

Skills for Life

Kirkcaldy District Scout Council
Annual Review 2017-18



Scouts
Kirkcaldy



Well done

BEAVERS

Nov 2017 Swimming Gala

Winners – 11th Fife

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Sep 2017 Cub Sports Day

Winners - 14th Fife Thursday

Oct 2017 Mary Pearson Trophy

Winners - 35th Fife

Nov 2017 Swimming Gala

Winners - 35th Fife

Jan 2018 5 a side Football

Winners - 6th Fife

Feb 2018 Kinghorn Trophy

Winners - 6th Fife

Mar 2018 Harper Safety Trophy

Winners – 14th Fife Thursday

SCOUTS

May 2017 Jubilee Trophy

Winners – 4th Fife

Oct 2017 Safety Trophy

Winners – 11th Fife

Nov 2017 Swimming Gala

Winners – 11th Fife

Feb 2018 5 a side Football

Winners – 80th Fife

Mar 2018 Games Trophy

Winners – 5th Fife

Achievements



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Chief Scout Bronze Awards

25-Apr-17 Ethan	Clemison	4th Fife	20-Jun-17 Callum	Golda	14th Fife
25-Apr-17 Jacob	Barnes	4th Fife	22-Jun-17 Harry	Mason	115th Fife
25-Apr-17 Tom	Grianger	4th Fife	23-Jun-17 Kai	Copeland	86th Fife
25-Apr-17 Rayen	Dallal	4th Fife	28-Jun-17 Ewan	Kennedy	80th Fife
25-Apr-17 Callum	Leggate	4th Fife	28-Jun-17 Spencer	Raeburn	80th Fife
25-Apr-17 Sorren	Duncan-Clark	11th Fife	28-Jun-17 Reian	Stewart	80th Fife
25-Apr-17 William	Smart	11th Fife	28-Sep-17 Sasha	Christensen	11th Fife
25-Apr-17 Reilly	Forisky	11th Fife	2-Oct-17 Andrew	Mackay	35th Fife
25-Apr-17 Eilidh	Murphy	11th Fife	22-Nov-17 Andrew	Mackie	80th Fife
25-Apr-17 Owen	Bonellie	35th Fife	3-Dec-17 Irys	Blair	115th Fife
25-Apr-17 Eilidh	Brown	80th Fife	3-Dec-17 Adam	Brady	115th Fife
25-Apr-17 Daniel	Harvey	80th Fife	21-Dec-17 Amy	Paton	11th Fife
25-Apr-17 Ross	McIntyre	80th Fife	21-Dec-17 Eilah	Wardrop	11th Fife
25-Apr-17 Murray	Sutherland	80th Fife	21-Dec-17 Ellie	Paxton	11th Fife
18-Jun-17 Rhian	Mitchell	115th Fife	21-Dec-17 Leah	Paxton	11th Fife
18-Jun-17 Cameron	McIntosh	115th Fife	21-Dec-17 Sophie	Paxton	11th Fife
18-Jun-17 Cameron	Kennedy	115th Fife	21-Dec-17 Jack	Yuile	11th Fife
18-Jun-17 Ivy	Cummings	115th Fife	12-Jan-18 Cameron	McGuire	86th Fife
18-Jun-17 Adam	Reves	115th Fife	29-Jan-18 George	Kent	11th Fife
18-Jun-17 Daniel	Rodgers	115th Fife	29-Jan-18 Flynn	O'Brien	11th Fife
18-Jun-17 Scott	Smith	115th Fife	29-Jan-18 Angus	Crawford	11th Fife
18-Jun-17 Harris	Slater	115th Fife	29-Jan-18 Lucy	Charlton	11th Fife
20-Jun-17 Leo	Brady	14th Fife	29-Jan-18 Leanne	Murray	11th Fife
20-Jun-17 Szymon	Waciaga	14th Fife	7-Feb-18 Liam	Fox	14th Fife
20-Jun-17 Matthew	Smart	14th Fife	7-Feb-18 Kyle	Fox	14th Fife
20-Jun-17 Alyx	Montgomery	14th Fife	7-Feb-18 Matthew	Moffat	14th Fife
20-Jun-17 Maksymillian	Szewczyk	14th Fife	8-Feb-18 Liam	Wilkinson	5th Fife
20-Jun-17 Aaron	Mackie	14th Fife	20-Feb-18 Elise	Holmes	24th Fife
20-Jun-17 Ben	White	14th Fife	22-Feb-18 Reece	MacDonald	115th Fife
20-Jun-17 Jack	Lithgow	14th Fife	22-Feb-18 Oliver	Laing	115th Fife
20-Jun-17 Aydin	Eskar	14th Fife	22-Feb-18 Dylan	Peggie	115th Fife
20-Jun-17 Joachim	Szewczyk	14th Fife	22-Feb-18 Daniel	Hepburn	115th Fife
20-Jun-17 Kayla	McCreadie	14th Fife	22-Feb-18 Mason	Scott	115th Fife
20-Jun-17 Jack	White	14th Fife	22-Feb-18 Sarah	Urquhart	115th Fife

