

Skills for Life

Kirkcaldy District Scout Council
Annual Review 2018-19



Scouts
Kirkcaldy

Well done

BEAVERS

Baden Powell Trophy

Winners – 11th Fife

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Cub Sports Day

Winners - 14th Fife

Mary Pearson Trophy

Winners - 5th Fife & 14th Fife

5 a side Football

Winners - 6th Fife

Kinghorn Trophy

Winners - 5th Fife

Harper Safety Trophy

Winners – 14th Fife Thursday

SCOUTS

Jubilee Trophy

Winners – 5th Fife

5 a side Football

Winners – 86th Fife

Games Trophy

Winners – 11th Fife

Achievements



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Chief Scout Bronze Awards

23/04/2018	80th Fife	Evan	Ness	22/08/2018	80th Fife	Ethan	Learmonth
23/04/2018	80th Fife	Jamie	Marsh	10/09/2018	11th Fife	Harley	Leitch
23/04/2018	80th Fife	Sophie	Clarke	10/09/2018	11th Fife	Elliot	Ephgrave
23/04/2018	80th Fife	Cameron	Gray	17/09/2018	11th Fife	Yuri	Miezitis
23/04/2018	80th Fife	Finlay	Gray	08/11/2018	11th Fife	Finlay	Watson
23/04/2018	11th Fife	Michael	Curran	08/11/2018	11th Fife	Rose	Dudley
23/04/2018	11th Fife	Adam	Duncan	08/11/2018	11th Fife	Joseph	Bradshaw
23/04/2018	24th Fife	Lewis	Gibb	08/11/2018	11th Fife	Cameron	Mora
23/04/2018	24th Fife	Craig	Jackson	08/11/2018	11th Fife	Logan	Howarth
23/04/2018	24th Fife	Kayden	McKenzie	14/11/2018	4th Fife	Scott	Carruthers
23/04/2018	24th Fife	Luke	Alderson	14/11/2018	4th Fife	Maggie	Morris
23/04/2018	24th Fife	Kaisey-Leigh	Watson	14/11/2018	4th Fife	Euan	Haddow
23/04/2018	24th Fife	Callan	Erwin	14/11/2018	4th Fife	Lewis	Halliday
23/04/2018	24th Fife	Ryan	McGroarty	14/11/2018	4th Fife	Marcel	Hendricks
23/04/2018	35th Fife	Derryn	Davies	14/11/2018	4th Fife	Dara	Dunlop
30/04/2018	11th Fife	Jake	Keddie	14/11/2018	4th Fife	Roman	Johnston
30/04/2018	11th Fife	Campbell	MacNicol	14/11/2018	4th Fife	Leo	Marriot
03/05/2018	11th Fife	Spencer	Davies	15/11/2018	11th Fife	Katie	Howarth
03/05/2018	11th Fife	Amy	Pulsford	15/11/2018	11th Fife	Stuan	Yuile
14/06/2018	115th Fife	Krihika	Coppisetty	12/12/2018	14th Fife	Evie	Meikle
14/06/2018	115th Fife	Arran	Frew	12/12/2018	14th Fife	Matthew	Meldrum
14/06/2018	115th Fife	Logan	Davidson	12/12/2018	14th Fife	Ethan	Dodds
14/06/2018	115th Fife	Luke	Jordan	12/12/2018	14th Fife	Logan	Naismith
14/06/2018	115th Fife	Noah	McMornie	13/12/2018	14th Fife	Jackson	Hankin
14/06/2018	115th Fife	Callum	Bayne	13/12/2018	14th Fife	Logan	Littlejohn
14/06/2018	115th Fife	Krzysztof	Bakowski	14/12/2018	86th Fife	Emma	Mackie
15/06/2018	86th Fife	Eva	Holburn-White	14/12/2018	86th Fife	Lola	Smart
15/06/2018	86th Fife	Connor	Davidson	24/01/2019	115th Fife	Rhys	Hunter
15/06/2018	86th Fife	Jenna	Kelly	24/01/2019	115th Fife	Harry	Graves
15/06/2018	86th Fife	William	Anderson	24/01/2019	115th Fife	Blake	Lowrie
15/06/2018	86th Fife	Zack	Jones	24/01/2019	115th Fife	Sam	McKay
15/06/2018	86th Fife	Jasper	Fong	24/01/2019	115th Fife	Nathan	Wardlaw
21/06/2018	115th Fife	Hailey	Boyes	24/01/2019	115th Fife	Mitchell	Ness
21/06/2018	14th Fife	Liam	Allan	24/01/2019	115th Fife	Jamie	Hughes
21/06/2018	14th Fife	Max	Bailey	24/01/2019	115th Fife	Holly	Reid
28/06/2018	5th Fife	Ruby	Learmouth	30/01/2019	80th Fife	Alfie	Blankenstein
28/06/2018	5th Fife	Adam	Pokora	30/01/2019	80th Fife	Archie	Wallace
28/06/2018	5th Fife	Rebecca	Jamieson	30/01/2019	80th Fife	David	Heggie

