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Annual Review 2022-23



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Annual Report and Financial Statements

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Introduction by our District Commissioner

I am delighted to present our Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023.

We have had an excellent year, thanks to the incredible volunteers who devote countless hours every week of the year to ensure our young people have the best experiences.

Our report details some of the amazing things that take place across our District covering Burntisland, Kinghorn, Cardenden, Lochgelly, Dysart and Kirkcaldy. It showcases the achievement of our young people and our adult volunteers, and tells a story of Scouting, to around 700 young people every week of the year, whether that be in Kinghorn or Korea, Dysart or Denmark, Burntisland or Blair Atholl or Cardenden to future adventures in Canada.

Please enjoy the read and learn more about the great things that take place in our District.

Thank you once again to all our volunteers for everything they do across the District and if you are reading this and think you'd like to learn more, please get in touch.

Best wishes



Derek Dunsire
District Commissioner
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Achievements



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Chief Scout's Bronze Award

01/04/2022	Euan	Potter	86th Fife	02/11/2022	Fraser	Cuthbertson	80th Fife
04/05/2022	Fraser	Mackie	80th Fife	02/11/2022	Thomas	Bell	80th Fife
23/06/2022	Duncan	Shand	4th Fife	02/11/2022	Joseph	Buchan	80th Fife
23/06/2022	Emily	McNeil	4th Fife	02/11/2022	Hannah	Morrice	80th Fife
23/06/2022	Isabel	McNeil	4th Fife	02/11/2022	Roland	Leeuwenberg	80th Fife
23/06/2022	Cali	Brady	4th Fife	21/11/2022	Eva Rose	Walker	11th Fife
23/06/2022	Ruby	Quinn	4th Fife	21/11/2022	Sam	Wylie	11th Fife
23/06/2022	Mya	McCallum	4th Fife	21/11/2022	Oliver	Robertson	11th Fife
23/06/2022	Euan	Falconer	4th Fife	21/11/2022	Lilyanna	Peden	11th Fife
23/06/2022	Aubree	Kinnaird	4th Fife	21/11/2022	Finlay	Gray	11th Fife
23/06/2022	Leah	Farmer	4th Fife	22/11/2022	Harris	Jenks	35th Fife
23/06/2022	Lewis	Fyfe	115th Fife	24/11/2022	Queenie Brownlie	Foy	11th Fife
23/06/2022	Callum	Parter	115th Fife	24/11/2022	Isobel	Wolfe	11th Fife
23/06/2022	Lochlan	Bartholomew	115th Fife	24/11/2022	Bella Rose	Carr	11th Fife
27/06/2022	Jozef	Becman	11th Fife	24/11/2022	Elianna	Bell	11th Fife
27/06/2022	Amalie	Jones	11th Fife	24/11/2022	Oscar James	Hayes	11th Fife
27/06/2022	Lily	Philip	11th Fife	24/11/2022	Reuben	Warrender	14th Fife
27/06/2022	Amber	Dudley	11th Fife	24/11/2022	Jake	Abbasy	14th Fife
27/06/2022	Ethan	Gallagher	11th Fife	24/11/2022	Daniel	Lawson	14th Fife
27/06/2022	Dora	Cass-Maran	11th Fife	27/11/2022	Georgia	Gray	115th Fife
30/06/2022	Rory	Campbell	11th Fife	27/11/2022	Dylan	Graham	115th Fife
30/06/2022	Isla	Forisky	11th Fife	27/11/2022	Blair	Young	115th Fife
30/06/2022	Oliver	Brannigan	11th Fife	27/11/2022	Rory	Matheson	115th Fife
30/06/2022	Angus	Findlay	11th Fife	27/11/2022	Katie-Leigh	Hood	115th Fife
19/08/2022	Joey	Laing	86th Fife	01/12/2022	Jacob	Liddell	115th Fife
19/08/2022	Sam	Hogg	86th Fife	01/12/2022	Harrison	Kirk	115th Fife
19/08/2022	Kooper	Justice	86th Fife	18/01/2023	Hamish	McDowall	80th Fife
18/09/2022	Olly	Mackay	115th Fife	20/01/2023	Lucy	Mills	86th Fife
18/09/2022	Georgia	Gray	115th Fife	20/01/2023	Roman	Fraser	86th Fife
29/09/2022	Daniel	Preece	14th Fife	08/02/2023	Ella	Mulackova	14th Fife
29/09/2022	Euan	Mackie	14th Fife	08/02/2023	Freya	Corbett	14th Fife
29/09/2022	Ewan	Gaunt	14th Fife	08/02/2023	Matthew	Drummond	14th Fife
29/09/2022	Brody	Buchan	14th Fife	08/02/2023	Cameron	Torrie	14th Fife
29/09/2022	Aaron	Harley	14th Fife	08/02/2023	Lucas	Greer	14th Fife
				14/03/2023	Byron	Davies	115th Fife

Achievements



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Chief Scout's Silver Award

01/04/2022	Ruaridh	Potter	86th Fife	05/10/2022	Katie	Sutherland	80th Fife
01/04/2022	Cooper	McAndrew	86th Fife	05/10/2022	Iona	Morrice	80th Fife
13/06/2022	Beatrix	Twaddle	11th Fife	26/10/2022	Milo	Andrews	6th Fife
13/06/2022	Anthony	Knox	11th Fife	26/10/2022	John	Gray	115th Fife
13/06/2022	Aster	Lee Anderson	11th Fife	22/11/2022	James	Urquhart	35th Fife
13/06/2022	Callum	McLean	11th Fife	22/11/2022	Cameron	Murray	35th Fife
16/06/2022	Betsy	Yuill	11th Fife	22/11/2022	Keir	Ramsey	35th Fife
16/06/2022	Amy	Johnston	11th Fife	22/11/2022	Samuel	Dick	35th Fife
16/06/2022	Arran	Haig	11th Fife	22/11/2022	Rasmus	Suikeli	35th Fife
21/06/2022	Hannah	Gove	14th Fife	22/11/2022	Max	Graham	35th Fife
21/06/2022	Jackson	Reekie	14th Fife	22/11/2022	Lex	Mitchell-Wemyss	35th Fife
21/06/2022	Cole	Abbasy	14th Fife	27/11/2022	Mel	Renwick	115th Fife
21/06/2022	Jackson	Munschner	14th Fife	27/11/2022	Spencer	Green	115th Fife
21/06/2022	Bryce	Patrick	14th Fife	10/01/2023	Lois	Crawford	11th Fife
22/06/2022	Daniel	Ramez	115th Fife	10/01/2023	Cassie	Laidlaw	11th Fife
22/06/2022	Max	Cruickshank	115th Fife	12/01/2023	Dylan	Campbell	11th Fife
22/06/2022	John	Gray	115th Fife	12/01/2023	Aidan	Paxton	11th Fife
22/06/2022	Erin	McPherson	115th Fife	12/01/2023	Max	Lee Anderson	11th Fife
22/06/2022	Scott	Smith	115th Fife	12/01/2023	Annabel	Cameron	11th Fife
22/06/2022	Caleb	Robertson	80th Fife	12/01/2023	Anna	Lilly	11th Fife
22/06/2022	Scott	Glancy	80th Fife	12/01/2023	Elanor	Robertson	11th Fife
22/06/2022	Adam	Whitton	80th Fife	12/01/2023	Amelia	Gray	11th Fife
22/06/2022	Fraser	McDowall	80th Fife	12/01/2023	Becky	Roy	11th Fife
23/06/2022	Alistair	Mann	14th Fife	12/01/2023	Aria	Craigie-Sharland	11th Fife
23/06/2022	Lilian	Blair	14th Fife	12/01/2023	Dylan	Campbell	11th Fife
23/06/2022	Sadie	Paton	14th Fife	20/01/2023	Cadhla	Heggie	86th Fife
23/06/2022	Alexander	Truscott	4th Fife	20/01/2023	Lucy	Rowbotham	86th Fife
23/06/2022	Aaron	Keatings	4th Fife	20/01/2023	Kayden	Morgan	86th Fife
29/06/2022	Lachlan	Hearns	6th Fife	20/01/2023	Fraser	McGuire	86th Fife
19/08/2022	Rory	Hogg	86th Fife	20/01/2023	Glen	Allen	86th Fife
19/08/2022	Noah	Carter	86th Fife	20/01/2023	Finlay	Saunderson	86th Fife
4/10/2022	Skye	Cotrell	14th Fife	07/02/2023	Ollie	Brady	14th Fife
05/10/2022	Charolotte	Paddison	80th Fife	07/02/2023	Noah	Grieve	14th Fife
05/10/2022	Annabel	Cuthbertson	80th Fife				