Achievements



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Chief Scout Silver Awards

25-Apr-17	Tasha	Watson	11th Fife	4-Oct-17	Jason	Young	80th Fife
25-Apr-17	Alice	Mair	11th Fife	4-Oct-17	Euan	Brown	80th Fife
25-Apr-17	Keir	Leadbetter	11th Fife	4-Oct-17	Katie	Sandilands	80th Fife
25-Apr-17	Tamzin	Christensen	11th Fife	4-Oct-17	Jayden	Blacklaws	80th Fife
25-Apr-17	Adam	MacLean	14th Fife	4-Oct-17	Irvine	Potter	80th Fife
25-Apr-17	Finlay	Murdoch	14th Fife	4-Oct-17	Kerr	Marshall	80th Fife
25-Apr-17	Callum	Morrison	14th Fife	4-Oct-17	Nairn	Marshall	80th Fife
25-Apr-17	Rhys	Gilmartin	115th Fife	4-Oct-17	Cameron	Bease	80th Fife
25-Apr-17	Lucas	Davidson	115th Fife	4-Oct-17	Blair	Kennedy	80th Fife
25-Apr-17	Aaron	Perrie	115th Fife	4-Oct-17	Libby	Kennedy	80th Fife
25-Apr-17	Lewis	McIntosh	115th Fife	4-Oct-17	Freya	Sutherland	80th Fife
25-Apr-17	Kobi	Slater	115th Fife	27-Oct-17	Aiden	Johnstone	11th Fife
25-Apr-17	Lewis	Davidson	115th Fife	8-Nov-17	Deacon	Eskar	14th Fife
25-Apr-17	Lewis	Allan	115th Fife	8-Nov-17	Kyle	Thomson	14th Fife
14-May-17	Kerr	Allison	5th Fife	22-Nov-17	Ashley	Ward	80th Fife
2-Jun-17	Ava Jane	Kelly	86th Fife	3-Dec-17	Tegan	Wallace	115th Fife
8-Jun-17	Jack Alexander	Kitchen	86th Fife	3-Dec-17	Callum	Clelland	115th Fife
23-Jun-17	Chris	Paterson	86th Fife	3-Dec-17	Karthik	Coppisetty	115th Fife
29-Jun-17	Alfie	Drummond	11th Fife	3-Dec-17	Tony	Divine	115th Fife
30-Jun-17	Callen	Dewar	86th Fife	3-Dec-17	Michael	Kirby	115th Fife
30-Jun-17	Leyton	Dewar	86th Fife	3-Dec-17	Ross	MacPherson	115th Fife
7-Sep-17	Ewan	Kennedy	5th Fife	3-Dec-17	Ben	Steadman	115th Fife
7-Sep-17	Samuel	Almedia-Cardy	5th Fife	3-Dec-17	Marcus	MacFarlane	115th Fife
7-Sep-17	Kurtis	Sneddon	5th Fife	12-Dec-17	Jack	McGowan	14th Fife
29-Sep-17	Kiera	Christie	86th Fife	12-Dec-17	Connor	McCreadie	14th Fife
29-Sep-17	Toby	Liddell	86th Fife	2-Feb-18	Shayne	Bundie	11th Fife
4-Oct-17	Jake	Fairbairn	80th Fife	23-Mar-18	Connie	Paterson	86th Fife
4-Oct-17	Poppy	Fairbairn	80th Fife				



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Chief Scout Gold Awards

18-Jun-17	Matthew	Penman	115th Fife
18-Jun-17	Johnathan	McIntyre	115th Fife

Achievements



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Chief Scout Platinum Award

25-Apr-17 Liam Lindsay 115th Fife



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Wood Badges

25-Apr-17	Allan	Tait	CSL	14th Fife
25-Apr-17	Stuart	Dalgleish	SL	14th Fife
25-Apr-17	Daniel	Balson	SL	86th Fife
25-Apr-17	Liam	Campbell	ASL	115th Fife
25-Apr-17	Kevin	Ireland	ASL	115th Fife
1-Jun-17	Kerry	Laing	GSL	11th Fife
18-Jun-17	George	Graham	GSL	80th Fife
10-Sep-17	Ian	McGlashan	ACSL	35th Fife
20-Sep-17	Angela	Mitchell	ABSL	4th Fife
4-Oct-17	James	MacLean	AGSL	14th Fife
5-Oct-17	Alex	Campbell	GSL	115th Fife
1-Nov-17	Marie	Gaffney	ADC	District
3-Dec-17	Nicola	Paterson	ABSL	115th Fife