Achievements



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Chief Scout Silver Awards

23/04/2018	14th Fife	Matthew	Callaghan	25/06/2018	11th Fife	Aiden	Kelly
23/04/2018	14th Fife	Deryn	Montgomery	27/06/2018	6th Fife	Andrew	Ives
23/04/2018	14th Fife	Thomas	Patrick	27/06/2018	6th Fife	Oliver	Thompson
23/04/2018	35th Fife	Ciaran	Burns	27/06/2018	6th Fife	Edward	Lindsay
23/04/2018	35th Fife	Louis	Hynd	25/11/2018	115th Fife	Igor	Bakowski
23/04/2018	35th Fife	Noah	O'Donnell	25/11/2018	115th Fife	Katy	Williams
23/04/2018	35th Fife	Gordon	Coutts	25/11/2018	115th Fife	Stuart	Robertson
23/04/2018	11th Fife	Elizabeth	Robertson	25/11/2018	115th Fife	Zuzanna	Szpuniar
23/04/2018	11th Fife	Benjamin	Halpin	27/11/2018	14th Fife	Alix	Meikle
23/04/2018	11th Fife	George	Connor	27/11/2018	14th Fife	Kody	Montgomery
23/04/2018	11th Fife	Ruaridh	Milne	27/11/2018	14th Fife	Oliver	Nicol
23/04/2018	11th Fife	Daniel	Curran	27/11/2018	14th Fife	Ewan	Wheatly
23/04/2018	11th Fife	Tommy	Spokes	27/11/2018	14th Fife	Hannah	Gouda
23/04/2018	11th Fife	Arlo	Cronwall	27/11/2018	14th Fife	Ellie	Menzie
23/04/2018	11th Fife	Kaiden	Edie	27/11/2018	14th Fife	Alyx	Bailey
23/04/2018	11th Fife	Josh	Holmes	27/11/2018	14th Fife	Megan	Bailey
23/04/2018	11th Fife	Luke	Carson	27/11/2018	14th Fife	Daniel	Gray
23/04/2018	11th Fife	Lucy	Backler	27/11/2018	14th Fife	James	Gray
23/04/2018	24th Fife	Jayden	McQuade	27/11/2018	14th Fife	Chris	Panarella
23/04/2018	24th Fife	Ben	Krzyzanowski	27/11/2018	14th Fife	Aiden	Sloane
23/04/2018	86th Fife	Thomas	Brawley	27/11/2018	14th Fife	Cameron	Littlejohn
23/04/2018	86th Fife	Matthew	Thomas Sorell	14/12/2018	115th Fife	Thomas	Urquhart
03/05/2018	11th Fife	Sam	Pulsford	14/12/2018	115th Fife	Aaron	Clark
31/05/2018	5th Fife	Charlie	Scott	14/12/2018	4th Fife	Emily	Truscott
31/05/2018	5th Fife	Sakari	Sorsa-Leslie	14/12/2018	4th Fife	Amy	Scott
15/06/2018	86th Fife	Sophia	Santos	14/12/2018	4th Fife	Sara	Hendricks
15/06/2018	86th Fife	Morgan	Leishman	14/12/2018	35th Fife	Daniel	Wardle
21/06/2018	11th Fife	Jay	Johnstone	14/12/2018	35th Fife	Daniel	Elder
25/06/2018	11th Fife	Olivia	Cook	14/12/2018	35th Fife	Declan	McGinley
25/06/2018	11th Fife	Sam	Johnstone	31/01/2019	11th Fife	Ryan	Paterson
25/06/2018	11th Fife	Evie-Rose	Meade	21/02/2019	5th Fife	Liam	Johnstone
25/06/2018	11th Fife	Freddi	Mitchell	21/02/2019	5th Fife	Craig	McKay



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Chief Scout Gold Awards

15/11/2018	11th Fife	James	Barron	03/12/2018	14th Fife	Charlie	Murdoch
15/11/2018	11th Fife	Scott	Donovan	03/12/2018	14th Fife	Ross	Dalgleish
25/11/2018	115th Fife	Kirsty	Brown	26/01/2019	14th Fife	David	Panarella

Achievements



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Chief Scout Platinum Awards

23/04/2018 11th Fife Thiago Modena
23/04/2018 14th Fife Cameron Bowie
23/04/2018 14th Fife Matthew Cargill
23/04/2018 14th Fife Cameron Crosbie

23/04/2018 14th Fife Michael Panerella
23/04/2018 86th Fife Gavin Hugh
23/04/2018 115th Fife Callum Blyth



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Chief Scout Diamond Award

28/06/2018 11th Fife Thiago Modena



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Queen Scout Award

31/05/2018 5th Fife Mark Taylor

Achievements



1 Young Leader Belt

23/04/2018 11th Fife Stewart Paton



11 Wood Badges

23/04/2018 6th Fife Debbi Ives
23/04/2018 6th Fife Gemma Thompson
23/04/2018 6th Fife Sarah Martin
23/04/2018 6th Fife Conner McCaffery
26/06/2018 80th Fife Andrew Gourlay
23/06/2018 115th Fife Sarah MacPherson

22/08/2018 80th Fife Stuart Brown
29/08/2018 4th Fife Ffyona Truscott
02/09/2018 115th Fife Ian Cummings
30/10/2018 6th Fife Keith Hay
29/03/2019 86th Fife Eric Evans