Achievements



22/04/2022	Keri	MacNicol	11th Fife
22/04/2022	Alfie	Drummond	11th Fife
22/04/2022	Ruairidh	Milne	11th Fife
22/04/2022	Josh	Holmes	11th Fife
22/04/2022	Evie-Rose	Meade	11th Fife
22/04/2022	Maya	Scott	11th Fife
22/04/2022	Elizabeth	Robertson	11th Fife
22/04/2022	Olivia	Cook	11th Fife
22/04/2022	Lucy	Backler	11th Fife
22/04/2022	Adam	Maclean	14th Fife
22/04/2022	Kyle	Thomson	14th Fife
22/04/2022	Thomas	Patrick	14th Fife
22/04/2022	Zuzanna	Szpuniar	115th Fife
21/11/2022	Ciaran	Burns	35th Fife

14 Chief Scout's Gold Award



04/06/2022	Rosie	Price	11th Fife
04/06/2022	Fraser	Adams	11th Fife
29/06/2022	Niamh	Hay	6th Fife
29/06/2022	Caitlin	Hay	6th Fife
29/06/2022	Cameron	Ives	6th Fife
29/06/2022	Archie	Campbell	6th Fife
17/12/2022	Finlay	Knight	11th Fife
17/12/2022	Erin	Spence	11th Fife
17/12/2022	Isla	MacNicol	11th Fife
16/03/2023	Jasmin	Stalker	11th Fife
16/03/2023	Rosie	Nield	11th Fife
16/03/2023	Alice	Mair	11th Fife

12 Chief Scout's Platinum Award



17/12/2022	Ruth	Carson	11th Fife
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1 Chief Scout's Diamond Award

Achievements

07/08/2022	Finlay	Knight	11th Fife
29/08/2022	Isla	MacNicol	11th Fife
02/10/2022	Erin	Spence	11th Fife
02/12/2022	Alice	Mair	11th Fife
15/12/2022	Rosie	Nield	11th Fife
15/12/2022	Jasmin	Stalker	11th Fife
15/12/2022	Jennifer	Grist	11th Fife
24/03/2023	Owen	Edmondson	11th Fife



8 Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award

20/04/2022	Rhuari	Greig	86th Fife
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1 Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award



14/05/2022	Sam	Marra	ACSL	80th Fife
01/07/2022	Lorraine	Reilly	ADC (Section)	District
13/09/2022	Emma	Donovan	ASL	11th Fife
31/10/2022	Josh	Bostock	ASL	35th Fife
31/10/2022	Colin	McDowall	ACSL	80th Fife
16/11/2022	Derek	Dunsire	DC	District
23/11/2022	Joana	Barron	ABSL	11th Fife
09/12/2022	Morgan	Stewart	ASL	33rd Fife
03/01/2023	Sean	Pearce	SL	33rd Fife
13/01/2023	James	Nelson	ASL	35th Fife
26/01/2023	Connor	Maclean	ESL	14th Fife

11 Wood Badges

Achievements



26/10/2022 Archie Campbell 6th Fife

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Commissioner's Commendation



01/02/2023	Michelle Paton	11th Fife
01/02/2023	Craig Paton	11th Fife
01/02/2023	David Laing	11th Fife
01/02/2023	Simone Thomson	11th Fife
01/02/2023	Conner Miller-McCaffery	District
01/02/2023	Ian McIntyre	115th Fife
01/02/2023	Stuart Brown	80th Fife
01/02/2023	Ross Docherty	80th Fife
01/02/2023	Jill Brown	80th Fife
01/02/2023	Rob Sutherland	80th Fife
01/02/2023	Linda Sutherland	80th Fife

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Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Achievements

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01/08/2022 Mary Fox Fox 5th Fife
01/02/2023 Josephine Graham District

The Award for Merit

01/02/2023 Andy Hoy District
01/02/2023 George Taylor District



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The Silver Wolf



Membership

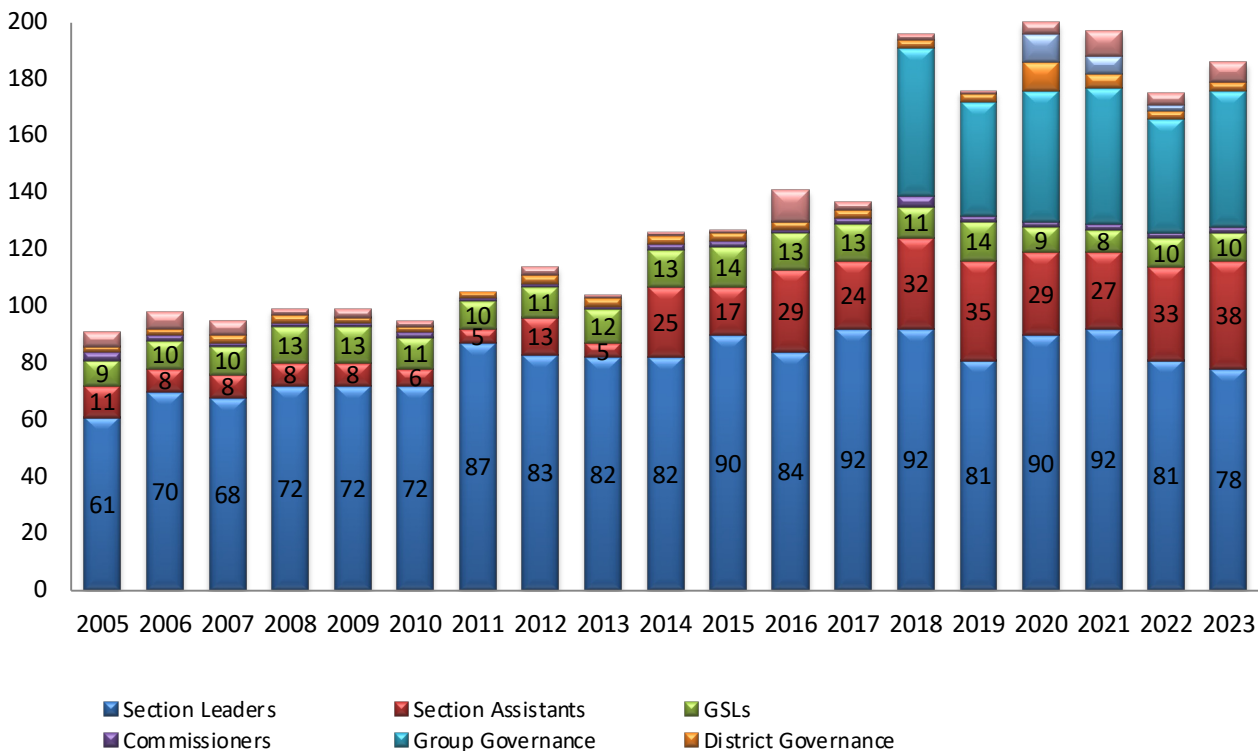
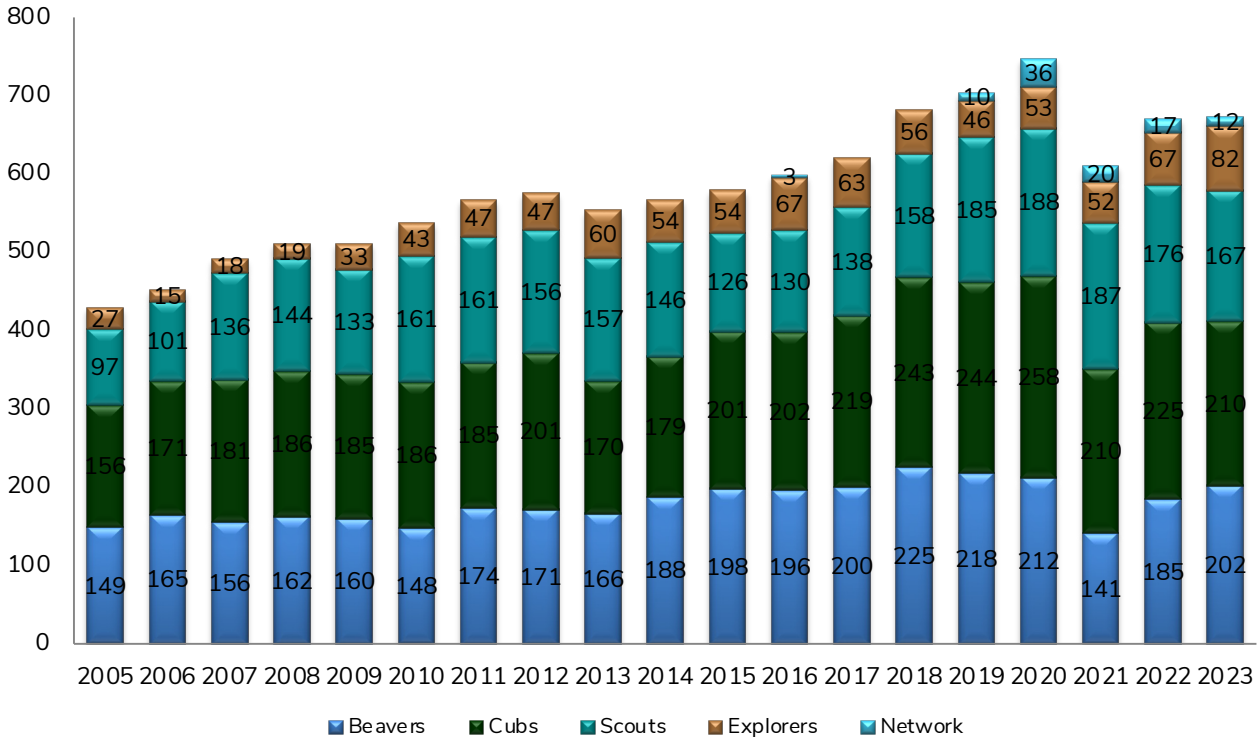
As at 31 January 2023

