



Cubs 100 Camp  
Nineacres - May 2016



# SIXTIES FOR THE

## Kirkcaldy District Scouts

Annual Review 2016/17







# A MASSIVE WELL DONE!

## BEAVERS

Nov 2016 Swimming Gala  
Feb 2017 Baden Powell Trophy

Winners – 11<sup>th</sup> Fife  
Winners – 14<sup>th</sup> Fife Thursday

## cubs

June 2016 Cub Sports Day  
Oct 2016 Mary Pearson Trophy  
Nov 2016 Swimming Gala  
Jan 2017 5 a side Football  
Feb 2017 Kinghorn Trophy  
Mar 2017 Harper Safety Trophy

Winners - 14<sup>th</sup> Fife Thursday  
Winners - 5<sup>th</sup> Fife  
Winners - 11<sup>th</sup> Fife  
Winners - 14<sup>th</sup> Fife Thursday  
Winners - 14<sup>th</sup> Fife Tuesday  
Winners – 5<sup>th</sup> Fife

## SCOUTS

May 2016 Jubilee Trophy  
Oct 2016 First Aid Trophy  
Nov 2016 Swimming Gala  
Feb 2017 Games Trophy  
Mar 2017 5 a side Football

Winners – 5<sup>th</sup> Fife  
Winners – 11<sup>5th</sup> Fife  
Winners – 11<sup>th</sup> Fife  
Winners – 5<sup>th</sup> Fife  
Winners – 11<sup>th</sup> Fife

# A HUGE ACHIEVEMENT



## Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Apr 2016	Lewis Nicolson 24 <sup>th</sup> Fife
May 2016	Daniel Wardle 35 <sup>th</sup> Fife Joshua Falconer 35 <sup>th</sup> Fife Taylor Mowbray 35 <sup>th</sup> Fife
June 2016	Arlo Cornwall 11 <sup>th</sup> Fife Leo McIlroy 14 <sup>th</sup> Fife Oliver Nicol 14 <sup>th</sup> Fife
Sep 2016	Leo McElvar 11 <sup>th</sup> Fife Lucy Backler 11 <sup>th</sup> Fife Logan Raeside 11 <sup>th</sup> Fife Benjy Halpin 11 <sup>th</sup> Fife Adam Mair 11 <sup>th</sup> Fife Aiden Sloan 14 <sup>th</sup> Fife Alyssa McAughey 11 <sup>th</sup> Fife
Nov 2016	Thomas Urquhart 115 <sup>th</sup> Fife Stuart Robertson 115 <sup>th</sup> Fife Stephen Robertson 115 <sup>th</sup> Fife Zuzanna Szpuniar 115 <sup>th</sup> Fife Aaron Clark 115 <sup>th</sup> Fife
Dec 2016	George Connor 11 <sup>th</sup> Fife
Feb 2017	Charlie Donaldson 11 <sup>th</sup> Fife
Mar 2017	Mairi Doherty 11 <sup>th</sup> Fife Niamh Doherty 11 <sup>th</sup> Fife



## Chief Scout's Silver Award

Apr 2016	Joseph Borrer 5 <sup>th</sup> Fife Harris Yost 5 <sup>th</sup> Fife
May 2016	Ritchie Gillies 115 <sup>th</sup> Fife James Boyes 115 <sup>th</sup> Fife Rikki Shand 115 <sup>th</sup> Fife Holli Moffat 115 <sup>th</sup> Fife
June 2016	Callum Paton 11 <sup>th</sup> Fife Isla Smart 11 <sup>th</sup> Fife Rosie Neild 11 <sup>th</sup> Fife Owen Edmondson 11 <sup>th</sup> Fife Stewart Payne 14 <sup>th</sup> Fife Alexander Kerr 115 <sup>th</sup> Fife
Sep 2016	Connor Duncan-Clark 11 <sup>th</sup> Fife Mya McAughey 11 <sup>th</sup> Fife Evan Raeside 11 <sup>th</sup> Fife Alexander Schmidt-Cornelius 11 <sup>th</sup> Fife Jay Duff 33 <sup>rd</sup> Fife Jack Foster 33 <sup>rd</sup> Fife
Nov 2016	Finlay McLeod 14 <sup>th</sup> Fife Ethan Murray 14 <sup>th</sup> Fife Cameron Naismith 14 <sup>th</sup> Fife Cameron Gillespie 14 <sup>th</sup> Fife Matthew Sommerville 14 <sup>th</sup> Fife Aaron Melville 14 <sup>th</sup> Fife James Douglas 14 <sup>th</sup> Fife Alfie Matthews 14 <sup>th</sup> Fife Finlay More 115 <sup>th</sup> Fife Anna Smith 115 <sup>th</sup> Fife
Jan 2017	Joshua Saunders 35 <sup>th</sup> Fife Joe Deighan 35 <sup>th</sup> Fife Luke Marshall 86 <sup>th</sup> Fife Euan Stewart 86 <sup>th</sup> Fife Andrew Ian Henderson 86 <sup>th</sup> Fife



# A HUGE ACHIEVEMENT



## Chief Scout's Gold Award

June 2016 Luke Cunningham 6<sup>th</sup> Fife  
Max Roberts 6<sup>th</sup> Fife  
Sep 2016 Adam Blyth 11<sup>th</sup> Fife  
Aiden Russell 14<sup>th</sup> Fife  
Jakub Szewczyk 14<sup>th</sup> Fife  
Dec 2016 Alicia Thomson 11<sup>th</sup> Fife  
Emily Lauchlan 11<sup>th</sup> Fife  
Alice Stark 11<sup>th</sup> Fife  
Finn Wallace 11<sup>th</sup> Fife