2 Award for Merit

23/04/2018 14th Fife Derek Dunsire
23/04/2018 District Marie Gaffney

Membership

As at January 2019

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BEAVERS

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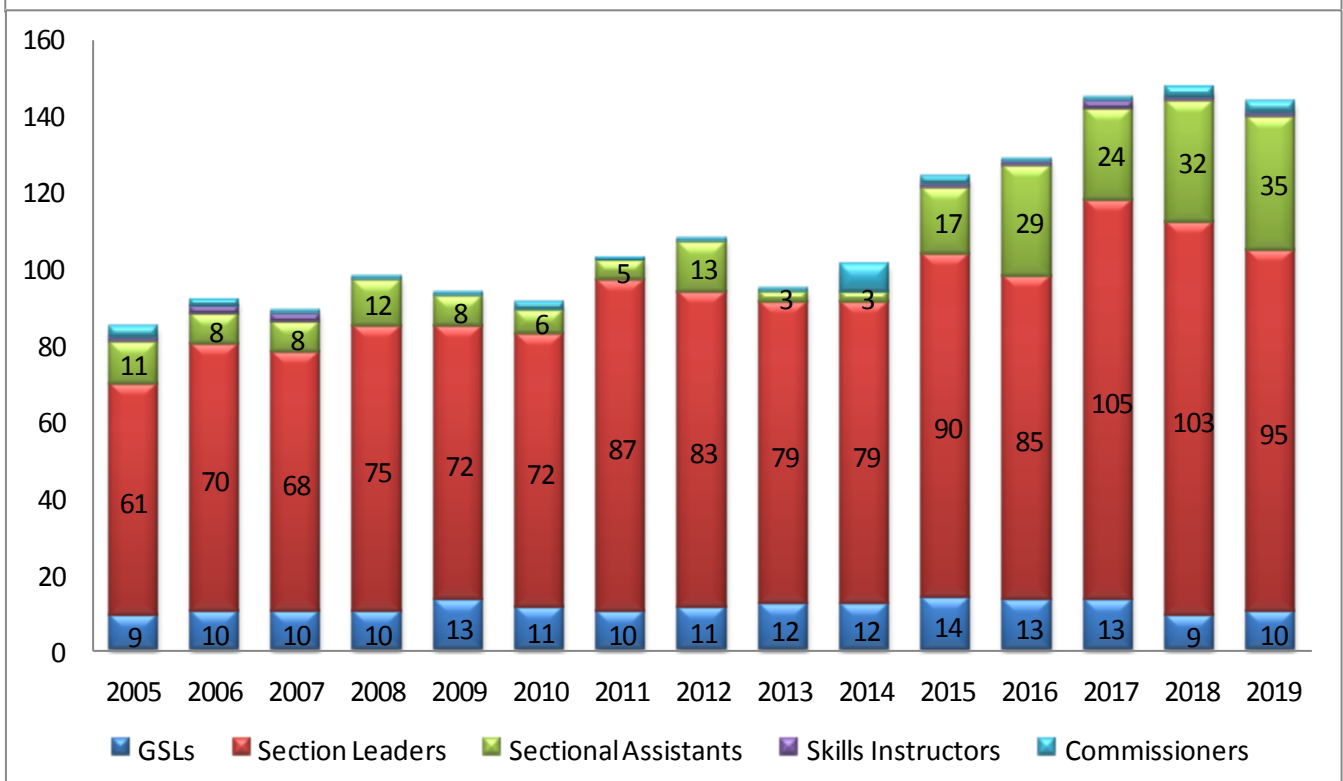
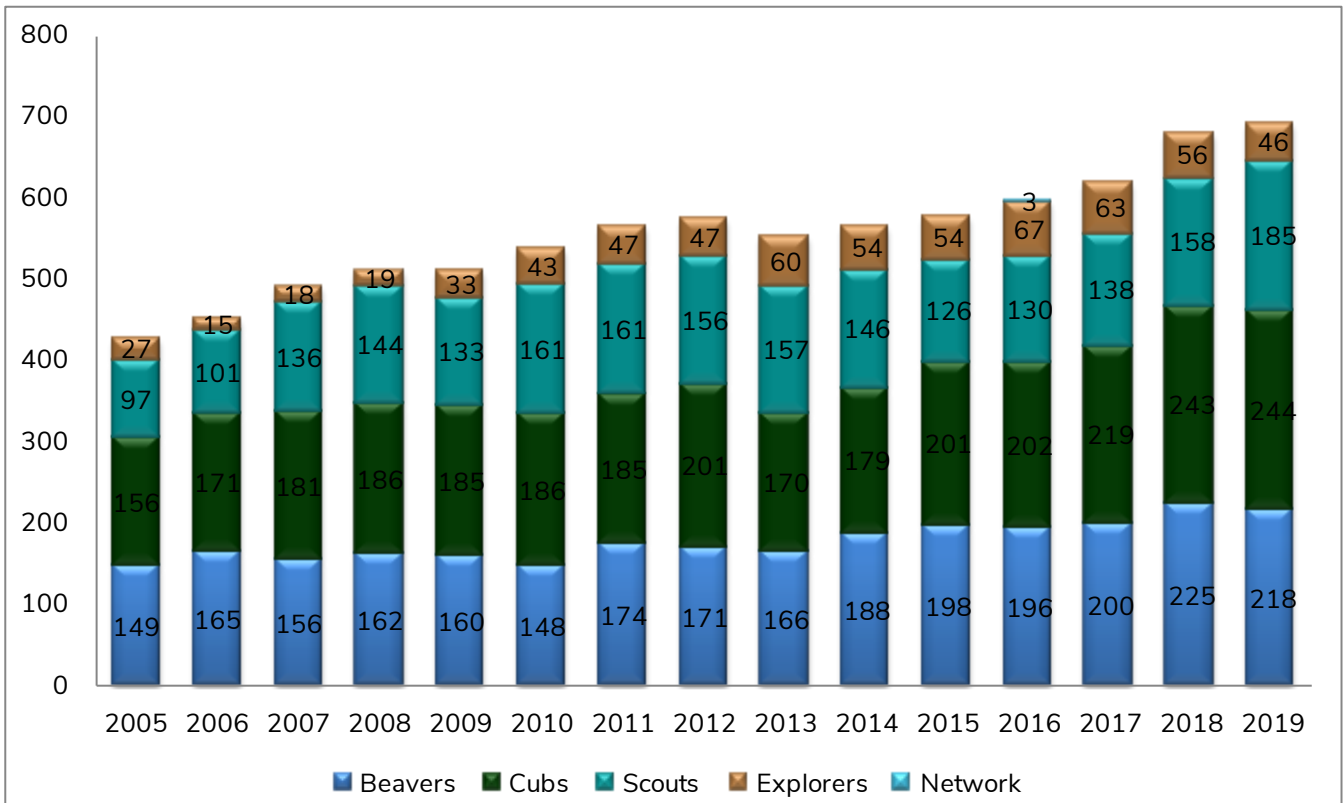
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EXPLORERS