202
BEAVERS

210
CUBS

167
SCOUTS

82
EXPLORERS



* Increase in Support Roles from 2017 is attributed to the inclusion of Trustee Board members in census data

Trustees

The District Trustee Board, as the Charity's Trustees, has pleasure in presenting their Annual Report including the Financial Statement and the Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 March 2023.

CONSTITUTION & OBJECTS

The Council is constituted in terms of the Rules of The Scout Association (including the Scottish Variations), which is a charitable body incorporated by Royal Charter, a recognised Scottish Charity. The Kirkcaldy District Scout Council has its own Constitution in compliance with the Rules of the Association.

The District Scout Council is a registered Scottish Charity - No. SC003204.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

The District Trustee Board are the Charity's Trustees. The District Commissioner and the District Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, District Explorer Scout Commissioner and District Scout Network Commissioner are ex-officio members of the Executive Committee. The Chairman is appointed, and the Secretary and Treasurer elected at the Annual General Meeting of the District Scout Council. Other members of the Trustee Board are approved on nomination by the District Commissioner or elected, all at the Annual General Meeting.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The purpose of Scouting is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make positive contribution to society. The Kirkcaldy District Scout Council is organised to provide support to the eleven Groups in Scouts Kirkcaldy for administration, leader training, communications, international co-ordination and an Assessment capability to support the adventurous activities of the Movement. It does this in line with the Values of Scouting which are that as Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity – we act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal

Respect – we have self-respect and respect for others

Care – we support others and take care of the world in which we live

Belief – we explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes

Cooperation – we make positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

Approved by the District Trustee Board on 30 May 2023 and signed on its behalf.

George Graham
District Chair

Integrity
Respect
Care
Belief
Cooperation



Trustee Board 2022-23

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name Kirkcaldy District Scout Council
Charity Registration Number SC 003204
Principal Address 84 Ava Street, Kirkcaldy, Fife, KY1 1PN

The trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Ex Officio:

Chair	George Graham
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Josephine Graham
District Commissioner	Derek Dunsire
District Explorer Scout Commissioner	Conner Miller-McCaffery
District Network Scout Commissioner	Vacant

Elected:

Alan Evans	Campsite Warden
Amy Springhall	ASL, 80th Fife
George Taylor	DAAC Chair
Ian McIntyre	Group Chair, 115 th Fife
Jane McGuire	GSL, 86 th Fife

Nominated:

Ross Dalgetty

Honorary roles:

President	John Jenks
Vice President	George Strang

Independent Examiner Linda Balfour

Bankers Charities Aid Foundation

Website www.scoutskirkcaldy.org.uk

The following individuals were appointed by District Trustee Board to the two sub-committees:

Appointments Committee

George Taylor (Chair), Marie Gaffney (Secretary), Andy Leggate, Lorraine Reilly, Heather Wishart, Andy Hoy, Emma Donovan, Nicole Smith, Gavin Hugh

Campsite Committee

Alan Evans (Warden), Mark Gaffney, Ross Hugh, Gavin Hugh



District Team 2023-24

District Commissioner

Derek Dunsire

Chair
Secretary
Treasurer

George Graham
Vacant
Josephine Graham

ADC (Beavers)
ADC (Cubs)
ADC (Scouts)
District Explorer Scout Commissioner
(covering 14-24 provision)

Lorraine Reilly
Gemma Thompson
Vacant
Conner Miller-McCaffery

ADC (Youth Involvement)
District Youth Commissioner

Vacant
Vacant

ADC (Adult Training)
District Training Advisers

Andy Hoy
Andy Leggate, David Laing, David Mitchell, Derek
Dunsire, Fiona West, Lorraine Reilly, Marie Gaffney,
Mary Fox, Michelle Paton, Shirley Kent

District Appointments Chair
District Appointments Secretary
District Appointments Advisory
Committee Members

George Taylor
Marie Gaffney
Andy Leggate, Lorraine Reilly, Heather Wishart,
Andy Hoy, Emma Donovan, Nicole Smith,
Gavin Hugh

Campsite Warden
Deputy Campsite Warden (Bookings)
Campsite Committee

Alan Evans
Alison Moffat
Gavin Hugh

Note. New changes are being implemented to the Adult Training journey and the Appointments Process and the current Training Advisers and Appointments Advisory Committee will remain in place until these changes are launched.



District Chair

It is a pleasure to present this year's annual report which yet again demonstrates the high quality of Scouting that is provided every week to our young people around the District.

This year's census taken in January 2023 saw a modest increase in the numbers of young people and we are now back to pre-pandemic numbers. The number of Group Trustees remain stable but unfortunately several groups continue to struggle to recruit key posts with appropriate skills to either ensure they have a Trustee Board or are missing key appointments. This is as important as attracting uniformed leaders as Trustees provide essential support to leaders, bring essential expertise to ensure good governance and adherence of the Scout Association rules and legislation.

Over the last year the District Trustee Board has continued to provide support to all eleven Groups and act as the Group Trustee Board for two of them due to lack of volunteers. This is a concern and will be the focus of the District to resolve within the coming year.

As part of my role, I have attended many Group and Region Board meetings and events which provides the opportunity to learn of any local issues, share good practice and news. It is important that as a District we maintain this dialogue and where required we support Groups struggling to maintain the required governance standards.

The work to replace the 4th Fife Scout hall which burnt down continues, delays caused by a variety of issues out with the Group's control are hopefully now resolved and building works should be started soon and we hope they will be completed before the new Scout year is out.

Meanwhile at the 24th Fife, thanks to a generous donation and the help of Board members and many others including the Community Pay Back Team we hope the hall will reopen for the 2023/24 Scouting year. This is a significant achievement and will provide a welcome and much needed base for Scouting and the community of Templehall.