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Award for Merit

01-Oct-17 Ken Mcllroy ASL 14th Fife

Membership

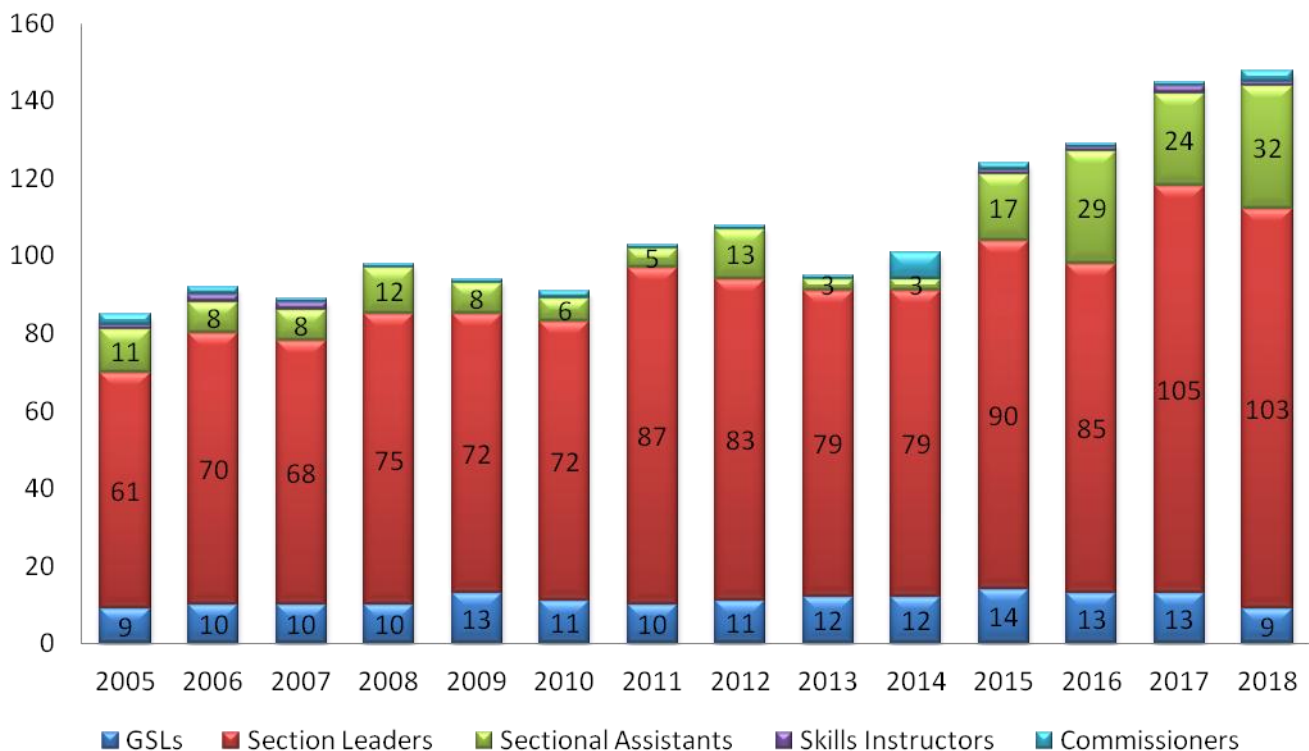
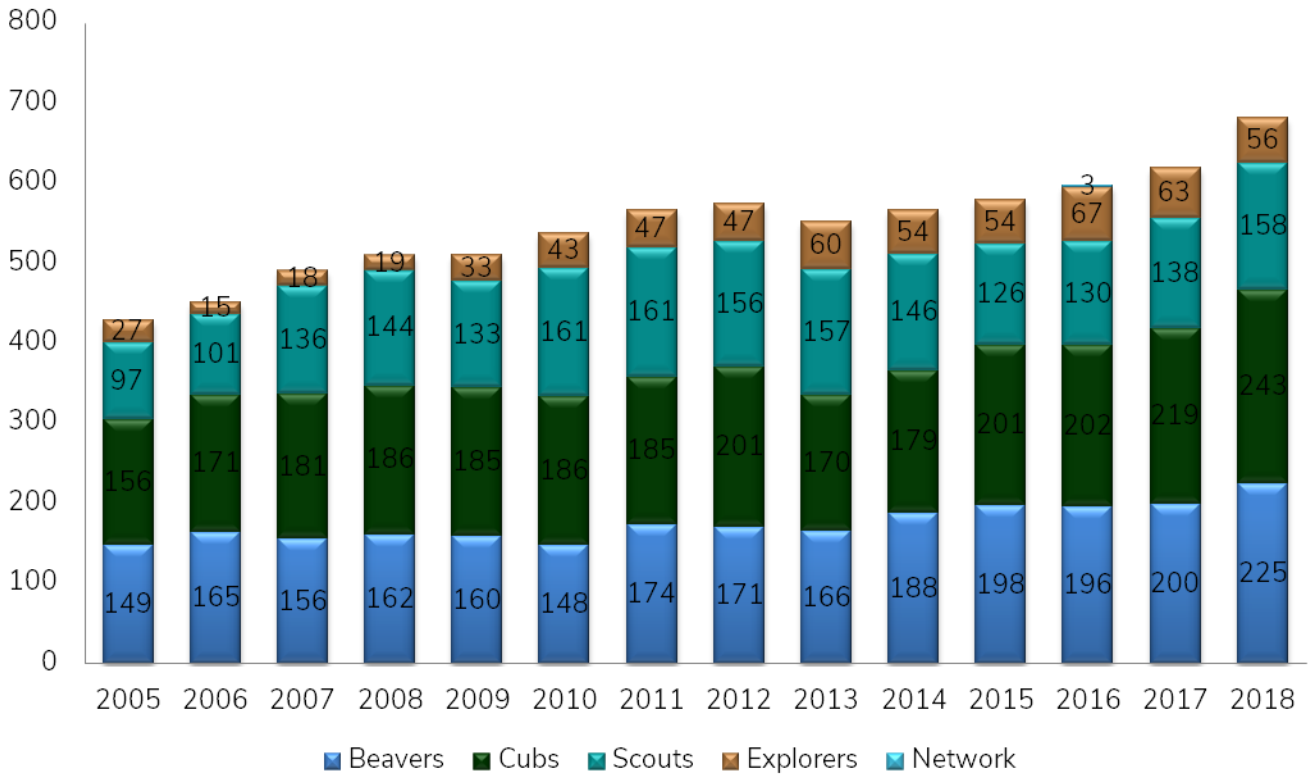
As at January 2018

225
BEAVERS

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SCOUTS

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EXPLORERS



Executive

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Youth Representative

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Andy Legatte

Appointments Committee

Andy Legatte (Chair), Marie Gaffney (Secretary), Nicola Campbell, Kevin Ireland, David Mitchell, Derek Dunsire, Ken McIlroy, Lorraine Reilly, Mark Taylor, Jim Watson, Heather Wishart.

