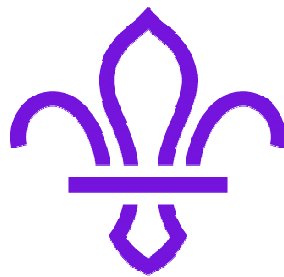


Pontefract and Castleford

District Scout Council

Charity No 524785



Scouts

**Pontefract & Castleford
District**

Annual General Meeting

Annual Report and Accounts 2021

District Website: www.pcdscouts.org.uk

PONTEFRACT AND CASTLEFORD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Pontefract & Castleford District Scout Council held on 28th September 2020 via ZOOM - 7:30pm

20 members were present.

1) Apologies

T Peacock, Mrs. D Davenport & 1st Pontefract Leaders

Stuart Locker welcomed Carol Milburn, the new County Commissioner.

2) DC's Nomination for Chairman

The DC thanked Stuart Locker for his work as Chairman. He proposed Bill Holmes as Chairman. This was approved. The new Chairman took over chairing the meeting.

3) Minutes of the 2019 AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 23rd September 2019 were approved. Tony Parkinson proposed, and Andy Weissenborn seconded that the minutes were accepted. They were unanimously approved.

4) Presentation and Approval of Accounts.

Tony Parkinson mentioned various items including how the Co-op money would be spent. He said the budget for next year was being prepared so he needed to be advised as soon as possible of any event that needed District financial support. He also mentioned the ring-fenced monies.

Brenda Graham proposed and Julie Martin seconded that the accounts were accepted. They were unanimously approved.

5) Election of Officers

The following were elected after being nominated and seconded

Secretary Mrs. B Graham

Treasurer Mr. T Parkinson

Executive Committee members (2) A Weissenborn and 1 vacancy

6) Auditor

Tony Parkinson proposed, and Brenda Graham seconded that Dave Milner is appointed as auditor. This was approved.

7) Badge Secretary

Andy Weissenborn agreed to carry on in a caretaker roll since no nomination had been received.

8) DC's Nomination's to the Exec Committee

Julie Martin was approved.

9) Nominations to County Scout Council

Andy Weissenborn and Chris Hand volunteered to represent the District. They were approved.

10) Policy Documents for Approval

The Honorariums and Reserves Policies were approved.

11) DC's Report.

This is included in the Annual Report. Tim Johnson expanded on it. There is a lot of work being done by the Management Team, Exec and Leaders. A Scout camp had been held and some Beaver activities were organised. Lots of awards achieved during the year. However the year ended on a very peculiar note with a complete shutdown due to Covid19. A lot of people have put in a lot of time to keep Scouting alive during these strange times.

He thanked Barry Weissenborn for the 10 years he has acted a Badge Secretary.

Leaders have done a lot of training. Wood Badges and Long Service awards have not been presented because of Covid19.

He ended by thanking everyone for his or her help.

12) County Commissioner

She thanked everyone for the opportunities they give to young people. Adaption to virtual Scouting has been very good. As face-to-face meetings start everyone has to feel safe. She congratulated those who had done training. A lot is now being done on line.

She ended by thanking everyone again.

13) Reflection

This was done by Julie Martin based on the Best of Times and the Worst of Times.

The meeting closed with the new Chairman thanking the County Commissioner for attending and those who had organised tonight's meeting.

14) Date & Time of the Next AGM

The next AGM will take place on **Monday 20th September 2021, at 7-30pm**

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Charity No 524785

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Prepared, by the charity's Trustees, in accordance with
section 45(1) of the 1993 Act and the
'Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The Council is registered with the Charity Commissioners as a
Registered Charity, with reference number 524785.