To keep up with the changes in the modern world the Scout Association is starting a programme of

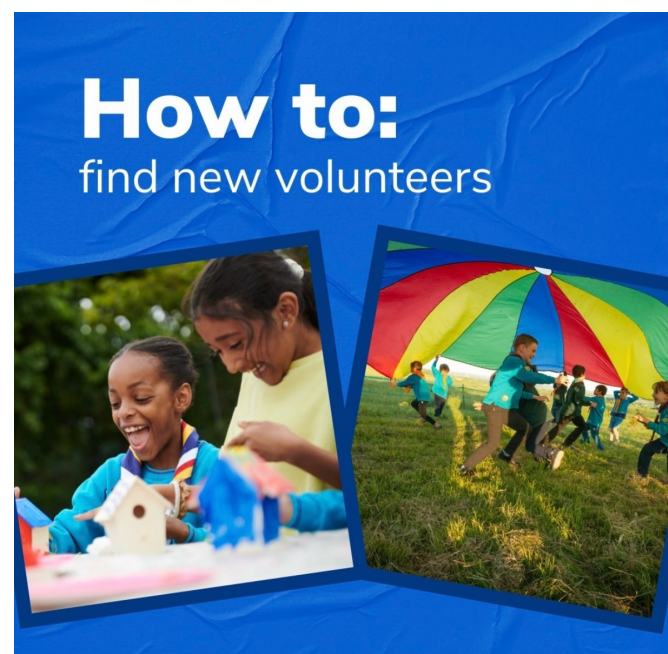
Transformation to modernise the organisation to improve the volunteer experience and make it more attractive. There will be changes to how the uniformed volunteers are organised to provide greater resilience within Groups and Districts. The main change with regard governance is that Executive members are now referred to as Trustees and the Executive Committee is now a Group or District Board which is reflected within this report. This change is to strengthen the role Trustees have in ensuring good governance and discharging their legal responsibilities. The District is here to support the Groups in the transformation journey.

I am indebted to those who give up their time and provide so willingly their expertise not just to attend the District Boards and subgroups, but all the work that happens behind the scenes to ensure we continue to provide an excellent experience for the young people of Kirkcaldy, thank you.

I am also grateful for George Strang continuing as a Hon Vice President and John Jenks, Honorary President for their continued support and promoting Scouting within the District.

The annual report clearly evidences the great and diverse opportunities that have been provided to the young people of the District and for me the seeing them enjoying all the activities and events they do is very rewarding.

George Graham, District Chair



District Commissioner

With two years under my belt as District Commissioner, it's great to be able to report that all 11 Groups across the District continue to offer great scouting every week to our young people. Some Groups are not without challenges, but the District Team continue to do their jobs to support, continue to provide practical opportunities for our adult volunteers, whether that be advice on governance matters, building relationships with elected representatives, direct or indirect training opportunities, District events and camps or practical support such as planning a camp where the adult can gain their camping permit to continue to deliver these experiences themselves. Groups and adult volunteers also need to do their part by ensuring their training is up to date, take advantage of District events and share the great things they are doing so we can allow others to learn from these successes and promote our excellent Scouting to a wider audience.

2022 was a year of celebration and sadness where many Groups held events to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and wore their badges with pride. A few months later, our Patron sadly passed away and many reflected on her lifetime of service. I joined the Chief Commissioner, Regional Commissioner and many other Scouters to pay our respects at the cortege passed close by Fordell Firs in September. Ruth Carson of 11th Fife was selected to represent Scouting and provide support at the funeral in London, a great honour and Connor Maclean of 14th Fife was a reserve for the event.

A few months later saw the Coronation of our new King Charles III and a new badge to wear on our uniforms with pride. Having just completed the final Queen's Scout award in April, Ruth was again selected to represent Scouting at the Coronation event and People's Procession in Edinburgh.



Nights Away experiences were very busy in the 2022-2023 session with eight of our 11 Groups and our District Explorers offering these experiences to our young people but it's pleasing to see that the other three Groups are planning on nights away offering in the 2023-2024 session. In total, our young people and adult volunteers spent over 2,250 nights over the year.

The annual Census in January highlighted an overall 1% increase on the previous January 2022 census – 673 vs 670. This takes the District almost back to pre-covid 2020 levels – we are currently at 97% of our pre-covid census figure. There are some very positive results across District including a 22% increase in Explorer numbers from 67 to 82 and we are looking to build on this. There were 4 drops, which was disappointing but there were clear reasons for some of these with positive activity underway to address. Our adult numbers have increased slightly to 186 from 175 but we are looking to drive up recruitment and hopefully this will support a greater youth increase in 2023-2024.

We managed to hold our St George's Day event face-to-face for the first time since 2019, this time hosted by our District Explorers. It was fantastic to see so many of our young people and adult volunteers attend and be presented with top awards. We had seven local councillors attend and received several emails and social media posts congratulating everyone for such a great event!

I've been lucky to visit every Group over the course of the year and took part in lots of fantastic activities. That has included section nights, visiting at camp – sometimes I've been invited to stay over and had a great time around the campfire. There have been celebration events such as St Andrew's Day Service at Torbain Church hosted by 115th Fife or a very moving memorial service at Seafield Beach to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Seafield Disaster hosted by 80th Fife. I've hiked to Kinghorn with Beavers, helped Explorers with their Blair Atholl preparations (that included chips and Irn Bru at the end!). I've helped take out toilets from a Scout Hall, paint ceilings and walls and crawled through attic spaces. I've driven a minibus on a map reading treasure hunt with Scouts (again ending with chips and Irn Bru – a bit of a theme going on). Groups are offering great programmes and it's brilliant to be invited to take part!

District Commissioner

International scouting has continued apace in the District during the year with a patrol attending Blair Atholl, 38 Explorers and eight leaders attending Spejdernes Lejr in Denmark and training camps continuing for the seven young people and three adult volunteers across District to the 25 World Scout Jamboree in summer 2023. We are heading into another Blair Atholl cycle with our selection event for our two patrols taking place 15-17 September, jointly with Dunfermline District. The next District Explorer event will take our young people to Canada in summer 2025. A leader selection event was held in May 2023 and the young people selection will take place over the weekend of 22-24 September. There have been 37 applications from young people joining five Explorers who will attend as Network/IST as part of the leadership team. A testament to the great scouting on offer across the District and the confidence of our young people to push themselves.

The 25 World Scout Jamboree took place this summer in Korea, and I was fortunate to be offered a place with the International Service Team, supporting 56 units on SubCamp 1, Olympia. I did eventually manage to catch up with our District participants after the 'night of three ceilidhs'. UKC offered a ceilidh as an activity that UK Units could sign up for, but it was massively oversubscribed, resulting in the Scottish Units running 3 ceilidhs, back-to-back to cope with the demand!



The District Team have continued their support both our adult volunteers and our young people. This has been through better focus on adult

compliance, improved training offering, including an additional three first aid trainers, as well as the usual sections competitions and programme support.

I say this every year, but our adult volunteers are the glue that holds everything together and many have earned awards for length of service as well as Good Service, including two very well-deserved Silver Wolf awards to Andy Hoy and George Taylor. More details are listed in the Adult Awards on pages 6 to 8. A massive well done to everyone and thank you for everything you do to keep our young people coming back!

As a District, we continue to grow. Over the coming 12 months, as we embed the new Transformation strategy, I'll be working with our District Team and the District Board to develop the new model and we will be calling on those that have indicated a willingness to help. Don't worry if you haven't yet offered, I'll be back in touch to follow up on some of our gaps and get some more volunteers! Two of our Groups are keen to start Squirrels and we will support them to get the conditions right first before opening this important new section. Not all Groups are close to be able to offering Squirrels so we are working to open a District Drey that will potentially feed all the Groups.

So, there is still plenty to do, but fundamental to all of this, is the need to maintain the standards and fun that Scouting has to offer. As I keep saying, this is not my District, it's OUR District and we ALL have an active part to play in the life of the District. Please consider how you can support us in the future to ensure our young people continue to enjoy a wide range of experiences to develop and challenge them as they grow.

It continues to be a privilege and a pleasure to lead the Scouting family across Kirkcaldy District and to everyone who has supported over the past 12 months – leaders past and present, section assistants, parents, our District Executive, Region colleagues, sincere heartfelt thanks from me!

Derek Dunsire, District Commissioner

Around the District

4th Fife (Cardenden)

It's been another fantastic year for 4th Fife. Great progress has been made towards our new hall when Fife Council approved the planning application so groundworks should start in late 2023, very exciting! This has only been possible due to the phenomenal effort from our Trustee Board, our local community and the support from the District.