Campsite Committee

Alan Evans (Warden), Nic Krzyzanowski, George Graham, Stuart Dalglish, Euan Lennie, Mark Gaffney, Ross Hugh, Gavin Hugh.

Chairman



INTRODUCTION

It gives me great pleasure to present our Annual Report for 2018. Once again our numbers are up, we have received external recognition and the quality of our scouting activities throughout the District is as high as ever. I've said it before but if our membership numbers continue to increase then we must be doing something right!! Given the wide range of alternatives that potentially compete with our beloved movement's desire to attract young people, it is heart-warming to know that we remain relevant and attractive.

I place on record my sincere thanks to our District Commissioner and his District team for the leadership and support they provide to all uniformed leaders throughout the District.

SCOUT-FAMILY

I mentioned the District team and it's great to have a new District Explorer Scout Commissioner after several years without one. Andrew McEwan took on the role during the year and with his extensive experience having occupied various roles within the District, Andrew is a welcome addition to the District Team.

I mentioned the increase in numbers at our last census in 2018 and that included a significant number of extra adult leaders. The high quality of our scouting activities in the District is down to the hard work all leaders put in and I welcome all new leaders at the various groups and wish them well.

SCOUT-FACILITIES

We continue with our efforts to improve the facilities at our District campsite at Wemyss Firs and during the year we have been carrying our maintenance work on the large drainage ditches which surround the site. We have also introduced orienteering courses in the area of the campsite adding further to the activities available to groups using the site. Thanks again must go to Alan Evans and his team for the hard work they put in to keeping the site in such good shape.

SCOUTING-ACHIEVEMENTS/RECOGNITION

The list of achievements of our young people and the recognition gained for our adult leaders is listed elsewhere in the report and I record here my congratulations to them all. Again, the reputation of our District is enhanced by these achievements.

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Chairman

EXECUTIVE-SUPPORT

Our function within the District Executive is to support the District Commissioner to deliver Scouting throughout the District. We do that in a range of ways including administration (processing membership subscriptions, advising on trustee matters, etc.), finance (accounting, charity registration, fund-raising), planning (district development, asset management) and direct support (assistance at district events, support to group executives, etc.). As we move forward into another scouting year, the District Commissioner and I are keen to have more youth representation on the District Executive Committee. This is key to ensuring we remain focused on what young people want out of Scouting and I would ask that if any young leaders or Explorers out there who would like to consider joining the team please get in touch with the District Commissioner or me.

LOOKING-FORWARD

We have many qualified activities assessors in our District and I would encourage all Group leaders to make sure they make use of these skilled people!! Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition Assessors, Canoeing & water activities, etc. are all there to be utilised!!

I was delighted to learn that three young people from Kirkcaldy District (Eve Goodfellow 5th Fife, Findlay Knight 11th Fife and Cameron Crosbie 14th Fife) were selected during the year to form part of the 'East Unit' who will attend the World Scout Jamboree in the USA in 2019. It is also great news that two of our leaders from the District (Derek Dunsire and James McLean from the 14th Fife) were selected as Unit leaders. Fund raising activities will take place throughout the year across the whole of East Scotland Region as well as in the District to raise the funds needed to send the youngsters and the Unit leaders to the Jamboree so please keep an eye on our Facebook pages and website for details of the various events and please support them.

There are further adventures to look forward to with 12 participants having been selected to attend the Blair Atholl Jamborette in July 2018 (two from 4th Fife, one from 11th Fife, four from 14th Fife, one from 33rd Fife, one from 86th Fife and three from 115th Fife). Congratulations to all of the young people selected who will I'm sure enjoy the experience of a lifetime and I look forward to hearing about their adventures in due course!!

THANKS

Once again, I must record my thanks to all adult leaders throughout the District for their dedication and commitment to providing excellent quality scouting activities for our young people. I would like to thank our District Commissioner – Dick Cook for his leadership and support, to his team for the work they do throughout the year in supporting the various sections at Groups and to all of the District Executive Committee for their personal support to me as Chairman.

John Jenks
District Chairman.



District Commissioner

This has been another varied, busy but enjoyable year for me as District Commissioner.

Shortly after our St George's Day service, well "hosted" by the 14th Fife Explorers, Andy MacEwan was appointed as District Explorer Scout Commissioner (DESC). This role had been vacant for a number of years and with Andy's Scouting experience and personal desire, I am confident the Explorers across the District will all get the opportunity to share in some great Scouting experiences.

I attended many of the District events mentioned later in the ADC reports. In addition, I represented the District at the official opening of the Sir Garth Morrison Lodge at Fordell in June. Later that month, along with many leaders from the District and wider afield, I attended the renewal of the colours at the 6th Fife in Kinghorn Church; a bequest from the late Duncan Clark - a great night and one that his family really enjoyed.

In July I was a Sub Camp Leaders at the first ever Scotjam – a week camp for Cubs – at Lochgoilhead. My first ever visit and a week full of great Cub activities and glorious weather!

In September, along with youngsters and adults from the 24th Fife, 80th Fife and 115th Fife I took part in the Coastal Challenge to raise money for Maggie's Centre in Kirkcaldy. Kirkcaldy District raised over £1,500 and as it's a joint event with Rosyth District managed to raise a total of just over £2,700. Well done to everyone who took part especially those that completed the Platinum Award by walking from Kirkcaldy to Aberdour ... and back!