## Queen's Scout Award

Dec 2016 Vicki Balfour 5<sup>th</sup> Fife



## Young Leader Belt

Apr 2016 Owen Laing 11<sup>th</sup> Fife



## Award of Merit

Apr 2016 Scott Gilbert 4<sup>th</sup> Fife

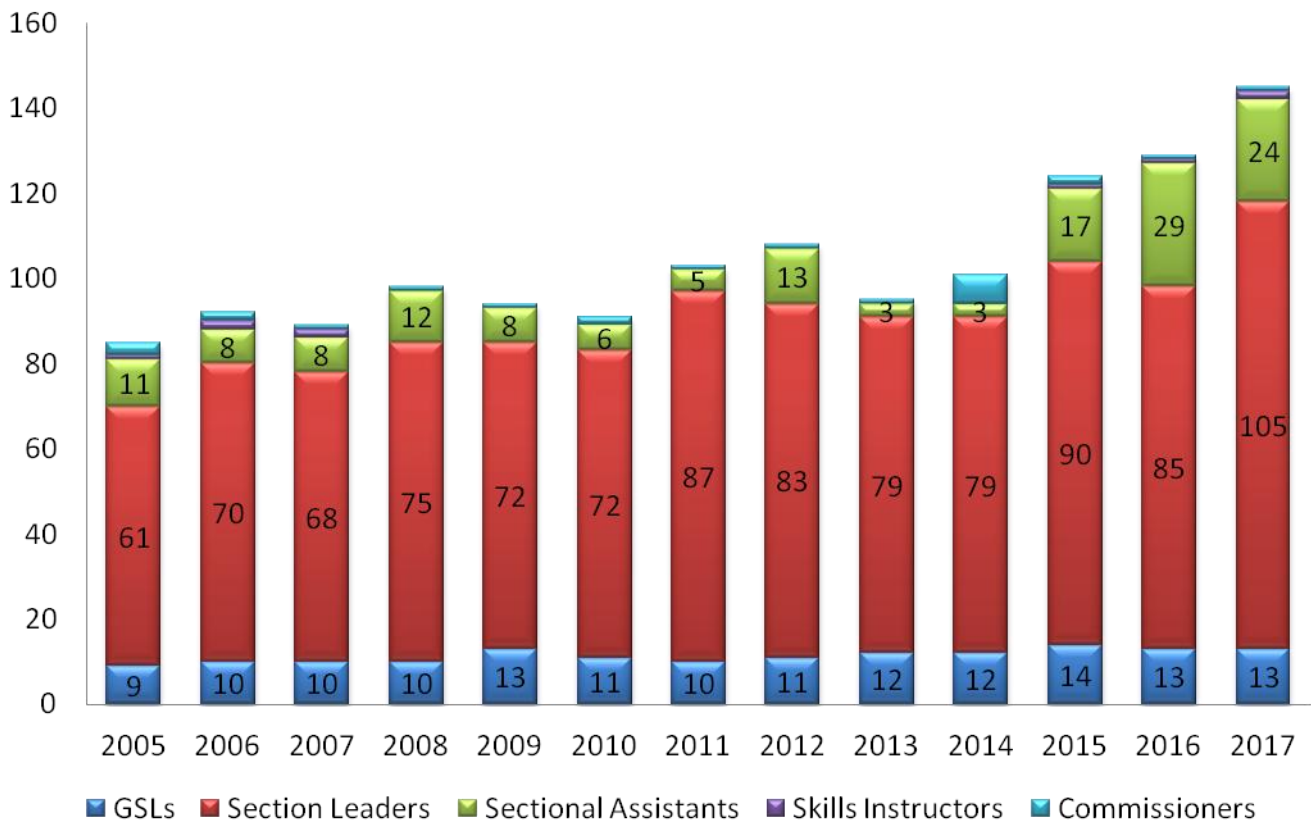
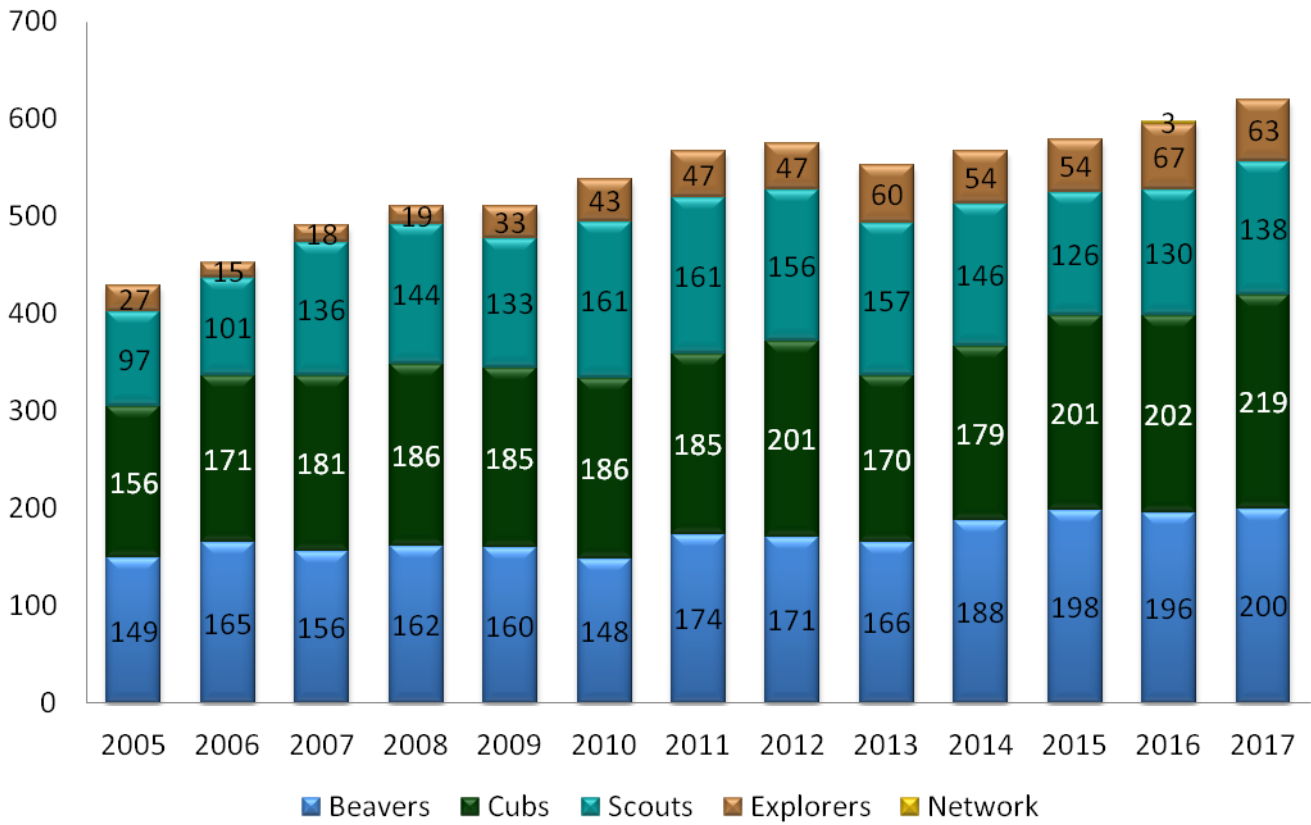


