get the dates you want. Field events and campfires have

become popular since the change in the weather. We have also seen the return of F.C.C's Alternative Education Group during the week.

On a Final note, I would like to welcome our new Secretary/Treasurer Jenny Williams to the team, and thank Eric Gardener, Phil Houghton, Jenny Williams, Paul Wright, Dan Campbell. Dan Reynolds, Steve Love and Nick Burgess for their support and everyone else that has made The Gladstone Centre What it is today and what it will be in the future. Thank you all.

Yours in Scouting

Mike Bowen

Gladstone Warden.



FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of Flintshire District Scout Council (Charity No: 1023503) for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 2 to 4.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Caroline Blake FCCA
McIntocks (NW) Limited
Chartered Accountants
2 Hilliards Court
Chester Business Park
CHESTER
CH4 9PX

29th April 2022

FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

| | Note | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|------------------------------|------|------------|------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| District levy | 1 | 2,148.00 | 2,511.00 |
| Levy re early payment | | | 418.50 |
| Badges | | 431.64 | 241.02 |
| Activities | | 721.12 | 1,634.40 |
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| Total | | 3,300.76 | 4,804.92 |
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| EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Activities | | 718.17 | 1,579.40 |
| District team expenses | | 291.83 | 463.75 |
| Insurance | | 245.18 | 245.18 |
| Lottery licence | | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| Training | | 1,620.00 | 672.41 |
| Youth Online Manager | | 1,080.00 | 1,080.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 2 | 675.87 | 176.62 |
| Levy refund re early payment | | - | 418.50 |
| Contributions | 3 | - | 4,960.00 |
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| Total | | 4,651.05 | 9,615.86 |
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| Deficit for the Year | | (1,350.29) | (4,810.94) |
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FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET
At 31 DECEMBER 2021