The Group held a very successful Harry Potter camp in April 2022 and had a great time with the visit of owls and other birds of prey. Cubs visited Cardenden Community Fridge in May and had a very interesting night learning about the needs of others and food wastage. Cubs all brought along some ambient foods as a donation. What a great evening!

Beavers have had a busy June visiting Ravenscraig Beach to forage for items for sea pictures. They also were gathering and sorting wood to practice their fire lighting skills. Cubs had a great summer camp at Crook of Devon in July, having fun and making lots of memories.

In September, Beavers had a great time with Froglife at Lumphinnans Pond, learning about amphibious species that live in Scotland. They tried pond dipping, found lots of different bugs, snails, water boatman, beetles, shrimp & much more.

They have also visited places of worship as part of their world badge such as Auchterderran Kirk and the Mosque in Kirkcaldy. This has helped them connect with the local community and be exposed to different cultures and customs.

Beavers also spent time at the Community Fridge and dropped off a big donation collected by all sections of the Group. The sections really understand their place in the community and as global citizens.

Scout section built up their skills with lots of pioneering, knots and map reading, all put to good use at the various camps and especially at the Summer Camp with their German Scout visitors in July. They also had great fun practicing their archery skills at Fordell Firs.

Beavers enjoyed an interesting event was when

Aubree, one of the Beavers, brought along a book that she wrote and had published with the help of her Grandfather. Aubree read her story Island Adventure to the Beavers and showed them her drawings. The children were in awe at what a great story it was.

The Group also had some sad news during the year with the passing of Shirley Mutch, former ABSL and Jim McGuinness, a long-term supporter and former Scouter of over 40 years. We will really miss them.

Finally, the 4th Fife is getting close to its 100-year anniversary and looking forward to a special trip to celebrate this momentous occasion and of course, the progress of their new hall!

5th Fife (Dunnikier Road)

In August 2022, we had a group of Scouts and Explorers helping hand out water at the Kirkcaldy half marathon.

We had a great time at Explorer camp, making the most that Wemyss has to offer. Despite the rain we still enjoyed a campfire all be it under the protection of some well-placed tarpaulins.

In October, Explorers undertook some campsite maintenance at Ettrick, home of their annual summer camp, looking after the hut and bridge and our seating areas around the campfire.

The whole Group had a fab day out at Landmark - always a good day, and great value too. The group pay for the bus - £600 and 45 Members and Family travelled for about £15/head entry fee.

Year-end badge presentations is always celebrated in style with a lot of burgers and in July we headed off for a fantastic summer camp.

Our Beetle drive has also become a staple in the calendar - we fill the hall on a Sunday afternoon with parents and kids at 15 tables. A table costs £10 and after adding the raffle, and teas and coffees, we raised £400.

Asda community champion Jean Ritchie visited us to present a £740.00 cheque and we used the money for much-needed canoeing equipment.

Around the District

6th Fife (Kinghorn)

We've had a very busy year along at Kinghorn. Lots of memories made and badges earned. Our sections have been out and about in the community supporting the RNLI, local library, Blackrock race and children's gala. You can often see the young people on the beach or at the loch participating in various activities – we are very lucky with our green spaces.

A few good camping opportunities were had by all ages this year with a spectacular group camp sporting a Jubilee theme, Chief Scout expeditions to St. Andrews, Cubs attending the Howling for the very first time and our Explorers off to Denmark and Blair Athol in the summer. Our 2 Jamboree representatives have spent many weekends training and getting to know their Jamboree unit. We can't wait to hear of their adventures to Korea after the summer break.

We have enjoyed more time together as a group this year coming together for a family sausage sizzle in June – I lost count of the number of sausages we sizzled, and we were joined by lots of parents and siblings for a big wide game and campfire sing-along.

In November, we again pulled together as a group to put on a community soup lunch event for Remembrance Day, serving over 70 bowls of soup. Our Cubs and Scouts have been enjoying some District run activities. A group of talented footballers won the 5 a-side football competition in November and the Cubs enjoyed the silent disco and touch rugby session.

While we don't have many Explorers at Kinghorn, they have been lucky enough to join up with 14th for a shared program. Taking week about in Kirkcaldy and Kinghorn. Between gutting fish and eating pancake stacks they have been kept busy.

We are looking forward to another busy year with camps planned for May and August. We will be again marshalling the Blackrock race and supporting the Children's Gala, I wonder what we will be dressing up as this time?

11th Fife (Burntisland)

During the year, the Group has continued to deliver the Scout Programme for the benefit of the young people in the local area.

This year has been about getting back to camping frequently and offering nights away for all sections, getting out and about around town and helping in the community. The whole group took part in Burntisland Civic week with a Pied Piper of Hamelin theme, we all had a session with Froglife to learn about how to make habitats for frogs and took part in the Burntisland Remembrance Day Parade. We have had lots of Chief Scout, Young Leader Belt and Duke of Edinburgh Awards presented.

Beavers had a music-based sleepover learning about different instruments, a Halloween party turning themselves into skeletons, a cooking sleepover trying and making different foods, visits from the Guide Dogs, made sandcastles at the Beach, explored and made dens at the woods around town, learned about first aid and completed lots of activity badges.

Cubs completed the Outdoor challenge over a camp at Wemyss, made dens up the woods, had a sausage sizzle, learned some knots to make a pioneering project, visited the Burntisland community garden and did some baking.

Scouts had a two-centre summer camp with some time at the Scottish Glider Centre learning about the gliders and then some time at Nineacres for scouting fun and games, made Diwali lamps, had a bake-off challenge, took part in an Archery Competition between the Wednesday and Thursday scouts and had a phot scavenger hunt around town.

Explorers took part in various activities from Monopoly runs around Dunfermline, duck themed taskmaster competition, a summer camp at Lapwing lodge that included a trip to Ayr and some snow fun at Snow Factor, a trip to the stock cars, cooking and baking, taking part in Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions and competed their Survival Skills badge at Bonaly and had an 80s themed camp at Wemyss.

Around the District

14th Fife (Dunnikier Estate)

We've had another busy year of scouting at the 14th Fife. Our new leaders have settled into their roles with ease and are a great addition to our leadership team. We also welcomed Andy to our Scout leadership team. His skills have been of great benefit to our young people. We have also welcomed Julia as our new Thursday Beaver leader, having moved into the area. Her experience of Beavers in her previous area is invaluable.

Beavers have had a fantastic time with lots of activities both inside and outside the Scout Hall. They've been cycling at Fife cycle park, toasting marshmallows at the beach and building dens and litter picking in the woods. They've also been to visit the Fire Station and had the police up at the hall telling them about their job. They've had some sleepovers in the hall and visited our scouts at camp.

Cubs have had a busy time with their programme with lots of exciting activities such as archery, skating, shelter building, fire lighting and drawing maps of Beveridge Park. They've also been to visit the Fire Station and Fife Airport as well as having 2 of the Fife Flyers up at the hall to tell them about their fitness regime. They attended the Howling camp last September and are looking forward to District camp later this month. They have also done their bit for others by hosting a Macmillan coffee evening and putting up dog poo bag holders around our estate.

The Scouts have been very active too this year. They've had a chippie hike to Burntisland, a Cinema trip to see Dungeons and Dragons and canoeing at Lochore Meadows. In June they took part in an activity camp with Archery, Bushcraft and stand-up paddle boarding. They are really looking forward to the 2 skills camps at Wemyss in the coming weeks. Some of our older Scouts are participating in selection camps, working towards gaining a spot on the Canada trip in 2025.

Almost 800 activity and challenge badges have been presented throughout the year including 22 Chief Scout's Bronze and 4 Chief Scout's Silver

24th Fife (Templehall)

Scouting resumed after an absence of over 2 years with the re-opening of a Beaver colony in May 2022. Having been left untouched since March 2020, the Scout Hall was in a state of disrepair so additional

premises were located at Templehall Church until necessary improvements could be made to the Scout Hall.

Beaver numbers have been between 12 and 15 since and word is spreading so the Waiting List has a few names ready to start soon.

Christian and Carole have worked very hard on an interesting programme and have also managed to hold two fundraising events – a sponsored walk in June 2022 and a Christmas Fayre in November 2022, raising around £800 for group funds.

The parents have been very supportive too, with two parents looking to take on roles as Section Assistants.