## Wood Badge

Mar 2017 Ross Docherty 80<sup>th</sup> Fife

# DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP

As at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017





# DISTRICT EXECUTIVE 2016/17

Honorary President  
Honorary Vice-President  
Honorary Vice-President

Alexander Moffat  
Betty Court  
George Strang

District Commissioner

Richard Cook

Chairman  
Secretary  
Treasurer

John Jenks  
Marlyn Baxter  
Josephine Graham

District Scout Network Leader

Kevin Ireland

Elected Members

Derek Dunsire – 14<sup>th</sup> Fife  
Andrew Gourlay – 80<sup>th</sup> Fife  
Andrew Leggate – Chairman, District  
Appointments Advisory Committee  
Alan Evans – Campsite Warden  
George Graham – 80<sup>th</sup> Fife

DC Nominated Member

Mark Taylor – ADC Scouts  
Gary Paterson – 4<sup>th</sup> Fife  
Lorraine Reilly – 115<sup>th</sup> Fife  
Fiona West – 14<sup>th</sup> Fife  
Ken McIlroy – ADC Adult Training  
Ken Gilbert – 115<sup>th</sup> Fife

# DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW

## INTRODUCTION

It gives me great pleasure to present our Annual Report for 2017 – my 10<sup>th</sup> as District Chairman!! The theme running through this years report is 'Skills for Life' – there is no doubt in my mind that what we deliver in Kirkcaldy District is high quality scouting, brimming with activities that young people love which in turn equips them with a range of skills which they will use extensively throughout their lives. Once again we can celebrate successes during the past year including increased numbers of young people joining our groups, further improvements to our assets, recognition for achievement all of which are detailed in this report. All of this reflects the enthusiasm of our leaders, the support the DC and his team provide throughout the District and the continuing relevance of Scouting in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. There are so many competing demands for the attention of young people nowadays that it gives me a great sense of pride that we continue to attract their attention and retain their involvement in our great movement!!

## SCOUT FAMILY

Last year we lost Duncan Clark - this year we mourn the loss of Joyce Higginson. Joyce will always be fondly remembered as 'Akela' at 11<sup>th</sup> Fife group in Burntisland but she was so much more than that. She served Scouting in the District for over four decades and rarely missed a District Cub event – particularly the annual Sixers Camp at Nineacres Campsite in Crook of Devon where she was happy spending her time in the cookhouse. I recall vividly as ADC Cubs and as a District Cub Scout Leader how she would always be there preparing vast quantities of food in a cramped, hot and noisy cook house at Nineacres but would always make time for a chat and a cuppa, or to serve up drinks and snacks for the cubs. She was also a great singer and I can still hear her excellent singing voice at the campfires. At cub events whether at the 11<sup>th</sup> Fife or at a District level, she was always there enthusiastically supporting the event – and ensuring we were all well fed and watered!! I received several emails and notes from the wider Scout family when she passed away and sent these on to Joyce's family – it was good to know that many remembered her with fondness. God bless

8 Joyce.

We also lost other Scouting friends, notably Frank Hood – former Fife Area Commissioner and Bert Simpson – latterly Chair of Glenrothes & Levenmouth District but who had also held positions within Kirkcaldy District in the past.

On a happier note, we welcome several new adult leaders to the various groups throughout the District and as mentioned the number of young people joining up during the past year has increased our census numbers again.

## SCOUT-FACILITIES

The District Campsite has had further upgrade work carried out during the year to improve rainwater flow from the main camping area and we also installed a new range cooker in the kitchen. We continue to enjoy fantastic support from the Wemyss family, the local masonic movement and others without whom we would struggle to maintain the site to such a high standard. A large renewable energy facility is planned for the area adjacent to the site in the near future and Alan Evans and I met with the planners and the installation company to discuss the proposals. Alan will provide more details in his report and flyers are available at the campsite. Thanks again must go to Alan and his team for the hard work they put in to keeping the site in such good shape.

We are lucky to have Ken McIlroy as one of our District Leaders who also holds the Regional Canoeing & Kayaking Advisors role. We have Kinghorn Loch in our District and also a good range of canoes and other equipment stored at the venue. I would commend the facilities and equipment to all Scout Groups and I'm sure Ken would be more than happy to support any leaders considering planning any activities at Kinghorn Loch.





# DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW (CONTINUED)

## 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.

## 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.). I am pleased that as we move into another year we have youth representation on the District Executive Committee which is key to ensuring we remain focused on what young people want out of Scouting and that their views are meaningfully incorporated into any decisions made that affect scouting in Kirkcaldy.