Trustees: **Ex Officio**

B Holmes
T Parkinson
B Graham
T Johnson
T Carder
C Hand

Elected by the Council

T Peacock A Weissenborn

Nominated by the District Commissioner

J Martin

Address: c/o The District Secretary
10 Saddlers Grove
Badsworth
Pontefract
West Yorkshire
WF9 1PE

Bankers: Barclays Bank plc

**Independent
Examiner:** Mr David Milner

The Trustees of the Pontefract and Castleford District Scout Council have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's 'Public Benefit' guidance (PB1) when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

District Sub-Committees

To facilitate the fulfilling of its obligations, the District Executive Committee has established the following sub-committee with membership as shown below:

Finance Sub-Committee: T Parkinson - Chair
B Holmes
T Johnson
A Weissenborn

Explorers Sub-Committee: C Hand DESC - Chair
A Weissenborn
T Carder
T Johnson Ex-Officio
B Holmes Ex-Officio

In addition, the District Executive Committee has established systems to interview prospective volunteers who wish to work with young people in Scouting across the District. Appointments Panels are established as required; this is co-ordinated by the following:

Appointments Chairman: R Slavin
Appointments Secretary: D Davenport

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their report with the accounts of the Council, which have been Independently Examined, for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Appointment of Trustees

The Trustees of Pontefract & Castleford District Scout Council are members of the District Executive Committee which comprises of ex-officio members, members elected by the Council and members nominated by the District Commissioner annually at the Annual General Meeting, and co-opted members.

The District Chairman, the District Treasurer, the District Secretary, the District Commissioner, the Deputy District Commissioner(s), the District Youth Commissioner and the District Explorer Scout Commissioner are all ex-officio members.

Trustees Responsibility for the Accounts

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare statements of accounts for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:-

- 1 select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 2 make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 3 prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation;
- 4 to value assets and liabilities in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting by Charities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity, and to enable them to ensure that any statements of accounts comply with the requirements of the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Aim and Method of the Scout Association

The aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult Leadership.

District Executive Report and Financial Review

As usual, this report summarises the business of the District Executive Committee during the year ended 31st March 2021 and which is recorded in the minutes of regular meetings of the Committee. Members of the District Executive Committee are 'charity trustees' as defined in the various Charities Acts, and fully recognise their responsibilities, which they acquire as a result of that legislation.

During the previous year the District Executive Committee have approved and adopted the following Policy Documents which have been applied in the production of the Accounts: 'Reserves Policy' and 'Honorary Payments'.

Pontefract & Castleford
District Scout Council

For Accounting Period
1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021

District Receipts and Payments Accounts

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st March 2021

	2020/21	2019/20
	This Year	Previous Year
	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£
Total Receipts for the Year	15,228	29,020
Total Payments for the Year	13,757	24,633
Net Receipts (Payments) for the Year	1,471	4,387
Cash, Bank and Similar Funds brought forward from previous Year	31,163	26,776
Cash, Bank and Similar Funds carried forward	<u><u>32,635</u></u>	<u><u>31,163</u></u>

T. Parkinson Jr

T. Parkinson Jr, District Treasurer
April 2021

Pontefract & Castleford
District Scout Council

For Accounting Period
1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021

District Receipts and Payments Accounts

RECEIPTS for the Year ended 31st March 2021

	2020/21 This Year Total funds £	2019/20 Previous Year Total funds £
<u>Membership</u>		
Subscriptions Received for 2019-20		2,508
Subscriptions Received for 2020-21		16,720
Subscriptions Received for 2021-22	13,716	
Membership Sub Total	13,716	19,228
<u>Grants, Donations, Gift Aid & Fundraising</u>		
CAF Grant Aid (Co-Op Stores)	0	5,003
G, D, GA & F Sub Total	0	5,003
<u>District Operating</u>		
Interest Paid on Business Tracker Acc	12	44
District Operating Costs Sub Total	12	44
<u>Activities</u>		
Armed Forces Day Tombola	0	70
District Beaver Events	0	4,238
District Cub Events	0	0
District Scout Events	0	137
Camp Fees (St Georges Day 2020 - Deposits only)	1,500	300
Fryston Group (funds to Ring-Fenced Budget)	0	0
Activities Sub Total	1,500	4,745
<u>Cheques not Presented in Current Year</u>		
	0	0
Outstanding Cheques Sub Total	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	15,228	29,020