The District Board had taken over the governance of the Group in March 2021, putting plans in place to support a review of the facilities. Thanks to a successful grant application, work commenced at the Scout Hall in 2022 with improvements to electrics and plumbing. George Taylor from the District Trustee Board managed the various trades, including some fantastic support from Fife Council Community Payback Team, led by Gary Meldrum. Once these works were complete, the hall handed over to the Group to allow completion activity supported by the parents with the Beavers and their parents gaining a sneak preview in June 2023.

33rd Fife (Lochgelly)

Beavers and Cubs have been doing lots of activities including healthy eating, using nature to make art, decorating biscuits, scavenger hunts. Working on our personal challenge badge and communication. Lots of outdoor adventures including an Easter egg hunt in the fairy woods at Lochore Meadows and a bowling trip to Glenrothes.

Cubs were also working on their cooking skills, making homemade pizza and pancakes as well as making puppets then performing puppet shows.

The Group have experienced some challenge with their move to Lochore Meadows, particularly in the winter months and the District Trustee Board have been supporting them as they look to identify alternative premises and a new Group Executive.

Around the District

35th Fife (Dysart)

A busy year at the 35th with all sections taking part in a variety of activities. Wemyss Firs proved very popular for some meeting nights although the weather wasn't so kind, from the always popular S'mores to backwoods cooking and pizza making, all proving popular. Shelter building and blindfold trails maybe not so much in the rain.

Out and about at Ravenscraig Park was also very popular with a scavenger hunt to launching our rockets with the Beavers. Although sometimes it seemed more enjoyable when the rockets didn't take off and everybody got wet. We continued our outside activities with visits to Fordell Firs for archery and the climbing wall where a few of the Scouts overcame their fears thanks to a very good instructor and a walk along the coastal path with the Cubs and built Canadian inuksuk's. Scouts did a visit to Dundee with a trip to an Escape Room where one team managed to escape the Black Pearl.

Varied programme ideas continued in the hall with the Scouts doing photography the action shots being the highlight, Cubs doing their local knowledge including a walk around Dysart Cemetery and finding the gravestones of fallen soldiers from Dysart, Beavers enjoyed doing experiments and watching the volcano erupt and the capsules exploding.

We were delighted that we have Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards this year. A lot of hard work by our young people and our adult volunteers providing exciting and varied programmes throughout the year. Thank you to them.

One of the Groups highlights and most successful to date was our 45th sponsored Beach Clean. Not so many parts of conveyor belts from the Francis Pit, more plastics these days. Who says looking after your local environment is new? Scouting has been doing it for years.

80th Fife (Linktown)

Throughout the year the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers have enjoyed a varied programme delivered by the dedicated leadership team. In May we held a fundraising jumble and bake sale to raise funds for the group, raising almost £900. The Group supported the community by organising a series of litter picks in the local area, whilst also sneaking in some badge work, learning about local history, navigation & naturalism.

June was our annual group camp at Wemyss Firs, where we tried our newly purchased tents for the first time. Blackout Tents + Beavers = a long(ish) lie in. It was a fantastic weekend with Explorers leading pioneering and problem-solving workshops, a traditional campfire and some lasting memories. Due to the prior two years of lockdown, this was many young people's first opportunity to camp. The group enjoyed a visit from a pop-up planetarium, learning about our universe and supporting badge work. We finished the term off with a hike and scavenger hunt through Ravenscraig Park, down to Dysart Beach for some more campfire songs and marshmallow toasting.

Over summer, a group of our Explorers enjoyed a visit to the Spejernes Lejr Jamboree in Denmark, with another Explorerpart of the District patrol at the Blair Atholl Jamboree.

After summer break, the sections focused on badge work with the young people providing input into programme choices and direction. Personal challenges, Backwoods cooking, pioneering, road safety, communicator and science badges were all planned. The Cubs built a wormery and managed to maintain them for 6 weeks before releasing their pets back into the garden.

In October we enjoyed a Halloween celebration, learnt about local history and the witches of Fife. November saw learning about Remembrance Day and attending the service in the church with Explorers led the reading and playing an active part. We also enjoyed a winter group camp at Fordell Firs, taking part in activities such as caving, archery and the new zip line. Evenings saw some crafts, wide games in the dark and work on astronomy badges. The Beavers were welcomed to the Kinghorn Lifeboat station to learn about the important work that the RNLI do and to learn about water safety. December saw everyone in the festive spirit, visiting the Panto at the Rothes Halls, followed by Christmas parties for all sections.

The New Year saw Burns Night celebrations, science, rope and knot work for badges and in March we celebrated the end of term with a fantastic evening at the adventure golf in Dunfermline. With leaders taking it rather seriously it is anticipated that it will become an annual sectional Ryder Cup.

As always, my thanks go out to all the leader team and the Group's supporters.

Around the District

86th Fife (Abbotshall)

This year has been another great year for the 86th Fife.

Some highlights from this year are undoubtedly the camps we have managed to arrange. Our Explorers organised their own camp in February which was a great success. They camped at Wemyss for the full weekend without leader supervision. We popped up to the campsite a few times to see how they were doing, but they clearly didn't need us and had it all under control!

Our second camp was in in May for the Scouts and any Explorers who could join us as this was in the middle of exams. The Scouts did a great job of keeping their fires going and cooking their own meals. The Beavers and Cubs joined us on the Friday night for some Soft Archery and a campfire as well.

Five of our Explorers went to the Denmark Jamboree in July last year and all 5 have talked about nothing else since!

We have welcomed a new leader for our Explorer Scouts. Andrew has joined the team and it's a pleasure to have him on board and an extra pair of hands.

115th Fife (Chapel)

Another great year for the 115th – our volunteers working tirelessly to rebuild the Group after Covid.

Whether it was getting out and about at Fordell reinforcing our “learning by doing”, or continuing with Badges at Home, which, we think, continues our scouting ethos once our young people return home – we've worked hard to re-instil the best of Scouting for our young people

We built on our Community pillar through events such as fundraising at Morrisons, Raith Rovers as well as a successful Coffee morning and family Casino night. Visits to Ostler's Way Care home and Kirkcaldy Foodbank reinforced the part we all play in a fair, decent and compassionate society

We topped off the year recognising our volunteers through Long Service awards and our young people through Chief Scouts awards – with a Special Mention to Cub Olly McKay who raised over £1,100 for the 115th walking the West Highland Way

All in all, a year to be proud of!

District Team

BEAVERS

It has been great to see Groups offering Nights Away experiences for our youngsters again. These sleepovers and camps are not only great fun but allow Beavers to experience (often for the first time), what it's like to stay away from home and develops their independence and confidence.

The chance to see young people blossom and try different activities is very worthwhile and enables the leadership team to form strong working relationships and learn new skills from each other.

I've been out and about presenting Chief Scout Awards again this year and it's fantastic to see 69 earned by our Beavers. It is always an honour to present this award and see the sense of pride in Beavers, their families and the Leadership Team.

During the summer term, it was great to present these awards outdoors as Beavers took part in adventurous activities and I look forward to presenting more Chief Scouts this year.

Lorraine Reilly, ADC (Beavers)

cubs

A quiet year for District Cubs this year with poor response to some activities but an overwhelmingly positive response to the return of the District Christmas party – Wow, you guys know how to dance and sing! The big hall at Templehall Community Centre was bouncing and full of red, blue, and green lights. So many smiley faces red faces at the end. We loved going round the room chatting to all the Cubs "THIS IS THE BEST PARTY I'VE EVER BEEN TO!"

In September 6th Fife and 14th Fife Cubs represented the District at the Howling camp at Fordell Firs. The Cubs had a very busy few days and loved all the activities on offer. It was a great opportunity to meet with other Cubs from across Scotland.

67 Chief Scout's Silver awards were presented this year, eight more than the previous year. This shows the commitment and dedication of both Cubs and adult volunteers, well done on all your achievements.

I want to thank all the Cub leaders, sectional assistants and young leaders that help to run section meetings for Cubs across the District. I really enjoy coming in to visit and see what you guys are getting up to. Every time I visit, I come away with a new game or a new activity to try.

We're really looking forward to the District Cub camp in September and celebrating 100 years of Disney.