## LOOKING FORWARD

We have qualified Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition Assessors in the District who are underused (myself included!!). We hosted a DoE awareness event at the campsite earlier in the year and I was impressed by the enthusiasm shown by the youngsters who attended. We need to keep that enthusiasm going and I would urge Explorer Leaders throughout the District to use the DoE support that is available – I know the District Commissioner has been actively searching for a District Explorer Scout Commissioner (DESC) and hope that an appointment is not too far away!



There are further international adventures to look forward to – you will have heard about the World Scout Moot, which this year is being held in Iceland and we are pleased that Owen Laing from the 11<sup>th</sup> Fife will be attending from the District. The next World Scout Jamboree in 2019 will be held in the USA and is already entering the planning stages – our District will, hopefully, once again be well represented.

## THANKS

As always in closing; 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'S REVIEW

Another extremely busy but successful year for Scouting in Kirkcaldy District!

In addition to the wide variety of activities and programme delivered by the leaders across the District we also celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Beavers and the Centenary of Cubs which all added up to a busy and rewarding year for the youngsters – and it was a Blair Atholl year!

In the absence of both an ADC Beavers and a District Explorer Scout Commissioner (DESC) for the whole year, I have been trying very hard to try and provide as much support as I can to these sections but now realise how important it is to have suitable people in these positions and I will make every effort to recruit within the coming year.

## EVENTS

Our annual St George's Day service in April was another big success and my thanks to the 80<sup>th</sup> Fife Explorers for running the event with a great deal of enthusiasm and professionalism that demonstrates that "youth involvement" is the way forward!

In June, I attended a very successful 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Beaver District Camp at Fordell Firs, where many Beaver Leaders from across the District and Lorraine Reilly (SHQ Beaver Commissioner) made sure all the Beavers had a great and very active weekend.



I was "selected" to be a Sub Camp Leader for the two Cub Big Birthday Bash camps at Fordell Firs in June and whilst there were no Cubs from Kirkcaldy District there it was a great opportunity to meet

and talk with Cubs and Cub Leaders from across Scotland. It was very reassuring that, compared to other Districts, we seem to be doing lots of good things and any difficulties we have are shared by many other Districts.

In July a dozen of our Explorers – after many weekends of practice – headed off to the Blair Atholl Jamborette. I visited the Jamborette over the middle weekend and those that I met were all having a great time and thoroughly enjoying the experience. Those that I didn't meet were too busy enjoying themselves! On their return, with their Home Hospitality guests, it was clear to see that they had a great experience with many already thinking about going back in 2018. It should also be noted that two of our Leaders – Kevin Ireland 115<sup>th</sup> Fife and Kenny Crosbie 86<sup>th</sup> Fife – attended the two weeks at Blair Atholl as staff members and ran activities for the whole fortnight!

In September, Kirkcaldy District hosted the East Region AGM in the Town House, Kirkcaldy and there was a good turnout of leaders from the District to support the event and see the Chief Commissioner present a number of Chief Scout Awards to youngsters and announce Callum Farquhar as our new Regional Commissioner.

On the Sunday following this, many youngsters and leaders from a number of our Groups took part in the first Coastal Challenge walking from Aberdour to Burntisland, Kinghorn or Kirkcaldy. In addition to spending a glorious day walking they managed to raise over £960 for the Maggie's Centre in Kirkcaldy. A huge well done and thanks to all who took part!





# DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S REVIEW (CONTINUED)

Sadly in November we lost a great servant to Scouting in Kirkcaldy District, when Joyce Higginson passed away. Joyce was Akela at the 11<sup>th</sup> Fife when I started my role as Cub Leader there and over the years she became my mentor and friend.



She was one of a kind, would do anything for anyone, always saw the best in people and worked tirelessly over the years ensuring that Scouting thrived in Burntisland and the District. She had a great sense of humour and plenty of stories that still bring a smile to my face today. Gone Home but never forgotten!

The Cub Promise party in December was another great evening. Over 160 Cubs – almost 75% of the District total – attended and it was great for everyone to join in with the rest of the country's Cubs and renew their Promise at 1916hrs – and it was even better that the District Chairman and myself even remembered it!

In December, I had the great pleasure in presenting Vicki Balfour 5<sup>th</sup> Fife with her Queen's Scout Award. This is always a great occasion and the work and effort that Vicki put into achieving the Award – and her presentation to demonstrate what she had done – was absolutely fantastic. Well done Vicki!

## CENSUS

The Census in January, illustrated the excellent Scouting that Kirkcaldy District leaders do week in, week out. Beavers are now at 200 and Cubs now at 219 – their highest numbers ever resulting in the District now having over 600 youngsters for the first time. These successes in the younger sections now need to be built on so that these Beavers and Cubs can move on and become successful Scouts and Explorers!

This year we welcomed new Group Scout Leaders at the 5<sup>th</sup> Fife and the 115<sup>th</sup> Fife – David Gordon and Alex Campbell respectively. I wish them every success in their new roles and hope that they get a lot of personal enjoyment from it.

## NIGHTS AWAY

The Nights Away experiences are a key part of our success in bringing in new members and retaining those that join. It is crucial that we continue to offer every youngster at least one Nights Away experience every year – whether that be at a sleepover in a hall, a bivouac in a wood, a tent at Wemyss, a lodge at Lochgoilhead or an international Jamboree in Europe. Over the past year, youngsters have enjoyed over 1,300 nights away but many sections find it difficult to provide this adventure and we all need to play our part in ensuring that everyone gets the chance to camp!

## MY THANKS

I am really delighted with the work that the District Appointments Committee and the Campsite Committee have done for the District over the past year and the chairmanships of Andy Leggate and Alan Evans respectively. A lot of their work is “unseen” by many in the District but both play key roles - ensuring the adult appointment process is robustly adhered to and ensuring the District asset at Wemyss is developed to its full potential. My sincere thanks to both of them and their respective Committee members for all the great work that they do.