Later that month, I was delighted to learn that Derek Dunsire GSL at the 14th Fife had been selected to be the East Region Unit Leader for the World Scout Jamboree in America in 2019 and will be joined by his Group AGSL, James MacLean as one of the Assistant Unit Leaders. Two excellent appointments and the East Region youngsters will be in "good hands". This was only matched a few weeks later when three youngsters from Kirkcaldy District – Eve Goodfellow 5th Fife, Cameron Crosbie 14th Fife and Findlay Knight 11th Fife – were selected to be part of the East Region contingent. They did extremely well to get selected from so many applications and I delighted for them all – they will have a great time in the States next year.

This year is a Blair Atholl year, and once again Kirkcaldy District will be represented by two patrols with the selection and early training completed under the guidance of Andy MacEwan (DESC).

In October, the new flag pole at Wemyss Campsite was "unveiled" thanks to the bequest from Frank Hood former Fife Area Commissioner which provided the funds for this. The two flag poles look well together and provide a fitting setting for a Scouts Own.

In November, along with our Cub Leaders past and present, we surprised Monty on his 70th birthday – at a Cub night in Kinghorn. I sometimes wonder, in the 35 years he has been a Cub Leader at Kinghorn, how many nights has he not been there?

In January, our Census showed that our 90 leaders now support 682 youngsters – the highest number ever and an increase of 120 (about 25%) over the past five years. These are really encouraging figures and whilst influenced by the opening of a second Beaver Colony and Cub Pack at the 11th Fife, there is still plenty scope within other Groups/sections for this increase to be maintained over the next couple of years.



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District Commissioner

It is also very encouraging to see the increase in the number of Bronze and Silver Chief Scout Awards presented over the year but very disheartening to see only two Gold Chief Scout Awards being presented. This is something that I know the ADC Scouts – and I – are keen to discuss with Scout Leaders and help them deliver the programme that allows Scouts to achieve this top award.

Nights Away continues to be an important part of Scouting and I am delighted that our youngsters enjoyed over 2,080 Nights Away last year – up from around 1,800 the previous year (wrongly reported as 1,300 in last year's report). Again, there is still scope for this to increase as a handful of sections didn't offer a Nights Away experience to their youngsters and I know already there are plans for this to be addressed in the coming year.

Later this year, the new UK Scouting strategy for 2018-23 will be launched and this will cascade down to a Scottish, Region and District level. I am sure that whatever role we have to play in delivering this strategy we start off from a very sound base in terms of youngster and adult numbers and quality of programme delivery.

My grateful thanks to all leaders, assistant leaders and sectional assistants for everything that they do on a weekly basis to ensure Scouting in Kirkcaldy District thrives and our youngsters have "fun and adventure" and obtain "skills for life". Without your time, skills and commitment a lot of what the youngsters achieve would not be possible – so thank you all very much.

Richard Cook
District Commissioner



BEAVERS



Despite trying for over a year, there still remains a vacancy in the ADC Beavers role! I have tried as much as I possibly can to visit colonies – either at activities or at their normal meetings – but this, I know, has been sporadic and not as often as I would have liked and certainly not as often as an ADC Beavers would have done.

Over the year, 68 Bronze Chief Scout Awards have been presented which is a fantastic achievement, but it could be even more if every colony contributed to delivering a balance programme and recognise this with the awarding of Challenge badges and the Bronze Chief Scout Award.

Beavers across the District enjoyed over 270 nights away during the year. Excellent work by the eight colonies who provided this essential part of the programme and I hope that all Beavers in the coming year will be offered the chance of developing their skills and gaining invaluable experience with – at least one “night away”.

The biennial Beaver Christmas Party at Templehall Community Centre was again really well attended with over 200 (90% of the Census figure) Beavers having a great time – which included laughing at the escapades of three leaders and the Dc making a fool of themselves.

Unfortunately, the “Beast from the East” in March made travelling to Burntisland too hazardous for the Baden Powell trophy to be held. It was hoped to re-arrange this but as yet no date has been confirmed.

To all the Beaver Leaders, their Assistant Leaders, Sectional Assistants and parent rotas huge thank you for all that you have done with the Beavers over the past year- it really is appreciated. With Beaver numbers now 25% up on five years ago, more Chief Scout Awards and Nights Away there really is a lot of “fun and adventure” across the District!

Richard Cook
District Commissioner

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Well - here we are again yet another really busy year of competitions, activities, camps and badge presentations for Kirkcaldy District Cub Packs.

We celebrated St Georges Day on Tuesday 25th April. At the ceremony I had the honour of presenting 14 Cubs with their Silver Chief Scout Award and since then through this year we have presented a further 41 Cubs from 7 of the 11 District Packs with their Silver Chief Scout Award. This is a massive achievement for both the Cubs who have participated and the leaders who are clearly giving the Cubs a well balanced programme for them to achieve the badges they need to attain for the highest award in Cubs.

Over the weekend of the 12th -14th May; 108 Cubs and 31 Leaders from 7 Groups made their way to the Crook of Devon to attend the District Cub Camp. The theme this year was "Staying Healthy" and "looking after yourself" as it coincided with British Heart Week. The teams were all named a different body part. During the day on Saturday the Cubs all went on a hike, had a go at pioneering, backwoods cooking, tracking & compass, knots, made a team banner and took part in a Body Parts wide game.