Executive

Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer

John Jenks
Marlyn Baxter
Josephine Graham

Hon President
Hon Vice President
Hon Vice President

Alex Moffat
Betty Court
George Strang

Ex Officio
Regional Executive Rep

Richard Cook (DC)
John Jenks

Youth Representative

Vacant

DC's Nominations

Andy Hoy
Nic Krzyzanowski
Ian McIntyre

Elected Members

Ken McIlroy
Alan Evans
Mark Petrie

Appointments Committee

Mark Petrie(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 Dalgleish, Euan Lennie, Mark Gaffney, Ross Hugh, Gavin Hugh.

Chairman

INTRODUCTION

Once again I am privileged to present our Annual Report for 2019. At the risk of repeating last year's introduction, we find our youth numbers have increased again during the past year and Kirkcaldy District continue to enjoy the benefit of dedicated leaders in all groups supported by the District Commissioner and his team. The scouting program of activities based on the principle of providing 'skills for life' remains attractive to young people throughout the District and it is encouraging to know that what we provide continues to remain relevant given the alternative options that young people have.

The 4th Fife (Cardenden) Group suffered a devastating fire at their group HQ earlier this year made even more heart breaking given the Group had only recently invested heavily in refurbishing the building. Despite this terrible event, it is encouraging to see that without exception, all Groups within the District (and indeed from wider afield) together with the wider Cardenden community have rallied round to offer support. Hopefully when next year's report is prepared, we will be able to report that the Group have moved forward and secured a new or refurbished HQ.

Once again, can I place on record my sincere thanks not only to our District Commissioner and his team for the leadership and support they provide but to all group leaders, group executive members and other supporters in whatever capacity they provide assistance to deliver scouting in Kirkcaldy District.



SCOUT-FAMILY

I mentioned the increase in numbers in my introduction and a significant number of extra adult leaders have joined last year to assist with that increase. 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

Our campsite at Wemyss is a great asset and during the year further improvements have been made to the building with new flooring laid in the kitchen and dining areas. The site is extensively used throughout the year and due to positive marketing in Scouting Publications, we have had many non-District Groups using the site.

Alan Evans and his team work hard all year round to keep the site in great shape and once again on behalf of the District Executive I record my sincere thanks to all of the campsite sub-committee.

Boating activities at Kinghorn Loch have also improved during the year with a better booking system linked to the District website having been introduced. Ken Mclroy and Keith Page have to be commended for making the activities at Kinghorn attractive to Groups and I also acknowledge the assistance Nic Krzyzanowski and Alan Evans provided in setting up the new booking system.



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

The District Commissioner has prepared a District Development Plan, which seeks to provide direction and realistic goals to aim for over the next 5 years. The plan is informed by similar plans at Regional and Scottish Scout level and I would encourage all leaders to be aware of the contents and to play their part in supporting the direction that we want Scouting within the District to take. The District Executive will continue to support the District Commissioner to deliver Scouting throughout the District and the plan will assist us in that function.

As a brief reminder, the District Executive Committee provide support to 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.).

Once again, we seek to secure youth involvement in all aspects of the development and planning process so that we can ensure young peoples voices are heard. I am keen to have more youth representation on the District Executive Committee so that 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

I have now been in post as District Chairman for 12 years. Whilst I enjoy the role and find it rewarding, the District Plan referred to previously suggests that all adult leaders should be provided with the opportunity to develop their scouting role. The District Chairman is nominated annually by the District Commissioner and I would be happy to step aside if someone else would like to give the role a try!!

As reported last year, 3 young people and 2 leaders will be travelling to the USA in July to take part in the World Scout Jamboree. Kirkcaldy District will be well represented!! I wish them all every success and look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return.

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

Once again, this has been another varied and busy year.

Our year started off with the Andy MacEwan led St George's Day service at the Assembly Hall of Kirkcaldy High School. Over 50 top awards, Wood badges and two Awards for Merit made it a very busy but enjoyable event.

At the end of May, I was at Fordell the night the 5th Fife Group had an "Activities Night" to present Mark Taylor with his well-earned Queens Scout Award, after many years of dedicated commitment – well done, Mark!



Following agreement at a previous AGM, the District AGM started its planned "Tour of the District" with last year's being held in the Scout Hall, Cardenden. Events that happened later in the year meant that this was a good decision!