| | Note | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|--------------------------------------|------|------------|------------|
| CONSOLIDATED FUND | | | |
| Balance brought Forward | | 18,761.62 | 23,551.18 |
| Deficit for the Year | | (1,350.29) | (4,810.94) |
| Interest on Building Society account | | 6.19 | 21.38 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | 17,417.52 | 18,761.62 |
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| REPRESENTED BY | | | |
| Building Society account | 4 | 12,518.49 | 11,466.05 |
| Bank current account | | 4,829.71 | 6,235.59 |
| Stock of badges | | 1,849.55 | 1,704.60 |
| Monies due | | 755.05 | 1,552.98 |
| Loan to Flint Scout Group | | - | 1,340.00 |
| Monies owed | | (1,135.28) | (787.60) |
| Monies received in advance | | (1,400.00) | (2,750.00) |
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| | | 17,417.52 | 18,761.62 |
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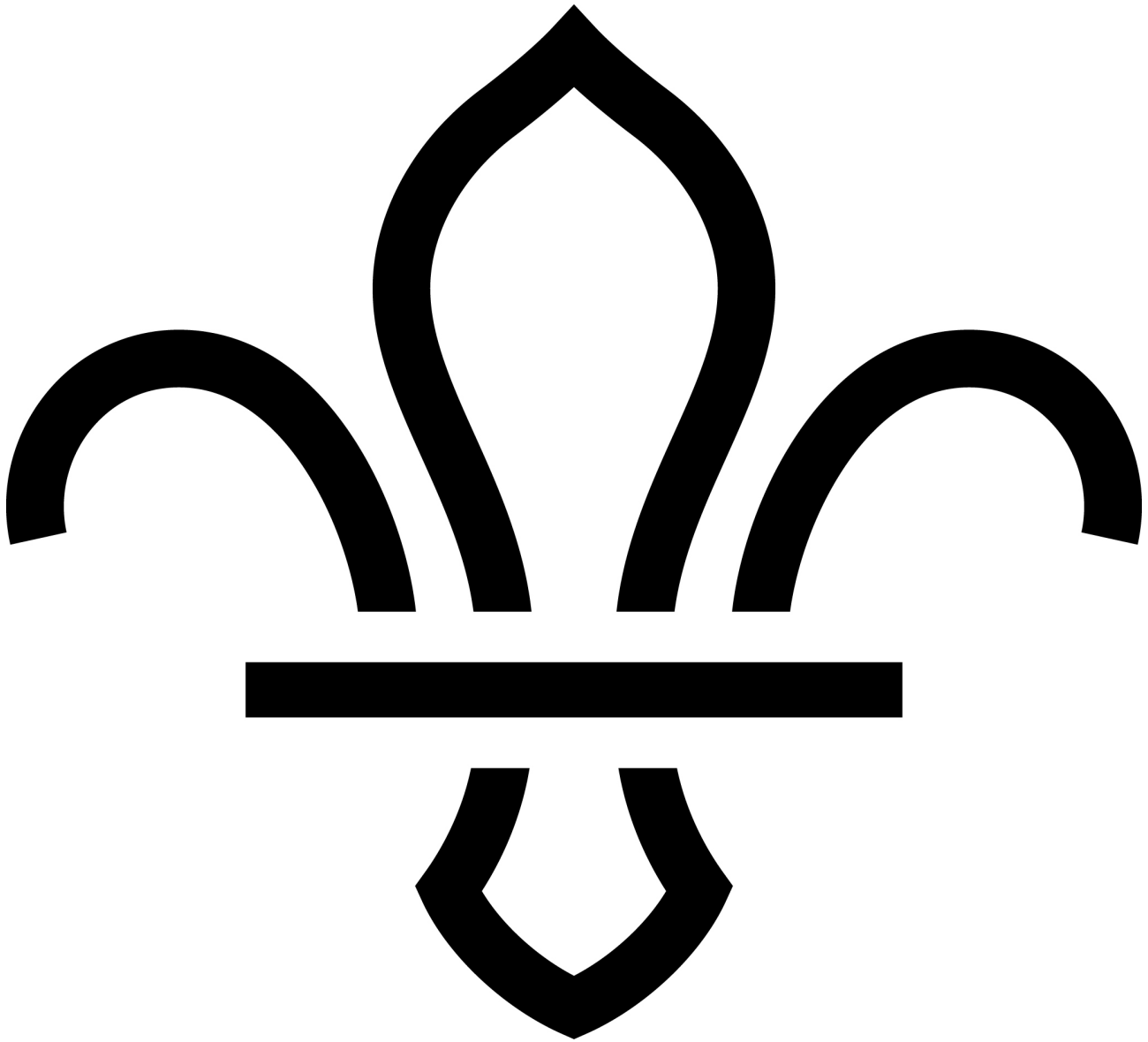
Approved by the District Executive Committee on 7th March 2022L Callaghan
SecretaryD G Roberts
Treasurer

FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| 1 DISTRICT LEVY | | |
| Calculated on the basis of 697 (2020 - 837) members @ 3.00 | 2,091.00 | 2,511.00 |
| Overpayments and early payment discounts not returned to closed Groups | 57.00 | -- |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | 2,148.00 | 2,511.00 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| 2 MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES | | |
| Room Hire | 133.00 | 110.50 |
| Gifts | - | 66.12 |
| Website Expenses | 59.65 | - |
| Awards | 483.22 | - |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | 675.87 | 176.62 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| 3 CONTRIBUTIONS | | |
| In the previous period, surplus funds were utilised by contributing towards specific projects to be undertaken by the Gladstone Centre (£1,000) and nine Scout Groups (£440 each). | | |
| 4 BUILDING SOCIETY | | |
| Emergency fund | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 |
| Grant application support fund | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Scouts representing District fund | 3,116.25 | 2,070.00 |
| Canoe Fund | 402.24 | 396.05 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | 12,518.49 | 11,466.05 |
| | ----- | ----- |

No specific levy was raised for International Support in 2020, but the Committee approved a transfer of £1,046.25 (837 @ £1.25) to the Building Society Account to add to Scouts representing District Fund.



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