Keeping the theme, the Cubs were asked to design a badge in the shape of a heart, the winning badge would be made up and all cubs attending camp will be able to wear it until next year's camp. The day was finished off as is usual with a hearty sing along at the campfire which was led by Greg Wallace and Andy MacEwan, a lot of old favourites were sung with loads of Cub and adult participation.

On the Sunday morning after the Scouts Own the teams competed for their Athletics Badge. Paula Geatons came along to set up the bases and expertly kept everything going. The bases included taking their pulse and listening to their heart once they had been exercising to see the difference. There was also a make your own fruit skewer kebab base which went down a treat.

A big thanks you has to go to all the leaders who made the weekend a great success especially camp cook Lynda Scobie who ensured everyone was fed and all dietary issues were dealt with. During the weekend the kids gained their JOTI badge, Athletics Badge, Pioneering Badge and covered a lot of the requirements for the Outdoor Challenge, Adventure Challenge, Our Skills Challenge and the Team Work Challenge.

During the last week few weeks before the end of spring term I visited all the Packs who had attended camp to give out the District Camp Badges. We picked three winners - 1st Place Meegan Wallace from the 115th Fife, 2nd Place Emilia Zajac from the 80th Fife and 3rd Place went Joseph Young from the 115th Fife.

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We held our annual District Sports competition down in Dysart on Sunday 10th September. The weather was a bit temperamental so we ran all our outdoor races first, before going indoors to complete the obstacle, role and hoop and target races. Six packs competed for the trophy and the 14th Fife Thursday Cubs were crowned the winners. The Cub Leader Ian McGlashan of our host group the 35th Fife, was presented with his Wood Badge having completed his training.

1st October saw us visiting the 5th Fife Hall to compete in the Mary Pearson trophy where five packs took part. After an afternoon full of fun and games with the 35th Fife team winning the Trophy.

The Kirkcaldy District Swimming Gala was held on the 11th November at Kirkcaldy Swimming pool. Ciaran Burns from 35th Fife won Breaststroke, Joshua Falconer from 35th Fife won Backstroke, Katie Sandilands from 80th Fife won Freestyle and the 14th Fife won the Relay. The 35th Fife won the Cub Swimming Trophy with the most overall points.

The 5-a-side football competition on 27th January was well attended as always. 10 packs battled it out and after they had all played each other the winners were the team from the 6th Fife. A big thanks to Mark Taylor from 5th Fife who acted as referee for the event.

Sunday 25th February we visited Kinghorn Community Centre to compete in the Kinghorn trophy. Eight packs took part, showing their skills in table tennis, draughts, word-search, a computer game and a team quiz. The Cubs were kept busy all afternoon playing a variety of games led as ever by gamesmaster Monty. At the end of the afternoon the competition was close with all packs doing well. The 6th Fife Kinghorn Pack were crowned the winners of the Kinghorn Trophy.

Our last competition for this year was the Harper Safety Trophy on 25th March. We were all made welcome at the 4th Fife hall in Cardenden for the afternoon. 6 packs took part and all things safety were tested and again it was a very close run competition. We are most grateful to the Coastguards from Kinghorn who came along to man our water safety base. The 14th Fife Thursday Pack came out on top and scooped the trophy.

On a personal note I am very pleased to see more and more packs coming together for competitions and events and would like to thank all the leaders in the District for their support in the last year. Without them giving of their time and talents the Cubs in our District would not get such rich Scouting experiences.

Marie Gaffney
ADC Cubs



SCOUTS



Into my third year now and progress with the Scout section has unfortunately been stagnant. I have continued to hold competitions; however the response around the District has not been as good as I would like it to have been. A meeting and review with the Scout leaders is needed to view and agree our next steps.

It has been a year where competitions were spread around the District for the Scouts. There has been a distinct lack of Gold Chief Scout Awards presented around the District over the course of the year which again is something that needs to be addressed at a meeting with Scout leaders.

At the St George's Day service last April there were no Gold Chief Scout Awards presented, same as last year which is disappointing to see. Well done to those in the other sections, kids and adults who were recognised with Awards for their efforts.

The Jubilee Trophy held at Fordell Firs over the weekend of 20th/21st May saw the 4th Fife take the trophy. They were the only team to turn up, however the competition still went ahead and the team performed well over the course of the weekend to progress to the Zonal competition where they gave a good account of themselves despite being down a couple of Scouts through illness. Lack of participation in this competition is an ongoing issue which I would like to highlight at a meeting with the Scout leaders.

The Scout Safety Trophy – a change from the old First Aid Trophy was held on 28th October at the 11th Fife hall. There were two teams – both from the 11th Fife who competed. The Scouts looked at various aspects of safety such as first aid, home safety, internet safety and road safety. Again, the lack of participation from Groups in the District is a concern.

On 10th February the 5-a-side football competition which is usually a fairly popular event was held at Balwearie High School. Five teams were present in a day full of goals and well contested games. The 80th Fife were crowned winners, beating the 5th Fife in the final after narrowly missing out last year. Thanks to our DC for refereeing the competition again. As with all competitions, Hoping for more teams in the future.

Next up was the Games Trophy held at the 5th Fife hall on 18th March. The 5th Fife were the only team to turn up on the day. We did some games with the Scouts and presented the trophy. Again, the lack of participation is disappointing.

Two Gold Chief Scout Awards have been presented in the District this year, a reduction on last year which I'm sure Groups can improve on. These are great awards for scouts to achieve and I hope to be presenting more in this coming year. The next event is the Jubilee Trophy at Wemyss Firs, the number of teams should hopefully improve, so I look forward to seeing the Scouts skills and knowledge put to the test.