Once again, I attended many of the District events mentioned later in the ADC reports. The day in June at Balwearie School for the Cubs to complete their Athletes Badge followed by the Cub Sports was a particularly good event and well attended and enjoyed by everyone.



In July, along with some youngsters and leaders from the District, I was at Fordell to see Prince Edward officially open the new tented village facility.

Great weather and the youngsters managed to do some activities. This weather continued long enough for the 11 youngsters who attended the Blair Atholl Jamborette to have a great two week camp, meeting lots of new friends and doing a wide range of activities.

By the time the Coastal Challenge arrived again in September, I had already completed the Coastal Walk from Kincardine to Newburgh; all 117 miles! With youngsters and adults from the 24th Fife and 115th Fife, I again walked from Kirkcaldy to Aberdour to raise funds for Maggie's and to help the District win the Helen Morton memorial Quaich – introduced this year and awarded to the District which raises the most in sponsorship money. Well done all the participants!

In September, I was a Sub Camp Leader at the first "Howling" Cub Camp at Fordell. As the 14th Fife Cubs were there, I took the opportunity at the Scouts Own to present Fiona West with her 25 service award – thank you Fiona, for all you have done for Scouting at the 14th Fife and across the District.



In October, I attended the DC Conference at Tulliallan which was held prior to the Scottish AGM – the same weekend that the 11th Fife and 14th Fife were completing their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh expeditions respectively – far more enjoyable for them!

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District Commissioner

Sadly on 11th February this year there was a fire at the 4th Fife Scout Hall, Cardenden. Thankfully, the hall was unoccupied at the time so there were no injuries but the hall has been ruined and there is a lot of damage been done. The determination of the leaders and the Executive at the 4th Fife meant that sections have continued to run without any disruption at the local Bowhill Centre. The hall is unsafe and in a few months a decision will be made as to the future plans for the Group's meeting place in the longer term. However, fundraising and Scouting in Cardenden continues to flourish!

The support from all groups and individuals from the Scouting family in the District and beyond has been really amazing and I, and the 4th Fife, are extremely grateful for all the help that has been offered – some taken up and some will be taken up in the future!

As DC and acting GSL, this has – and will continue to – take up a fair amount of my time both during the day and in the evenings but I do hope that it is not to the detriment of my other Scouting responsibilities but only time will tell.

In January, the Census provided the first opportunity to review how we were doing against the 2018-23 District Plan. Disappointingly, Youngsters were only up from 682 to 693 but the annual target was 700 and the number of Leaders was down from 124 to 116 with an annual target of 130.

However, on a more positive note, the number of sections with less than 12 members was down from 16 to 13, the number of sections with fewer than five young people of a particular gender was down from 30 to 20 and the annual targets for the %age of youngsters in each section to achieve the Top Awards was well and truly smashed for beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers!

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

The search has continued for another year to fill the vacancy for an ADC (Beavers) – alas, to no avail.

Over the year, 64 Bronze Chief Scout Awards have been presented. This is marginally down on the previous year but the %age of Beavers attaining the Top Award has increased to almost 40% which is well towards the 2023 target of 50%. Still some colonies not achieving many – if any – top awards and this needs to be addressed in the coming year.



Beavers across the District enjoyed over 300 nights away during the year. Once again, not all colonies are managing to provide a Nights Away experience for their beavers. To assist with this there will be a District Beaver Camp in May/June 2020 and hopefully all the colonies will attend to provide every Beaver with a new experience – camping with over 200 other Beavers!

Six colonies participated in the Baden Powell trophy in March at Burntisland, home of the 11th Fife. A great afternoon of friendly competition took place and all the Beavers had a great time, learnt new skills and had fun! The 11th Fife (Thursday) colony won the trophy followed very closely by the 6th Fife (Kinghorn) in second place with third place going to the 35th Fife (Dysart).



To all the Beaver Leaders, their Assistant Leaders, Sectional Assistants and ever increasing parent rotas huge thank you for all that you have done over the past year- it really is appreciated.

Richard Cook
District Commissioner

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Our year started with a visit to Kirkcaldy High School for our St Georges Day ceremony where I had the honour of presenting 22 Cubs with their Silver Chief Scout Awards. The total seems to grow every year! which is fantastic for both the Cub and their Leaders who are running exciting, varied programmes ensuring our young people enjoy their Scouting and can achieve these high awards. Since St Georges day a further 42 Cubs have been presented with this Top Award.

May 4th – 6th weekend saw seven of the District cub packs camping at Crook of Devon. Our theme this year was Science and The Solar System. We started with a night hike, so they could see the stars with a bit of navigation. Saturday, we learnt about our solar system and made solar creations. Chemical reaction experiments and lava lamps were made. Backwoods cooking, crating, archery, knots and compass and wide games honed our Scouting skills. A star shaped badge was the order of the day for our “design the camp badge competition”. With Anna Johnstone taking 1st prize closely followed by Michael Kirby and Isla Burston the runners up.

After tea we had a wide game, followed by our usual camp fire sing-along led by Andy Mac and Greg Wallace both encouraging everyone to join in with all the action songs and have a good time. Sunday morning, we held our Scouts Own before getting all the tents down and the Cubs had free time before it was time to go home.

Over the weekend the Cubs gained their Science, Astronomer Activity, Backwoods cooking activity badges, with nights away and hike towards staged badges and new skills etc towards their Challenge Badges. They were also presented with the Star Camp Badge from the competition as soon as the design was made up.