T. Parkinson Jr

T. Parkinson Jr, District Treasurer
April 2021

Pontefract & Castleford
District Scout Council

For Accounting Period
1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021

District Receipts and Payments Accounts

PAYMENTS for the Year ended 31st March 2021

	2020/21 This Year Total funds £	2019/20 Previous Year Total funds £
<u>Membership</u>		
Paid to County	13,248	16,440
Rebate to Groups		70
Membership Sub Total	13,248	16,510
<u>District Operating Costs</u>		
DC / ADC Honourariums	0	550
Video Licence	150	146
Data Protection Registration (Renewal)	35	35
Website	6	7
Insurance	42	42
British Legion Wreaths (2)	40	40
Postage & Printing	0	93
AGM Costs (Room Hire + Refreshments)	0	70
Marketing Resources	0	841
Building Hire for Fryston (from Ring-Fenced Fund)	0	600
Training Manuals	36	0
District Operating Costs Sub Total	309	2,425
<u>Activities</u>		
Armed Forces Day	0	0
District Cub Events	0	0
District Beavers Events	0	4,199
District Scout Events	0	0
Camp Fees (St Georges Day 2020 - Deposit refunds)	200	1,500
Activities Sub Total	200	5,699
<u>Cheques Presented from Previous Year</u>		
	0	0
Outstanding Cheques Sub Total	0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	13,757	24,633

T. Parkinson Jr

T. Parkinson Jr, District Treasurer
April 2021

Pontefract & Castleford
District Scout Council

For Accounting Period
1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021

District Receipts and Payments Accounts

Statement of ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 31st March 2021

	2020/21 This Year Total funds £	2019/20 Previous Year Total funds £
<u>ASSETS</u>		
<u>Monetary Assets</u>		
Community Account	2,687	4,928
Business Tracker Account	29,947	26,235
Monetary Assets Total	<u>32,634</u>	<u>31,163</u>
<u>Other Monetary Assets</u>		
Debts due from the Groups (Membership Fees - 1 Group)	2028	2068
Debts due from the Groups (Re Financial Assistance Agreement)	1906	1906
Other Monetary Assets Total	<u>3934</u>	<u>3974</u>
<u>Investment Assets</u>		
Investment Property - detail	0	0
Quoted Investments	0	0
Other Investments - detail	0	0
Investment Assets Total	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Liabilities Total	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
District Net Value as at 31st March	<u><u>36,568</u></u>	<u><u>35,137</u></u>

T. Parkinson Jr

T. Parkinson Jr, District Treasurer
April 2021



Accounts Independent Examiners Report

The Independent Examiner of Accounts for Pontefract & Castleford District Scout Council is:

Mr D Milner of 3, Stone Court, South Hindley, BARNESLEY
S72 9DL

The Accounting Period that this report relates to is 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.

The report relates to an Independent Examination carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and that the examination has been conducted in accordance with the Directions given by the Charity Commission.

In completing the Independent Examination the following tests have been conducted:

- Check the cash book balance at the start of the year agrees with the previous accounts;
- Vouch a selection of payments including reimbursement of expenses;
- Vouch a selection of receipts;
- Test entries with bank statements;
- Obtain a copy of bank reconciliation(s), check and agree with bank statement(s);
- Test additions in cash book and other accounting records;
- Check figures entered on accounts from cash book/vouchers via summaries or ledgers if necessary;
- Ensure all activities (including all Sections) have been accounted for and included in the above tests. If not, ensure notes to the accounts disclose this or state it in the Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees.
- Obtain confirmation that deeds, share certificates etc are held securely by the holders, such as The Scout Association Trust Corporation, bankers, solicitors, etc.;
- Obtain written confirmation of cash balances held by officers (i.e. Any floats etc);
- Review liabilities for reasonableness and test documentation;
- Review assets for reasonableness;
- Confirm no income or receipts were subject to special restrictions which need to be shown in the accounts.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D Milner", written over a horizontal line.