On a final note, I feel that there is a lot of work to be done. I would like to visit Groups to discuss their plans as well as hold a meeting of all the Scout leaders to discuss our next steps. For me, the lack of response and participation is worrying and I would like to get more Groups engaged.

Thank you to the leaders who do participate and continue to support competitions. I am sure you are all working hard to deliver a varied programme and hopefully we will be seeing more top awards in the not too distant future.

EXPLORERS



The Explorer section in the District has seen a very small drop in its numbers against last year and is looking to increase after the summer as the natural progression from the Scout section move up.

The past year in the Explorer section has been focussed on restructuring and improving the cooperation between the Units around the District. I am also working on updating the administration side of the Explorer Section by updating important paperwork such as Partnership Agreements between the District and the individual Scout Groups.

There has been success in a number of ways including joint activities and camps. The units have been sharing their programmes with each other allowing better options with larger numbers at events.

There are a number of aspects in the Explorer section that have started to gain traction. One of these is the working towards the top awards by the Explorers with a number very close to achieving their Chief Scout Platinum Awards. The Platinum Award requires young people to commit to a number of activities in four different fields over approx. three months. It is very similar to the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award and with the Platinum Awards being achieved it is hoped that the same Explorers achieve their Duke of Edinburgh in the coming year.

There was also two young people achieve their Young Leader Award. This Award requires a large commitment from the young person to complete the sections and involves taking part in modules similar to the training adults undertake upon becoming leaders. The young people also take an active role in providing a balanced programme to the younger section they help to run.

In the summer we will have two patrols attending Blair Atholl International Jamboree. The 12 young people attended a selection camp back in September 2017 when a selection team chose the successful attendees. There was a training camp in March 2018 which ended out being a big challenge for the participants with an unexpected cold snap landing the same weekend but the young people proved they are the right candidates for Blair Atholl by taking the snow in their stride and keeping their spirits up despite the challenging conditions.

Looking forward to later in the year the Explorers are looking to attend National Explorer Weekend Scotland (NEWS) in August as a District contingent. The Explorers from 11th Fife (Burntisland) took a contingent to last NEWS camp in Barrwood campsite, near Stirling, with great success. They took part in a massive game of monopoly on the Saturday in Stirling town centre and then attended a campfire followed by an open air disco with giant bubble machines and inflatable games back on the camp site in the evening.

The leaders from the Explorer section have put in a huge amount of work over the last year and I am sure the Explorers appreciate it as much as I do. I am looking forward to the year ahead and I am sure I will be reporting an active and successful Explorer section again next year.

Andy MacEwan
District Explorer Scout Commissioner (DESC)

Wemyss Firs



It's been another busy year and this is always a great opportunity to look back and see what has been achieved. We've hosted around 887 youth members over the last year who have earned a brilliant 1685 nights away at Wemyss Firs.

Groups have been coming from far and wide to camp with us; this year in addition to the usual weekend camps, we've hosted two week-long summer camps for Groups from Huddersfield and Aberdeen, an overnight stay for French Scouts and a BBQ and some activities for some Canadian Scouts when they were staying locally. Interestingly, for the first time ever, we're seeing more Groups from outside Kirkcaldy District using the site than Kirkcaldy District Groups. Please make as much use of the site as you can, get outdoors on your weekly meetings and use your District Campsite!

We continue to be feedback driven and have made a number of improvements over the last year based on your feedback. We've provided additional altar fires and grills, some sports equipment and have created a brilliant orienteering course on site, suitable for all abilities. We are also installing a projector in the Activity room to make the site more suitable for training events.

It's always great to get the youngsters involved in some projects at the site so it was great that the 11th Fife Beavers and 14th Fife Scouts helped us with some tree and bulb planting and creating some wildlife habitats, thanks to a successful grant application from Scottish Natural Heritage and ongoing support from the Woodland Trust. They all got their hands dirty and will be able to watch their trees grow for many years to come! We've now planted over 250 new trees at the site in the last three years!

Last year, we received a donation following the passing of Frank Hood, the former Fife Area Commissioner. We felt it was important that this money was spent on creating a lasting memorial to Frank so we decided to install a second flag pole, complete with a plaque in Frank's memory. The new flag pole and flags were officially unveiled at a Scouts Own and flag break on 29th October.

My thanks as always go out to the dedicated team on the Campsite Committee and District Executive who complete a power of work, often behind the scenes and unnoticed, to make sure the site runs so efficiently.

Alan Evans
Campsite Warden

Appointments Committee



This sub-committee has held quarterly meetings which incorporate a planned programme of leader warrant reviews.

The maturity and experience of our current members is valued, whilst acknowledging the constant need for renewal, and youthful input. I am extremely grateful for the time and effort given by the members of this committee, without them my role would have been much more difficult.

I especially value the role played by Marie Gaffney, and thank her sincerely for the many hours she spends on her duties as District Appointments Secretary.

The committee has interviewed more than 24 new leaders in the last year.

16 Warrant Reviews were completed successfully, with a large number more having to be continued, sometimes for many months, due mainly to incomplete training. The discrepancy between the stated requirement regarding timescale for completion of training, and what is actually being achieved is glaring. Some are achieving, but many fail, probably for reasons of competing pressures on their time, but GSLs need to be proactive in ensuring that leaders understand the importance of completing the training.

65 PVG applications were processed. Many of these are for non member, PVG only parents and helpers, who help with transport and camps.

My grateful thanks to John Jenks, District Chairman and to Richard Cook, District Commissioner who have been supportive, instructive, and helpful whenever needed.