I am delighted that Davie and Owen Laing 11<sup>th</sup> Fife have taken on the management of the District Facebook, Twitter and Website and would encourage everyone to share their Scouting experiences at Group level with others in the District. Already many stories from around the District are being shared to a wider audience and this should be encouraged by everyone.

As always, my grateful thanks to all the leaders in the District for their time and commitment to Scouting. Once again, they have provided our youngsters with such a great programme. Thanks also to the members of the District Team, who in addition to their section roles, have provided me – and the leaders – with an invaluable amount of support over the past year.



**FRIENDSHIP**

**RESPONSIBLE**

**ADVENTURE**

**CHALLENGE**

**S**

**POSITIVE**

**POTENTIAL**

**P**

**LEARN**

**I**

**E**

**R**

**SOCIAL**

**INCLUSIVE**

**LOYAL**

**INITIATIVE**

**CREATIVE**

**L**

**E**

**E**

**ACTIVE**

**DEVELOP**

**L**

**E**

**A**

**ACHIEVE**

**L**

**E**

**R**

**L**

**E**

**E**

**FUN**

# DISTRICT BEAVERS REVIEW



In the absence of an ADC Beavers I have tried to get to a number of Beaver meetings but the early start has made this very difficult to achieve. For those that I haven't managed to get to I apologise and will try and rectify this but we – or at least the Beaver Leaders - could really do with a dedicated ADC Beavers, so hopefully this can be resolved in the coming months.

The main event last year for Beavers was the 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday District Camp held at Fordell Firs in June. Over 110 Beavers from nine colonies attended and they all had a great time doing a number of the Fordell activities – Low Ropes, Bungee Trampoline, Challenge Course and Grass Sledges – and a number of other activities run by our own Beaver Leaders – Archery, Rockets and Shelter Building to name a few. It was great to see the youngsters and the leaders from all the colonies mixing over the weekend and getting to know each other. We were all entertained on the Saturday night by Stone the Crows – as he didn't make the previous Beaver Christmas Party due to the bridge being closed – and then followed that up with Birthday cake!!



On the 4<sup>th</sup> March this year, the annual Baden Powell trophy was competed for again at Burntisland with six colonies taking part in a variety of challenges. A closely contested competition, with the winners being the 14<sup>th</sup> Fife Thursday colony. Well done to them but also a well done to all that took part and enjoyed the events.

Following the midterm holiday in February, the 11<sup>th</sup> Fife have started a second Beaver Colony on Monday nights to help reduce their waiting list. I am delighted that this has been possible and thank all the leaders involved for their efforts in starting this colony. Numbers were deliberately kept low to begin with more starting after the Easter holidays and up to full capacity during the summer term.

To all the Beaver Leaders, a huge thank you for all that you have done with the Beavers over the past year- there has been a huge wide variety of activities, days out and nights away.

Richard Cook  
District Commissioner





# DISTRICT CUBS REVIEW



As usual Kirkcaldy District Cubs have had a very busy year of competitions, activities, camps and badge presentations.

At the Georges Day service on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, two Cubs were presented with their Silver Chief Scout Award and since then, through the year, a further 31 Cubs from 7 of Packs have been presented with their Silver Chief Scout Award which is excellent.

Over the weekend of the 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May, 115 Campers from 9 Packs made their way to Nine Acres, Crook of Devon to attend the District Centenary Cub Camp. The theme this year was 100 years of Cubs so all the Cubs were mixed up into teams and given Jungle Book names. During the Saturday, the Cubs learnt how Scouting began and worked on many of the skills our Founder Robert Baden Powell taught the first ever Cubs. The Cubs all went on a hike, had a go at pioneering, backwoods cooking, tracking, made a team banner and took part in a Jungle Book wide game. The day was finished off as is usual with a hearty sing a long at the campfire and birthday cake.



On Sunday morning after the Cubs Own the teams completed 100 challenges from tossing coins, turning their jumper round without taking it off, doing the hokey-cokey, head, shoulders, knees and toes, and the hardest one of all for the Cubs... to stay silent for 100 seconds. A big thanks to all the leaders who made the weekend a great success especially camp cook Lynda Scobie who kept all fed and watered. During the weekend the kids gained their JOTI badge as well as covering a lot of the requirements for the Outdoor and Adventure Challenges.

On the evening of 27<sup>th</sup> June – after one postponement due to bad weather – the Cub Sports were held down in Dysart. The weather was kind to us on the night and seven teams competed for the trophy. After an evening of running, jumping and bouncing in sacks the 14<sup>th</sup> Fife Thursday cubs were crowned winners and four Cub Leaders were presented with service award certificates.

3<sup>rd</sup> October saw us visiting the 5<sup>th</sup> Fife Hall to compete in the Mary Pearson Trophy where 8 groups took part. After an afternoon of fun and games the 5<sup>th</sup> Fife team won the prize.

The Kirkcaldy District Swimming Gala was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> November at Kirkcaldy Swimming pool with all sections taking part in this event and it was the 11<sup>th</sup> Fife who won the Cub Swimming Trophy.

On 16<sup>th</sup> December at the Cub Centenary Christmas Party we were entertained by Magic Ian who had the Cubs helping with magic tricks before 161 Cubs joined in with Cubs around Britain to renew their promise at 16 minutes past 7 – 1916hrs. Once we had completed renewing our Promise we had sausage rolls and of course more Birthday cake!!

The 5-a-side football competition on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017 was well attended as usual. Ten teams battled it out and, after they had all played each other; the winners were the team from the 14<sup>th</sup> Fife Thursday pack. A big thanks to Mark Taylor from 5<sup>th</sup> Fife who acted as referee for the event.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February we travelled along the coast to Kinghorn to compete in the Kinghorn Trophy. Nine teams took part to show their skills in table tennis, draughts, word-search, computer games and a team quiz. The Cubs were kept busy all afternoon playing a variety of games led as ever by games master Monty. At the end of the afternoon the competition was so close we had three Cub Packs tied on points so it went to a sudden death question which resulted in the 14<sup>th</sup> Fife (Tuesday) being crowned winners of the Kinghorn Trophy.