Date: 11-9-2021



Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Pontefract and District Scout Council Charity No 524785

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Pontefract and Castleford District Scout Council for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Pontefract and Castleford District Scout Council you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Pontefract and Castleford District Scout Council accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Pontefract and Castleford District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

Name: **Mr D Milner**

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): ✓

Address: 3, STONE COURT, SOUTH HENDRY, BARNSELY
S72 9DL

Date: 11.9.2021

Pontefract & Castleford District Explorers Receipts and Payments Accounts

Balance Sheet for the Year ended 31st March 2021

	2020/21 This Year Total funds £	2019/20 Previous Year Total funds £
Total Receipts for the year	760.00	1,852.00
Total Payments for the year	(830.00)	(2,306.00)
Net Receipts (payments) for the year	(70.00)	(454.00)
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward from previous year	2,326.65	2,780.65
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	2,256.65	2,326.65

Pontefract & Castleford District Explorers Receipts and Payments Accounts

Panthers Accounts for the Year ended 31st March 2021

	2020/21 This Year Total funds £	2019/20 Previous Year Total funds £
Income		
Membership	480.00	1,348.00
Membership Fee Rebate		
Gift Aid		
Income Sub Total	480.00	1,348.00
Income - Activities		
St George's day Camp refund	50.00	
Challenge20 Camp refund	50.00	
District Scout Camp		195.00
Income - Activities Sub Total	100.00	195.00
Income - Total Receipts for the year	580.00	1,543.00
Expenditure - Operating Costs		
Membership subscriptions paid to District	(520.00)	(880.00)
Badges		
Cooke Hall Rent		(1,080.00)
Expenditure - Operating Costs Sub Total	(520.00)	(1,960.00)
Expenditure - Activities		
Challenge20 Camp deposit	(50.00)	
St Georges Day Camp deposit		(50.00)
District Scout Camp		(150.00)
Expenditure - Activities Sub Total	(50.00)	(200.00)
Expenditure - Total Payments for the year	(570.00)	(2,160.00)
Net Receipts (payments) for the year	10.00	(617.00)
Balance Carried forward from Previous Year	(936.34)	(319.34)
Panthers Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	(926.34)	(936.34)
Liabilities		
Panthers Membership fees paid to 1PSC	566.00	
Refunds to Members for Subs over payment	(180.00)	
Cooke Hall Rent	(80.00)	
Liabilities Sub Total	306.00	0.00
Panthers - Net worth	(620.34)	(936.34)

Pontefract & Castleford District Explorers Receipts and Payments Accounts

Young Leader Accounts for the Year ended 31st March 2021

	2020/21 This Year Total funds £	2019/20 Previous Year Total funds £
Income		
Membership	180.00	297.00
Membership Fee Rebate		
Gift Aid		
Income - Sub Total	<u>180.00</u>	<u>297.00</u>
Income - Activities		
None	0.00	0.00
Income - Activities Sub Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Income - Total Receipts for the year	<u>180.00</u>	<u>297.00</u>
Expenditure - Operating Costs		
Membership subscriptions paid to District	(260.00)	
Log Books		(46.00)
Badges		
Expenditure - Operating Costs Sub Total	<u>(260.00)</u>	<u>(46.00)</u>
Expenditure - Activities		
None	0.00	0.00
Expenditure - Activities Sub Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Expenditure - Total Payments for the year	<u>(260.00)</u>	<u>(46.00)</u>
Net Receipts (payments) for the year	(80.00)	251.00
Balance Carried forward from Previous Year	179.76	(71.24)
Young Leader Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>99.76</u>	<u>179.76</u>

Pontefract & Castleford District Explorers Receipts and Payments Accounts

Network Accounts Associated with DVESU for the Year ended 31st March 2021

	2020/21 This Year Total funds £	2019/20 Previous Year Total funds £
Income		
Membership		
Membership Fee Rebate		
Gift Aid		
Income - Sub Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Income - Activities		
None	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Income - Activities Sub Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Income - Total Receipts for the year	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Operating Costs		
Membership subscriptions paid to District	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Operating Costs Sub Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Expenditure - Activities		
None	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Expenditure - Activities Sub Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Expenditure - Total Payments for the year	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Receipts (payments) for the year	0.00	0.00
Balance Carried forward from Previous Year	<u>525.10</u>	<u>525.10</u>
Network Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>525.10</u>	<u>525.10</u>
Liabilities		
Network Membership refunds		
Liabilities Sub Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Network - Net worth	<u>525.10</u>	<u>525.10</u>