In all we had 92 Cubs and 20 adults camp over the course of the weekend, as ever a huge THANK YOU goes to all the leaders and people who come along to help and make the camp such a success every year.



On 23rd June we held a Sports event at Balwearie High school which saw every Cub who attended receive either their Athletics or Athletics Plus badge. Once we had covered all the badge requirements, we had a BBQ lunch of sausages on rolls, biscuits and drinks before each pack put their best Cubs forward for the District Sports Trophy. We had 9 of the 11 packs in the District attend which was a great turn out to the event, the 14th Fife were the winners and lifted the trophy.



On 23rd September we held the Mary Pearson Trophy in the 5th Fife hall. Five packs participated in this games competition. Lots of fun was had playing beetle, darts, curling, boggle, to mention a few with the 5th Fife and 14th Fife Thursday pack both accumulating the same total so a draw was our outcome and the two packs will hold the trophy for six months each.



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Our next big event was the District Christmas party held in Templehall Community centre on 14th December. 175 Cubs attended along with 34 leaders / helpers, were entertained by Mick Magic who had everyone one up dancing and showing their moves {that was the adults !!}. We had sausage rolls and donuts to keep our energy up and Santa made sure every Cub was presented with a head torch for when they go camping. Again, thanks must go to everyone who helped on the night making it a huge success.



The District 5 a-side Football competition was well attended on January 26th 2019. Ten teams played in two leagues with 20 games played. The teams played really well, and goal difference was the deciding factor in the outcome. The overall winners were the 6th Fife Kinghorn who retain the trophy having won last year, 2nd place went to 5th Fife, 3rd place went to 11th Fife Monday and 35th Fife in 4th place.

Throughout the tournament the sportsmanship was superb from all the Cubs taking part - they were a credit to their Groups and leaders. My thanks, to the leaders and parents who brought the Cubs along and gave them great support. I personally wish to thank Mark our referee, George our photographer, Dick our score and tally keeper, not forgetting Fiona who helped me with organising the teams as they came forward for each game.



On the 3rd March 2019 we visited Kinghorn Community Centre to compete in the Kinghorn trophy. Six 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 5th Fife Pack were crowned the winners of the Kinghorn Trophy.

On a personal note I would like to thank all the leaders in the District for their support in the last year. They encourage the youngsters to try new skills which helps boosts their confidence, promoting wellbeing. Without them giving up their time and talents the Cubs in our District would not get such rich Scouting experiences.

Marie Gaffney
ADC Cubs

SCOUTS

This is my fourth year serving as ADC (scouts) in Kirkcaldy district. Although I have established good relationships with scout leaders and the district team it is unfortunate that it has been unable to transcend in to more in terms of participation from groups in scout district events. I have continued to hold competitions, however the presence around the district has not been great. The lack of response is frustrating and it does not look like changing.

A variety of competitions were arranged for the scouts as displayed on the calendar sent out after summer. A positive step however is the big increase in the number of chief scout gold awards achieved and presented around the district over the course of the year which again is delightful. This is encouraging to see scouts getting awarded for their efforts and of course the leaders putting on varied programs.

On the St George's day service last April there were no chief scout gold 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.

Another positive was the increase in entrants in the Jubilee Trophy from the previous year. Not only did we have another competing team enter, a practice team from the 115th Fife came along to take part. The team still did all the activities and stuck to the same schedule, however were not under the same time constraints. Scores and feedback were still given and assistance from leaders was permitted. They did really well and found that they were able to perform just as well if not better in some aspects of the competition. It would be great to build on this and see them enter in the future and hopefully we can see more practice teams attend. The competition itself featured the 4th Fife vs the 5th Fife. The 4th Fife were hoping to build on last years' success and having gained experience from a zonal qualifier under their belt against a young and inexperienced 5th Fife team. The competition was a close one, matching each other on many aspects and bettering each other on various other areas. The 5th Fife were victorious on this occasion and learned a lot from the weekend. The team progressed on to the zonal qualifier, performing well enough to progress to the national finals where they were unfortunately unable to attend. It would be great to see an increase in entrants to the next Jubilee trophy.

The scout safety trophy did not go ahead this year due to a lack of response from the district with regard to participating. I will ask again for next year.

On 9th February the 5-a-side football competition was held at Balwearie high school. Just the 4 teams entered this year, two from the 11th Fife, one from the 5th Fife

and one from the 86th Fife. Despite the lack of teams, everyone had fun, there were plenty of goals and some great games to watch. The 86th Fife were crowned winners, beating the 11th Fife in the final. Thanks to our DC – Richard Cook for refereeing the competition again. Once again, it would be great to see more teams in the future.

Next up was the games trophy held at the 5th Fife hall on 17th March. An increase in last years' competition saw 3 teams from two groups competing – the 5th Fife and 11th Fife. The bases were all fun skills based activities including giant jenga, kim's game, bean bag throwing, play your cards right and a team quiz. Everyone enjoyed themselves and a very well done to the 11th Fife, taking the trophy home.

There were six gold chief scout awards achieved and presented in the district this year, an increase from last year which is fantastic. I'm sure this will continue into next year. Very well done to those once again on achieving the award and to the leaders too. The next event is the Jubilee Trophy at Wemyss Firs on the 18th – 19th May, It would be great to see at least the same number of teams attend and I look forward to seeing the Scouts skills and knowledge put to the test.