Our last competition for this year was the Harper Safety Trophy on 20<sup>th</sup> March. Out and about again and we were made welcome at the 4<sup>th</sup> Fife hall in Cardenden. Four teams took part and all things safety were tested and again it was a very close run competition. Grateful thanks to the Coastguards from Kinghorn who came along to man our water safety base. At the end of the evening the 5<sup>th</sup> Fife team were victorious.

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 kids in our District would not get such rich Scouting experiences.

Marie Gaffney  
ADC Cubs

# DISTRICT SCOUTS REVIEW



After my second year in the role I have become more at ease with my duties and responsibilities. I am continuing to learn and my relationship with Scout Leaders across the District has strengthened as a result of visits to the troops and competitions held.

It has been a busy year for the Scouts with competitions and camps. The presentation of Chief Scout Gold Awards presented around the District over the course of the year has been a delight to see.

At the St George's service last April unfortunately there were no Chief Scout Gold Awards presented – this was most likely down to the 'refreshed' national badge programme. It was a very busy and lively church service nonetheless.

The Jubilee Trophy was held at Wemyss Firs over the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> May and saw the 5<sup>th</sup> Fife come out on top in what was a well contested competition. They held off strong opposition from the 4<sup>th</sup> Fife. I am hoping to see more of a turnout in the future. Something that needs addressed and I am willing to work with groups on.



The Scout First Aid Trophy was held on 30<sup>th</sup> October at the 5<sup>th</sup> Fife hall. Two teams entered with 4 bases covering choking, a simulated incident, resuscitation and team quiz, and the 115<sup>th</sup> Fife were crowned winners. With the First Aid Trophy now full, I have held talks to potentially turn the trophy into a more general safety competition looking at various aspects of safety.

On 26<sup>th</sup> February we held the Scouts Games trophy. Six teams competed and were tested on bases which included, Kym's game, Giant Jenga, High and low cards, Hoop toss, team quiz and Stepping stones. Well done to the 5<sup>th</sup> Fife who were victorious on the day.

Next up was the 5-a-side football competition held at Balwearie High School games hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> March. Four teams competed in what was a hard fought competition with many goals and close results. The 11<sup>th</sup> Fife were the winners on the day after a dramatic penalty shootout against the 80<sup>th</sup> Fife in the final. It was a tough day for the Scouts having to play back to back games as a result of the few teams present. Many thanks to our District Commissioner for refereeing the competition and also Davie Laing Scout Leader at the 11<sup>th</sup> Fife for timekeeping. Again, we will look at ways to improve the turnout.

Ten Gold Chief Scout Awards have been presented in the District this year, a reduction on last year and perhaps a reflection of how much work and commitment must be put in by both Scouts and Leaders to achieve this prestigious award. So, a massive well done to those who did achieve the award. I look forward to presenting more in the near future. We will have competitions and camps to look forward to in the coming months, the next being the Jubilee Trophy where scouting skills will be tested and intuition come to the fore.

On a personal note, I would love to see new faces, whether that be in the District competitions, camps or a visit. I have enjoyed visiting groups around the District and overseeing what they get up to every week which I will continue to do over the course of the year. I hope we can keep growing as a section across the District and continue to give these opportunities for young people.

A final thanks to the Leaders who promote and deliver a varied programmes and allow Scouts to get active and get involved in their future. By helping them meet new challenges and open up to positive changes we continue to thrive. As ever, thank you for your ongoing support in competitions and events, providing your invaluable input to ensure things run smoothly.

Mark Taylor  
ADC(Scouts)



# DISTRICT EXPLORERS REVIEW



EXPLORERS

With no District Explorer Scout Commissioner (DESC) this year a lot of the programme and weekly running of sections fell on the Explorer Scout Leaders, some Group Scout Leaders and a number of “others” and to them all I am extremely grateful. I hope to be in a position before the summer to appoint a DESC and he/she will be able to bring some continuity, guidance and support to the Explorer section.

In April, the St George’s Day service was – for the first time – run by Explorers and the members of the 80<sup>th</sup> Fife unit did a fantastic job and one that they all should be proud of. This has set the standard and it is hoped that other Explorer units will take up the challenge in future years, with the 14<sup>th</sup> Fife unit organising the 2017 event.

Many Explorers completed some of their Young Leader training, nine completing Module A in May allowing them to be Young Leaders at Section meetings – very encouraging indeed as these will be the leaders and District Team of the future! Another four completed all their modules at the Jock Neish centre in April, providing them with a great start towards any future leadership role and hopefully to their Young Leader Belt award.

In March this year, 18 Explorers camped at Wemyss with a view to planning and completing a Bronze or Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition. The leaders at the camp were impressed with their Scouting skills and it is hoped that expeditions can be planned for over the summer months.



2016 was a Blair Atholl year and I was delighted that we managed to select and train twelve youngsters. East Region decided that along with Glenrothes & Leven District, we form a “cluster” to work together in our selection and training. This was a great experience for our Explorers and they all got on so well that we sent “mixed” patrols to Blair Atholl – at their request!

Everyone had a great time meeting others from across the world, doing new activities and soaking up the Scottish sun both at the Jamborette and during the Home Hospitality.

I hope that we can attract more youngsters to apply for Blair Atholl 2018 as this is a fantastic opportunity for them all to experience – the difference between them going away and coming home can be unbelievable!

Richard Cook  
District Commissioner





# DISTRICT CAMPSITE WEMYSS FIRS



It has been non-stop again this year! The campsite has been well used throughout the year and Groups are coming from far and wide to experience a camp at Wemyss Firs. Kirkcaldy District continue to be the main users of the site but some Group's within the District haven't used the site at all... where have you been 6<sup>th</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup> & 35<sup>th</sup> Fife?