Gemma Thompson, ADC (Cubs)

SCOUTS

Scout sections have kept Scouting and our Leaders have continued to deliver exciting programmes.

The District 5-a-side competition was held in November 2022 with the 6th Fife ending as worthy winners.

Two Scout Section Skills weekends have been arranged for 9-10 September and 16-17 September

with the Jubilee Trophy taking place on the second weekend. David Torrance, Scout Leader at 5th Fife has taken the lead in running this and is working with all Groups to get a good response.

We've also awarded 14 Chief Scout Gold Awards this year which is amazing, well done!

David Laing, ADC (Scouts)

District Team

EXPLORERS

What a year it has been! Explorer Scout numbers remain strong, with over 80 Explorer Scouts in the district. This is a testament to the fantastic programmes being ran at a group level, supported by our amazing volunteers, and to the district events being organised, where possible.

2022 was a fantastic year for Explorer Scouts, after months of training and planning, during the summer of 2022, 38 Explorer Scouts and 8 adults participated in the first District wide International Event in Denmark. The first 3 days were spent in Helsingør and Copenhagen, exploring all the city had to offer. From a full day of independent exploration, our Explorer Scouts seen some fantastic sights, like The Little Mermaid statue, Ripley's Believe It or Not! Museum and some even dipped their toes in to the water.

From there, all 46 were whisked off to Hedeland Naturpark to participate in Spejdernes Lejr 2022 (the Danish National Jamboree), where they joined 32,000 other Scouts, Guides and volunteers for a weeklong camp, packed with engaging and exciting

activities. Visits to local Cathedrals (where the Danish Royal family are laid to rest), building drones, and trading, nothing was off the table at this Jamboree.

Aside from this amazing adventure, the District has never been in a stronger position for Explorer Scouts, and on behalf of the District a massive thank you to every volunteer and Explorer Scout who has gotten us to this position, but we aren't finished yet.

As we look toward the future, we want to do more for Explorer Scouts, we must do more for them, to give them the best experience and opportunities possible during their Explorer Scouting. However, this can't be done by District alone, to run district wide camps and events, we need volunteers to lead and help in running these events, so if you think this is you and you want to give the best possible experiences to all Explorer Scouts in the district, then please reach out (explorers@scoutskirkcaldy.org.uk).

Conner Miller-McCaffery, DESC



District Team

Adult Training

The training compliance reports have gradually reduced with each passing month, with thanks to the GSLs and TAs involved in tackling the outstanding training modules and mandatory elements of the movement training program. There is still an input needed from GSL's and our TAs to ensure we get the mandatory training to near if not zero and the getting started modules completed a bit quicker also.

In the past 12 months, we have managed to award 11 new wood badges to leaders, well done to all involved.

With the forthcoming changes to the scouting structure, we need a big push before the end of 2023 to ensure all new leaders have completed Getting Started and those working toward Wood Badge are as complete as possible.

We still have leaders that are to complete their training before the end of 2023, but with the work

and effort of the District team of TAs and GSLs, we should be on course to accomplish this.

First Response has been a bit of a challenge and with several adults overdue, we need to up our game. This year, we have 3 leaders who have now completed their first aid trainer courses so we will be able to arrange more first aid courses, thanks to Kerry Laing, David Laing and Michelle Paton for their time and new skills.

I would like to pass on my thanks and gratitude to the District TAs and GSLs for their assistance and efforts in the past few months and hope they can keep up the great work they are doing.

Andy Hoy
ADC (Adult Training)

Appointments Committee

This last year, as the year before, our leader conversations and reviews have been completed on Zoom. This seems to be the preferred way, both by adult volunteers and committee. All leaders who have been asked agree that it was a better way than having to travel and could be done at a convenient time to suit them as well.

Over the last year we welcomed 22 new adult volunteers.

The Committee also reviewed 18 leaders over this period, but we have had to carry forward several reviews for leaders where the forms haven't been completed in time.

Once again, this year the enthusiasm from leaders joining Scouting was very encouraging and the Committee were very pleased at the standard of leaders taking up roles and overall, I am pleased with progress on all fronts.

I would like to thank the members who have given up more of their time over this period and a special thanks to Marie for all her work on record keeping and contacting leaders in advance of meeting them.

George Taylor
DAAC Chair



Wemyss Firs

It's been another busy year at Wemyss Firs. As well as being a District resource, we've hosted Groups from across Scotland and beyond, some choosing us as their main summer camp destination this year. Collectively the 28 Groups who camped accumulated up an impressive 2,500 nights away over 2022/23.



Our maintenance programme continues at the site however we scaled back investment work over the last year to enable us to keep the cost of camping as low as possible for our visitors. We've seen increases of as much as 60% in energy costs so earlier this year, due to increasing costs of everything, we were reluctantly required to pass on some of those increases through our booking fees. It's comforting to know that despite this, our statistics show that the average price per person

per night is only £1.28, with some District participants camping for as little as 86p per night. It's really important for us to offer an affordable experience that's accessible to all.

We were fortunate to receive funding from Nature Scotland and the Woodland Trust again this year. We planted another 100 trees at Wemyss Firs which is part of a longer-term woodland management plan.

We had one large expenditure last year as the shipping container that houses the maintenance equipment for the campsite needed replaced, costing £4,500.



Looking forward, we have some plans for improvements, taking some ideas from the Danish National Jamboree last year, we intend installing a new wood-chopping area and improvements to the campfire area.

My thanks go to the Campsite Committee for their continued efforts over the last year.

Alan Evans
Wemyss Firs Warden

25 World Scout Jamboree

7 of our Explorer Scouts and 3 leaders from across the district had the fantastic opportunity to travel to South Korea and spent almost 3 weeks immersing themselves into all Korea had to offer and attend the 25th World Scout Jamboree.



Whilst this happened in the Summer of 2023, we would be remiss not to include it in the 2022/2023 Annual Report. The first five days were spent in Seoul and were packed with thrilling activities. The 36 Young People and 4 Unit Leaders, from across East Region, spent their time thrill seeking at Lotte World, Seoul's largest indoor theme park and outdoor amusement park, learning about the Korean War at the War Museum on the 70th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice Agreement and exploring the streets and local delicacies of Seoul, to name a few. There was so much to do and experience, that we couldn't fit it all in here.

On 31st July, the unit were meant to leave Seoul and travel to the Jamboree site, but due to our subcamp not being quite ready for our arrival, we were delayed by another day. Not to worry, the unit leaders and participants quickly jumped into action and planned an impromptu bonus day in Seoul, where they visited North Seoul Tower and got to see Seoul from a completely different perspective (1,500 feet above sea level).

On 1st August, after much anticipation, the unit were off to the Jamboree site, and after a 4-hour bus journey down to Saemangeum, they arrive and were assisted by some very useful IST to pitch their camp.

The opening ceremony was a sight to behold, after all the necessary duties, including one of our unit members being the official flag bearer for the UK, the opening concert was off, and we were treated to some fantastic K-Pop music.

We woke up early, some earlier than others, on the 2nd to a full day of activities and this would be the case for the jamboree. We would wake up, have breakfast and then off to an activity hub, where there would be a whole host of activities, from mazes to water slides, to more creative activities like badge making.

However, our Jamboree experience would be short lived, on the evening of 4th August, the news broke that the UK Contingent would be exiting the Jamboree early and over the next 48 hours the entire UK contingent would be returning to Seoul for the remainder of our time in Korea. After many tears were shed (mostly by the leaders), hugs exchanged, and pep talks given. We decided to make the most of our time left on Jamboree and back in Seoul.

We had resigned ourselves to being one of the last units to leave the jamboree, as our subcamp was in an excellent position and our young people were having a blast! On the morning of the 5th August, we were informed we would be leaving at 9.30am that day and unfortunately our time onsite would be shorter than expected. The leaders and young people banded together, packed, tidied, cleaned and vacated our site, in a time that would impress any scout leader back home.

And with that we were off, another 4-hour bus journey back to Seoul, but don't think we spent the time in silence, oh no! We spent the entire 4-hour journey singing Karaoke, playing pass the microphone and when we ran out of things to do, we even started making train impressions.