Finally, whilst there are a number of positives to note over the past year compared to the previous I still believe we can do even better. The number of top awards presented increased and the participation was slightly better and I am sure this will continue. 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 for the scouts and I look forward to seeing you at the next opportunity.

Mark Taylor
ADC (Scouts)

Wemyss Firs

It's that time again to look back at what we've achieved over the last year. It's always amazing to see the benefit that Wemyss Firs is bringing to Scouting locally. Bookings continue to grow, both at weekends and on weekdays... it occasionally feels like we've created a monster, a massive task, something we probably would never have dreamed of five years ago – but it's all worthwhile when you hear stories from the Groups using the site, the awards the young people are achieving as a result of their weekend camp at Wemyss and the skills that these youngsters are learning and will use for the rest of their lives!

We've hosted xxx youth members over the last year who have racked up an amazing xxxx nights away. The campsite remains popular for Group camps, as a base for expeditions, as a training venue and we hosted a nine night summer camp last July for the Polish Tatry Unit, who were so impressed that they are returning for 16 nights this summer. Our orienteering courses and pioneering equipment are proving popular for Groups who are running skills based camps and our projector is coming in handy for training events or as a wet weather back-up at camps. We have also been donated a giant cargo net from BiFab which we plan to use as part of a challenge course in the near future.



We were fortunate to receive a donation from Andrew Wemyss to make improvements to the dining facilities in the cabin. Boasting new spillage-friendly flooring and a splash of colour on the walls, the feedback from these improvements has been very positive, making clean-up after meals much easier.



We've taken great pride in keeping our booking fees to a bear minimum over the last five years, probably creating the lowest price camping experience for all the young people, averaging at £1.29 per person, per night and I'm delighted that the Campsite Committee are recommending to the District Executive that booking fees should remain the same for the coming year – the fourth year with no increase!

It's important to remember that the campsite is run entirely by volunteers and the increased use of the site puts even more pressure on this small team to deliver an excellent venue for your event. Not all Groups are leaving the site in the same condition as they find it, which can impact on the next Group or add extra workload to our volunteer team or may ultimately increase the cost of camping at Wemyss Firs in the future, so please bear this in mind when clearing up and let's leave the site as we would want to find it!

My grateful thanks go out to those who have supported the site in the last year, to the Campsite Committee working away quietly in the background and a special mention to Nic Krzyzanowski and Jo Graham who make our booking process so simple and efficient.

Alan Evans
Wemyss Firs Warden

Adult Training

Over the last year my team of ten Training Advisors and I have recommended eleven leaders for their Wood Badges and continue to work to assist all our new leaders in progressing their training requirements. This year has seen an increase in the number of leaders completing their Initial Training using the online resources. This is now seen as the normal meaning, this year, I have not had to run any Getting Started training courses. The East Region training team are responsible for all the other module training and they tend to run weekend courses twice a year; further details are available on the regional website.

With great help from Helen Mack, we delivered two Full First Response and two First Response Refresher courses, although an East Region responsibility we are able to offer these locally. Leaders with certain external First Aid certificates or jobs are able to use these as an alternative way to maintain the Scout First Aid requirements with further details available on the Scout Association's website. Many leaders, mostly Fife Council employees, are being offered and taking up the HSE Emergency First Aid at Work course. This course covers most but not all of the Association's criteria so I have written a short update course (approximately 1 hour) which makes this suitable to complete Module 10.

A welcome change, reflecting my thoughts which anybody on my courses will be aware of, is that the Association requires all new leaders to gain a First Aid or First Response within their initial five months and the Scout Association is recommending full First Aid for certain activities.

Over the last couple of years the role of the Training Advisor has expanded so that they can now fully manage their trainees. This means that they are responsible for maintaining all evidence and updating their trainee's records in COMPASS. Most of my Training Advisors are doing this already which effectively removes my contact with all the new leaders. As meeting and working with new leaders was the best part of my role, I have decided to step down after a little over six years in the role. Many of the Training Advisors hold other senior roles making this role now more of a manager of managers and I wish my successor all the best. I will continue with and be able to dedicate more time to my other District & Regional roles.

The current Training Advisor allocation is fairly simple and aligns with our current roles although we work as a team meaning we can all validate any leader's training:-

Dick Cook – 4th Fife
Mary Fox – 5th Fife
Andy Hoy – 6th Fife
Davie Laing – 11th Fife
Derek Dunsire – 14th Fife
Dave Mitchell – 24th Fife
Nikki Gaffney – 33rd Fife
Ken McIlroy – 35th Fife
George Graham – 80th Fife & 86th Fife
Lorraine Reilly – 115th Fife & Beavers
Marie Gaffney - Cubs

Many thanks to all my Training Advisors for your continued support.

If you are interested in becoming a Training Advisor or looking for help on anything training-wise, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Ken McIlroy
ADC (Adult Training)

Treasurer

At year end, 31st March 2019, the district has a healthy £35,000 across the various funds.

GENERAL FUND: Surplus £1,286, closing balance £9,828

Net Membership fees received were £2,074, including rebates of £688, being the 2018 and the 2019 rebate. Everybody paid on time again which is greatly appreciated, it makes my job so much easier! St George's Day collection of £351 was donated to Teenage Cancer Trust.

We changed our web hosting provider receiving a rebate of £369 for nearly 4 years and paying £90 for new 2 year deal. Bank interest of £117 was received, mostly from the first year of our new 60 day notice account. We paid a fixed fee of £60 for bank fees during the year.