We've seen a number of training events and competitions take place this year including the Jubilee Trophy, Blair Atholl training camp and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

We also managed to host the largest number of Scouts the site has ever seen. Eighty Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from Carnoustie enjoyed a Group weekend camp at the site in March.

As I said in last years report, we sadly lost a long-standing supporter of Wemyss Firs last January. David Beveridge had supported the campsite for many years through the masons. We have installed picnic tables in his memory which have created a new outdoor eating area at the site.

Last summer we closed the site for a week to allow for a programme of improvement works, including new land drainage, extending the site by clearing out some overgrown areas, installing new safety fencing along the drainage ditches and improving the access road to the site. The project was funded by the John Scott Trust and carried out by a local contractor and has made a massive difference to the site.



We also completed some energy efficiency improvements; replacing all lighting with LED's, replacing the inefficient heaters with lower energy options and installing motion sensors on some lights. This is helping to reduce our energy consumption and ensures we are able to continue

offering affordable camping fees into the future. We are also in talks with Elgin Energy, who are proposing to install a new solar PV farm on Wemyss Estate, about how we can incorporate renewable energy at Wemyss Firs.

We were awarded funding from the Wemyss Charitable fund and received a donation from the Masons which allowed us to replace the ageing cooker with a shiny new commercial range cooker. Our sincere thanks go to them for their support.



Presentation of cheque from the Masons

Over the last year, we've been listening to feedback and doing what we can to make sure the site has all the facilities you could possibly want! We know from this that most Groups just want to run traditional Scouting activities at Wemyss Firs so we're focusing on making equipment and activities such as pioneering poles, altar fires, orienteering and challenge courses available. We continue to send out the survey link after every booking to ensure the site remains relevant to what the users want.

It's always great to see the different programmes that Groups come up with and photos from their camp – it makes the role of the committee all worthwhile when you see the Scouts benefiting from all the work that goes on in the background. In what will be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the campsite we look forward to another busy and successful year.

My thanks as always go out to the dedicated team on the Campsite Committee who work tirelessly to make it all happen!

Alan Evans  
Campsite Warden

# APPOINTMENTS & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REVIEW

New warrant applications continue to be submitted, which is very encouraging, and 31 applications have been processed over the past year, with the vast majority successfully completing their warrant interview and progressing onto their specific role in Scouting.

One of the initiatives introduced in the past year was the introduction of an Induction Pack – specifically tailored for leaders in Kirkcaldy District. This is issued to the respective GSL to discuss with their new leader prior to the warrant interview and has resulted in all the new leaders being better prepared for the interview and fully appreciative of what is expected of them in their role.

More than 40 Appointment Reviews have been carried out over the past year. Line managers carry out the reviews and submit the forms for the Appointments Committee to consider. New leaders, on appointment, are given an initial three year review period to coincide with the requirement to complete all adult training within the three years of the appointment. This has proved to be very successful and although many leaders have not quite completed their training by the time of the review the discipline and support from the Appointments Committee has resulted in many leaders making that “final effort” to complete their Adult Training.

The membership of the Committee aims to represent all sections, leadership responsibilities, ages and genders. In addition to myself and Marie Gaffney, Appointments Secretary, the current members – who have all indicated that they will continue are: Nicola Campbell, Derek Dunsire, Kevin Ireland, Ken McIlroy, David Mitchell, Lorraine Reilly, Mark Taylor, Jim Watson, and Heather Wishart. My grateful thanks to them all for their time and input to both the warrant interviews and warrant reviews, without which none of this work could be done. The Committee would also like to thank Ken Gilbert for his significant contribution over the past six years who is stepping down from this role at the District AGM.

Andy Leggate  
District Appointments & Advisory Committee  
Chairman

# ADULT TRAINING REVIEW



The training of all our adult volunteers continues to be a top priority for the District. It is essential that all adults complete the training to give them the skills and confidence to deliver quality programmes for our youngsters.

#### Training Validation:

In previous years, Training Drop In sessions have been run on various nights, in various venues and across the District. During this year, following a number of unsuccessful nights these were stopped and the offer of Group specific training sessions were introduced with the first being held in Burntisland and was very successful with a number of leaders getting a number of modules validated. The offer still exists for any Group Scout Leader to host such an evening.

The number of Training Advisors in the District is gradually reducing and it would be great if some of the Leaders who already have their Wood Badge would come forward and become a Training Advisor, even if it is to just help the new leaders within their own Group.

As Compass develops more functionality over the coming years, it will be essential for all adult appointments to complete the required training within the timescales required by the Scout Association; five months for Modules 1 & 3 and three years for the completion of a Wood Badge.

The Training Team can help Groups Scout Leaders and Leaders achieve this but every leader should be prepared to make this commitment and the Group Scout Leaders should be there to support and guide their leaders through the training programme.

#### Courses:

As well as a number of Getting Started (Modules 1 & 3) courses, a few First Aid courses have been held over the year and I would like to thank Helen Mack 115<sup>th</sup> Fife for becoming a trainer of First Aid and assisting me and running courses on her own. She has a wealth of knowledge from her profession and can deliver training in an informative and relaxed way – even the District Commissioner managed to get this full First aid renewed in October!

In addition to this, and in conjunction with Rosyth District, in November, two Safeguarding Courses were offered to leaders within the District and they were delivered by Heather Whyte, the Regional Safeguarding Trainer.

#### Wood Badge:

During the year, only one Wood badge was presented and that was to Ross Docherty Scout Leader at the 80<sup>th</sup> Fife. Not only was this achieved within 30 months of starting his adult role, Ross is the youngest recipient of a Wood Badge, at 20 years 4 months. I wonder if we can get a younger leader through their training in 2017-18?

Ken McIlroy  
ADC Adult Training



# DISTRICT TREASURERS REPORT



At year end, 31st March 2017, the District has a healthy £32,960 across the various funds.