25 World Scout Jamboree

Then Seoul 2.0 was a go! We arrived back in to Seoul and were extremely lucky to be set up in the Novotel at Dragon City, not a jamboree site, but most definitely not a bad compromise! The remainder of our time in Korea was just as busy as previously, but maybe a little different than expected.

We enjoyed some football by the local team Seoul-Eland FC, an enjoyable and informative Q&A session with Dwayne Fields, Polar Explorer and Scout UK Ambassador. The unit lived their best 'under the sea' lives at the COEX Aquarium, located inside the Starfield Mall, home to one of the largest libraries in Korea at a whopping 9,000 feet squared!



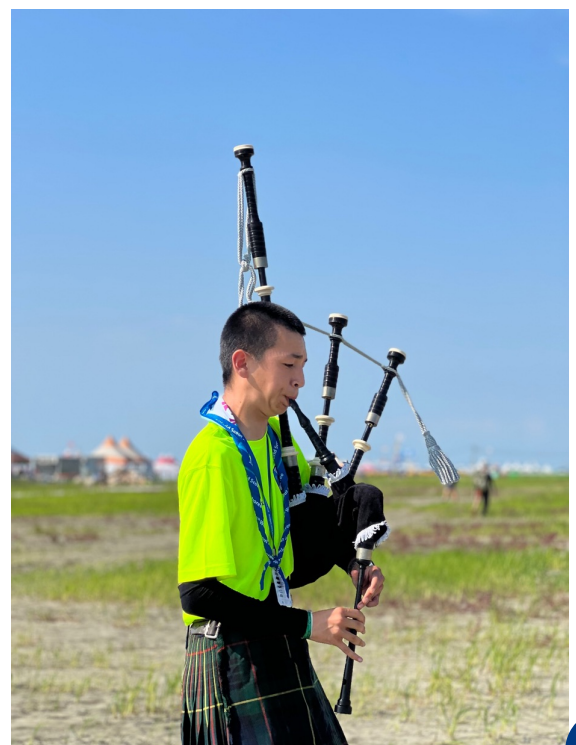
No Jamboree would be complete without a little Ceilidh, and we weren't disappointed. We danced, sang and jumped the night away, showcasing our Ceilidh skills to the entire UK Contingent, even Liz Walker, the UK Contingent Lead was up showing her skills.

Our time in Korea quickly came to an end, too quickly for some, and others were eager to see their families and pets once more. So, on 13th August, after 20 days in Korea, the East Region World Scout Jamboree touched back down in Edinburgh and were reunited with loved ones, drawing to a close, what was truly the most unique jamboree experience.

As Deputy Unit Leader, I got to see first-hand the journeys and growth of each unit member, and it is completely accurate that everyone comes back changed from who they were before they left, some a little, some a whole lot more. So, to those parents who trusted us with your most precious young people, a massive thank you for allowing us to be part of their journey. To our young people, our unit members, our new jamboree family, I can't wait to see where each of you head off to in life, know that we unit leaders are rooting for each and every one of you! And to future potential applicants, be it young people or leaders, of any international activities, go for it, it will be the best experience of your life!

Thank you, from the proudest (and most tired) Deputy Unit Leader.

Conner Miller-McCaffery, DESC



Treasurer

Things have been much busier this year with an overall deficit largely due to funds collected last year but paid out this year.

At year end, 31st March 2023, the District has a healthy £48,834 across the various funds.

GENERAL FUND: Deficit £571, closing balance £10,366.

As meetings have remained on Zoom, we again had no mileage costs. We continue to pay for the Motion Picture Licence on behalf of groups, this cost £311. As interest rates have increased, we've earned a bit more bank interest and our bank fees have been reduced.

Membership fees collected were £762, £891 remains outstanding, of which we've already paid the £825 due to Region.

CAMPSITE ACCOUNT: Deficit £4,790, closing balance £16,685

Bookings are healthy and we received £2,680 in booking fees, we have recently increased booking fees to reflect increased running costs.

Electricity and gas costs have increased, particularly electricity as a deal came to an end and we expect annual costs to be around 60% higher, this year we paid £789 for gas and electricity and insurance cost £460.

Ongoing repairs, maintenance and upgrading of site plus supplies for cleaning etc cost £1,747.

A replacement shipping container for storage cost £4,450.

We are very fortunate that our rent remains at £60.

BADGE ACCOUNT: Surplus £844, closing balance £1,614

We are reducing the number of badges held as stock, so Badge bank account retains more funds.

BOATING SECTION: No activity, closing balance £4,282

£327 is of unknown origin and so assumed to be restricted funds, only to be used for boating.

DISTRICT EXPLORERS: Deficit £6,151, closing balance £1,103

Most activity relates to the Denmark trip for which £8,000 was collected last year but not spent until this year.

£331 from membership fees was allocated to Explorers.

DISTRICT WIDE ACTIVITIES: Surplus £427, closing balance £1,879

INTERNATIONAL FUND: No activity, closing balance £9

WORLD JAMBOREE FUND: Surplus £3,790, closing balance £3,790

£24,962 was collected in for the Jamboree, £21,172 was paid out leaving £3,790 held on behalf of participants.

BLAIR ATHOLL JAMBORETTE FUND: Surplus £1,941, closing balance £116

Region was paid last year while participants payments were collected this financial year.

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

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS FUND: Surplus £27, Closing Balance £-72

MELVILLE FUND: Surplus £16, Closing Balance £3,492

Interest allocated to the fund was £16, no awards were made over the year.

The District welcomes applications to the Melville Fund to provide financial support to those in the District who may not otherwise be able to attend a scouting event for lack of money.

Thanks to everyone who supports me by submitting everything on time, it's a big help.

Josephine Graham
District Treasurer



Independent Examiner

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the East Scotland Regional Scout Council.

Registered Charity No. SC002208

I report on the Accounts of the Charity for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 as set out on page 22 of this report and in the full version provided by the District Board.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations").

The Charity's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation (10)(1)(d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section (44)(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with the Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations, and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations have not been met, or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Linda Balfour
23 May 2023



Accounts

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 31st March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income				
Capitation Fees	762	-	762	1,633
Capitation Fees to District Wide Fund	331	-	331	-
Memberships / Subscriptions	-	-	-	-
Donations / Gifts	-	-	252	252
Sales - Badges / Uniforms	3,146	-	3,146	2,460
Grants	-	250	250	9,000
Campsite Booking Fees	2,680	-	2,680	2,495
Sale of Equipment (campsite) For Jamborette	- 2,345	-	- 2,345	1,000 -
District Activities				
Boating	-	-	-	450
Explorers	15,847	-	15,847	16,485
Scouts	100	-	100	-
Cubs	565	-	565	40
Beavers	-	-	-	-
Fund Raising				
Bag Packs & Jamboree Fundraising	-	-	-	620
Denmark Fundraising	2,550	-	2,550	-
Easy Fundraising	23	-	23	-
Investment Income				
Bank Interest	259	16	275	122
			-	-
Total receipts (before transfers)	28,607	266	28,872	34,556
Inter fund Transfers				
District camps	213	-	213	-
Virtual St George's Day	795	-	795	-
Total Receipts (after transfers)	29,614	266	29,880	34,556
PAYMENTS				
District Activities				
Campsite	968	6,447	7,415	9,055
Badge Account	2,313	-	2,313	1,742
Boating	-	-	-	-
Explorers	24,599	-	24,599	9,978
Scouts	64	-	64	54
Cubs	874	-	874	146
Beavers	10	-	10	-
Jamborette	167	16	183	2,100
International support	56	-	56	-
St George's Day Virtual Camp	165	-	165	1,194
Cost of Fundraising				
Denmark fundraising costs	210	-	210	-
Donations / Gifts	172	-	172	84
Management & Admin Costs				
Meetings (inc Refreshments)	10	-	10	298
Website Fees	57	-	57	44
Bank Fees inc OSM and card reader	72	-	72	140
Postages / Stationery / Printing	159	-	159	88
Motion Picture Licence	311	-	311	282
Insurance	460	-	460	409
Scoutwear for District team	-	-	-	580
Total Payments (before transfers)	30,667	6,463	37,130	26,195
Inter fund Transfers	1,008	-	1,008	-
Total Payments (after transfers)	31,675	6,463	38,137	26,195
Surplus / Deficit For The Year	-2,061	-6,197	-8,257	8,362



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