£150 was paid for entry into zonal camping competition. Costs for meetings and training were £164, £50 was transferred to Campsite fund for use for meetings and Jubilee Trophy. Annual Motion Picture Licence was £230. Mileage to Region meetings and Blair Atholl was £173. Postage, stationery and printing totalled £99. Our poppy wreath was £29. A further £200 has been paid back from the Badge Account against a loan to buy badges.

CAMPSITE ACCOUNT: Surplus £3,202, closing balance £18,378

The campsite levy was retained at 50p per person and brought in £347, a little more than last year. We received £2,735 in booking fees, up from £2,205 last year, plus £40 for district use (excluding gas) and £205 for gas hire. So far we have paid out £35 for gas refills, but collect payments for gas hire in advance. Our electricity costs were the same as last year at £308 as we are on a Direct Debit. We received a generous donation of £1,500 for new flooring, which was installed after the year end. Other routine supplies, maintenance, rent and insurance costs were £1,445. We received £194 for blanket badge sales.

BADGE ACCOUNT Surplus £102, closing balance £167

BOATING SECTION: Surplus £208, closing balance £1,757
£208 was received for various canoe sessions.

DISTRICT EXPLORERS: Deficit -£423, closing balance £131

DISTRICT WIDE ACTIVITIES: Deficit -£239, closing balance £1,790

INTERNATIONAL FUND: Deficit -£200, closing balance £9

6 contributions of £100 each were made to World Scout Jamboree participants, £400 was transferred into the fund from the General Fund to cover this.

WORLD JAMBOREE FUND: Surplus £245, closing balance -£956

£5,580 was collected and passed on to Region for participants, we also collected £245 fundraising for one participant. Deficit is due to District covering deposits, this should be cleared once all payments are received in from participants

BLAIR ATHOLL JAMBORETTE FUND: Surplus £1,727, closing balance £259

Final payments were collected in from participants, covering payments made to Region by District last financial year

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

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS FUND: No activity, Closing Balance -£99

MELVILLE FUND: Surplus £15, Closing Balance £3,423

Interest allocated to the fund was £15, no awards were made. The District welcomes applications to provide financial support to those in the District who may not otherwise be able to attend a scouting event for lack of money.

Josephine Graham
District Treasurer



Accounts

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 31st March 2019

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £	Total Funds 2018 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Income					
Capitation Fees	4	2,073.50	-	2,073.50	1,364.00
Campsite Levy		346.50	-	346.50	341.00
Memberships / Subscriptions	5	-	-	-	-
Donations / Gifts	6	-	1,851.00	1,851.00	237.00
Sales - Badges / Uniforms	7	3,898.62	-	3,898.62	4,588.34
Grants	8	-	-	-	255.79
Campsite Booking Fees (including gas hire)		2,930.00	-	2,930.00	2,285.00
Jamboree		5,680.00	-	5,680.00	1,860.00
For Jamborette		589.04	1,467.96	2,057.00	1,263.00
Moot		-	-	-	100.00
District Activities					
Boating	9	208.00	-	208.00	247.00
Explorers	10	-	-	-	96.00
Scouts	11	135.00	-	135.00	680.00
Cubs	12	3,745.50	-	3,745.50	4,113.00
Beavers	13	30.00	-	30.00	1,069.50
Swimming Gala		-	-	-	220.00
Fund Raising					
Bag Packs & Jamboree Fundraising		244.50	-	244.50	-
Investment Income					
Bank Interest	14	116.63	14.82	131.45	8.78
Web hosting refund		368.94	-	368.94	-
Total receipts (before transfers)		20,366.23	3,333.78	23,700.01	18,728.41
Inter fund Transfers					
Campsite - District use, transfer to International		650.00	-	650.00	444.00
Total Receipts (after transfers)		21,016.23	3,333.78	24,350.01	19,172.41
PAYMENTS					
District Activities					
Campsite	15	-	1,478.37	1,478.37	3,564.69
Badge Account	16	3,430.33	-	3,430.33	5,415.57
Boating	17	-	-	-	-
Explorers	18	423.00	-	423.00	167.11
Scouts	19	300.58	-	300.58	859.04
Cubs	20	3,988.35	-	3,988.35	3,549.29
Beavers	21	10.80	-	10.80	567.81
Jamboree - Payments to Region		5,680.00	-	5,680.00	3,060.00
Jamborette		330.00	-	330.00	2,959.71
International support		600.00	-	600.00	200.00
Swimming Gala		-	-	-	49.50
District Explorer Neckers		-	-	-	-
Donations / Gifts	22	29.00	351.00	380.00	325.00
Management & Admin Costs					
Meetings (inc Refreshments)	23	336.55	-	336.55	530.95
Website		90.06	-	90.06	404.85
Bank Fees		60.00	-	60.00	60.00
Postages / Stationery / Printing		99.48	-	99.48	105.57
Motion Picture License		229.54	-	229.54	222.85
Insurance	24	-	340.25	340.25	311.81
Total Payments (before transfers)		15,607.69	2,169.62	17,777.31	22,353.75
Inter fund Transfers		650.00	-	650.00	444.00
Total Payments (after transfers)		16,257.69	2,169.62	18,427.31	22,797.75
Surplus / Deficit For The Year		4,758.54	1,164.16	5,922.70	- 3,625.34



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