**GENERAL FUND:** Surplus £847, closing balance £9,118

Net Membership fees received were £1,538, this includes rebates for 2016 and 2017 but it is a little up from last year excluding rebates. Everybody paid on time which is much appreciated as it makes the whole task much easier. St George's Day collection of £291 along with £963 collected from the Coastal Challenge was donated to Maggies.

Bank interest of £119 was received. Costs for meetings and training were £206 (a £45 grant was received against part of this for first aid training after the year end) plus £50 was transferred to Campsite fund for use for meetings and Jubilee Trophy. Annual Motion Picture Licence was £216. Mileage to Region meetings was £119, mileage for Blair Atholl was £95. Postage, stationery and printing totalled £180.

**CAMPSITE ACCOUNT:** Deficit £4,510, closing balance £16,176

We were fortunate to receive a further donation from the Wemyss Charitable Fund of £1,000 and £650 from the Masons in memory of one of their members who was a great supporter of the campsite, £291 of which was used for memorial picnic benches. We also received £110 in memory of Frank Hood. £1,264 was used to purchase a new cooker. Drainage works and improvements to the track were undertaken with donations from last year which cost £5,119. After a healthy financial year last year we were able to reduce the annual levy paid by our groups to 50p from £1 per member, so income from this was less than last year at £310. Booking fees, however, were significantly up on last year from £1,280 to £1,960. Our electricity costs were down by over £100 at £405 having secured a better tariff and changed our bulbs to LEDs which cost £206. Pioneer poles for campers use were £161, other routine supplies, maintenance and rent and insurance costs were £1,262.

**BADGE ACCOUNT** Surplus £15, closing balance £368

**BOATING SECTION:** Surplus £101, closing balance £1,302. This year the only activity was £101 received for District canoe sessions.

**DISTRICT EXPLORERS:** No Activity, closing balance £868

**DISTRICT WIDE ACTIVITIES:** Deficit £347, closing balance £622. There was a deficit of £270 on the swimming gala.

**INTERNATIONAL FUND:** No activity, closing balance £309

**WORLD JAMBOREE FUND:** No activity, closing balance £0

**BLAIR ATHOLL JAMBORETTE FUND:** Surplus £1,673, closing balance £259. The final surplus for the 2016 Jamborette was £132 which is left on the fund along with previous surplus towards future Jamborettes.

**YOUNG LEADER TRAINING FUND:** Surplus £14, closing balance £570. £14 was received for modules, no expenditure.

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS FUND:** Deficit £29, Closing Balance -£99. £426 was collected for registrations and paid to HQ. A camp collected £200 but cost £229 in total.

**MELVILLE FUND:** Surplus £13, Closing Balance £3,467 Interest allocated to the fund was £13, no awards were made during this financial year.

Jo Graham  
District Treasurer

# RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

## FOR YEAR END 31/03/2017

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2017 £	Total Funds 2016 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
<b>Voluntary Income</b>					
Capitation Fees	4	1,538	-	1,538	918
Campsite Levy		310	-	310	595
Memberships / Subscriptions	5	-	-	-	-
Donations / Gifts	6	112	2,904	3,015	20,278
Sales - Badges / Uniforms	7	3,711	-	3,711	3,956
Grants	8	-	-	-	300
Campsite Booking Fees (including gas hire)		1,995	-	1,995	1,280
Jamboree - Region returned for participants		-	-	-	622
For Jamborette			2,966	2,966	1,576
<b>District Activities</b>					
Boating	9	101		101	81
Explorers	10	640		640	229
Scouts	11	170		170	150
Cubs	12	3,910		3,910	4,130
Beavers	13	3,010		3,010	2,943
Swimming Gala		236		236	200
<b>Fund Raising</b>					
Bag Packs & Jamboree Fundraising		-	-	-	-
<b>Investment Income</b>					
Bank Interest	14	119	13	132	88
<b>Total receipts (before transfers)</b>		<b>15,851</b>	<b>5,883</b>	<b>21,734</b>	<b>37,344</b>
<b>Inter fund Transfers</b>					
Campsite - District use		80	-	80	507
<b>Total Receipts (after transfers)</b>		<b>15,931</b>	<b>5,883</b>	<b>21,814</b>	<b>37,852</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
<b>District Activities</b>					
Campsite	15		8,414	8,414	3,686
Badge Account	16	3,525	-	3,525	4,047
Boating	17	-	-	-	-
Explorers	18	625		625	282
Scouts	19	122		122	509
Cubs	20	4,088	300	4,388	3,903
Beavers	21	2,659	-	2,659	2,568
Jamboree - Payments to Region				-	-
Jamboree - Returned to Participants				-	497
Jamborette			1,292	1,292	3,182
Swimming Gala		505		505	381
District Explorer Neckers				-	657
<b>Donations / Gifts</b>	22	52	1,254	1,306	586
<b>Management &amp; Admin Costs</b>					
Meetings (inc Refreshments)	23	420		420	241
Website				-	-
Bank Fees		10		10	-
Postages / Stationery		180		180	103
Motion Picture License		216		216	210
Insurance	24	-	294	294	291
<b>Total Payments (before transfers)</b>		<b>12,402</b>	<b>11,554</b>	<b>23,956</b>	<b>21,142</b>
<b>Inter fund Transfers</b>		80		80	507
<b>Total Payments (after transfers)</b>		<b>12,482</b>	<b>11,554</b>	<b>24,036</b>	<b>21,649</b>
<b>Surplus / Deficit For The Year</b>		<b>3,449</b>	<b>- 5,672</b>	<b>- 2,222</b>	<b>16,203</b>



**Kirkcaldy District Scout Council**

Scottish Charity Number SC003204

[www.kirkcaldydistrictscouts.org.uk](http://www.kirkcaldydistrictscouts.org.uk)  
[www.facebook.com/kirkcaldydistrictscouts](https://www.facebook.com/kirkcaldydistrictscouts)  
[www.twitter.com/kirkcaldyscouts](https://www.twitter.com/kirkcaldyscouts)