Andy Leggate
DAAC Chair

Treasurer

At year end, 31st March 2018, the District has a healthy £29,335 across the various funds.

GENERAL FUND: Deficit -£576, closing balance £8,542

Net Membership fees received were £1,364; rebates of £341 were received after year end. All Groups paid on time again which is greatly appreciated.

St George's Day collection of £237 was donated to Waverley Care.

Website hosting for the next four years was paid in order to get a discounted rate; £405.

Bank interest of £7 was received; this is much reduced due to RBS withdrawing their favourable treasurer's account. District is now with CAF Bank which costs us £5 per month but enables us to use online banking which is a great advantage and has saved us some money on postage. A new deposit account has been opened which will pay some interest annually.

£265 was transferred from Explorers Account to clear the Necker loan,

£280 was paid for entry into zonal camping competition (2 years)

£70 was paid for a new Scouts Safety trophy.

Costs for meetings and training were £214; a £45 grant was received for 50% of a first aid course paid for last year. £70 was transferred to Campsite fund for use for meetings and Jubilee Trophy.

Annual Motion Picture Licence was £223.

Mileage to Region meetings was £317.

Postage, stationery and printing totalled £106.

Poppy wreath for Remembrance Day was £28.

£585 loan to the Badge Account for District badges was made; of which £100 has been repaid.

CAMPSITE ACCOUNT: Deficit -£1,000, closing balance £15,176

The campsite levy was retained at 50p per youngster and brought in a little more than last year; £341.

£2,205 was received in booking fees, up from £1,960 last year, plus £100 for district use and £55 for the newly introduced gas hire.

Electricity costs were down again, by nearly £100 at £308 due to the better tariff and energy saving measures. Donations and grants enabled us to purchase various items of equipment including a new flagpole, altar fires, orienteering and a projector; £2,080. Other routine supplies, maintenance, rent and insurance costs were £1,433. Blanket badges were purchased for £288; so far £228 worth has been sold.

BADGE ACCOUNT: Deficit -£304, closing balance £65

BOATING SECTION: Surplus £247, closing balance £1,549

£247 was received for various canoe sessions.

DISTRICT EXPLORERS: Deficit -£314, closing balance £554

DISTRICT WIDE ACTIVITIES: Surplus £1,407, closing balance £2,029

No invoice received yet for swimming gala pool hire.

INTERNATIONAL FUND: Deficit -£100, closing balance £209

One contribution was made to an international participant

WORLD JAMBOREE FUND: Deficit -£1,200, closing balance -£1,200

Payments have started for the next Jamboree. Currently the District is covering the deposits until funds have been raised by participants.

BLAIR ATHOLL JAMBORETTE FUND: Deficit -£1,727, closing balance £1,468

Payments have been made by District to Region in full for the Jamborette; however, all participants have not yet paid in full.

YOUNG LEADER TRAINING FUND: No activity, closing balance £570

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS FUND: Surplus £0, Closing Balance -£99

£96 was collected for registrations and paid to HQ.

MELVILLE FUND: Deficit -£59, Closing Balance £3,409

Interest allocated to the fund was £1. One award was made of £60.

Josephine Graham
District Treasurer



Accounts

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 31st March 2018

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2017 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Income					
Capitation Fees	4	1,364	-	1,364	1,538
Campsite Levy		341	-	341	310
Memberships / Subscriptions	5	-	-	-	-
Donations / Gifts	6		237	237	3,015
Sales - Badges / Uniforms	7	4,588	-	4,588	3,711
Grants	8	45	211	256	-
Campsite Booking Fees (including gas hire)		2,285	-	2,285	1,995
Jamboree		-	1,860	1,860	-
For Jamborette Moot		-	1,263	1,263	2,966
			100	100	
District Activities					
Boating	9	247		247	101
Explorers	10	96		96	640
Scouts	11	680		680	170
Cubs	12	4,113		4,113	3,910
Beavers	13	1,070		1,070	3,010
Swimming Gala		220		220	236
Fund Raising					
Bag Packs & Jamboree Fundraising		-	-	-	-
Investment Income					
Bank Interest	14	8	1	9	132
Total receipts (before transfers)		15,056	3,672	18,728	21,734
Inter fund Transfers					
Campsite - District use and neckers		444	-	444	80
Total Receipts (after transfers)		15,500	3,672	19,172	21,814
PAYMENTS					
District Activities					
Campsite	15	55	3,510	3,565	8,414
Badge Account	16	5,416	-	5,416	3,525
Boating	17	-	-	-	-
Explorers	18	167		167	625
Scouts	19	859		859	122
Cubs	20	3,549		3,549	4,388
Beavers	21	568		568	2,659
Jamboree - Payments to Region			3,060	3,060	-
Jamborette		-	2,960	2,960	1,292
Moot		51	149	200	
Swimming Gala		50		50	505
District Explorer Neckers				-	-
Donations / Gifts	22	28	297	325	1,306
Management & Admin Costs					
Meetings (inc Refreshments)	23	531		531	420
Website		405		405	-
Bank Fees		60		60	10
Postages / Stationery / Printing		106		106	180
Motion Picture License		223		223	216
Insurance	24	-	312	312	294
Total Payments (before transfers)		12,067	10,287	22,354	23,956
Inter fund Transfers		414	30	444	80
Total Payments (after transfers)		12,481	10,317	22,798	24,036
Surplus / Deficit For The Year		3,020	- 6,645	- 3,625	- 2,222



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