Pontefract & Castleford District Explorers Receipts and Payments Accounts

Network Accounts Associated with DVESU for the Year ended 31st March 2021

	2020/21 This Year Total funds £	2019/20 Previous Year Total funds £
Income		
Membership		
Membership Fee Rebate		
Gift Aid		
Income - Sub Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Income - Activities		
None	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Income - Activities Sub Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Income - Total Receipts for the year	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Operating Costs		
Membership subscriptions paid to District	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Operating Costs Sub Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Expenditure - Activities		
None	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Expenditure - Activities Sub Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Expenditure - Total Payments for the year	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Receipts (payments) for the year	0.00	0.00
Balance Carried forward from Previous Year	<u>525.10</u>	<u>525.10</u>
Network Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>525.10</u>	<u>525.10</u>
Liabilities		
Network Membership refunds		
Liabilities Sub Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Network - Net worth	<u>525.10</u>	<u>525.10</u>

Pontefract & Castleford District Explorers Receipts and Payments Accounts

Gremlins Accounts for the Year ended 31st March 2021

	2020/21 This Year Total funds £	2019/20 Previous Year Total funds £
Income		
Membership		
Membership Fee Rebate		
Gift Aid		
Income Sub Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Income - Activities		
None		
Income - Activities Sub Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Income - Total Receipts for the year	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Expenditure - Operating Costs		
None		
Expenditure - Operating Costs Sub Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Expenditure - Activities		
None		
Expenditure - Activities Sub Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Expenditure - Total Payments for the year	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Receipts (payments) for the year	0.00	0.00
Balance Carried forward from Previous Year	494.44	494.44
Gremlins Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>494.44</u>	<u>494.44</u>

Pontefract & Castleford District Explorers Receipts and Payments Accounts

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31st March 2021

	2020/21 This Year Total funds £	2019/20 Previous Year Total funds £
Monetary Assets		
DVESU Natwest account	2,063.69	2,063.69
DVESU Cash account		
DVESU Monetary Assets Total	2,063.69	2,063.69
Gremlins Natwest account	494.44	494.44
Gremlins Cash account		
Gremlins Monetary Assets Total	494.44	494.44
Panthers Natwest account	(926.34)	(936.34)
Panthers Cash account		
Gremlins Monetary Assets Total	(926.34)	(936.34)
Young Leader Natwest account	171.00	179.76
Young Leader Cash account		
Young Leaders Monetary Assets Total	171.00	179.76
Network Natwest account	525.10	525.10
Network Cash account		0.00
Network Monetary Assets Total	525.10	525.10
Monetary Assets Total	2,327.89	2,326.65
Assets in Bank	2,327.89	2,326.65
Assets in Cash	0.00	0.00
Monetary Assets Total	2,327.89	2,326.65
Liabilities		
Income outstanding	566.00	
Expenditure outstanding	(260.00)	
Liabilities Sub Total	306.00	0.00
District Explorers Net Worth	2,633.89	0.00

Badge Secretary Receipts and Payments Accounts

Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st March 2021

	2020/21 This Year Total funds £	2019/20 Previous Year Total funds £
Total Receipts for the year	559.14	2,833.62
Total Payments for the year	595.22	2,238.06
Net receipts (payments) for the year	(36.08)	595.56
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	2,095.48	1,499.92
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>2,059.40</u>	<u>2,095.48</u>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by Bill Holmes, District Chairman and Tim Johnson, District Commissioner.

Receipts for the Year ended 31st March 2021

	2020/21 This Year Total funds £	2019/20 This Year Total funds £
Badges Sales		
1st Ackworth	40.88	308.51
1st Altofts	0.00	54.00
1st Fryston	91.65	128.58
1st Normanton	0.00	694.93
1st Pontefract	221.79	725.97
1st Xscape	0.00	478.97
3rd Featherstone	39.45	208.32
Trinity Methodist	0.00	228.14
Explorers - Panthers ESU	0.00	0.00
Explorers - Young Leaders ESU	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Badge Sales	0.00	0.00
Debts paid from previous year	165.37	6.20
Total Receipts for the year	<u>559.14</u>	<u>2,833.62</u>

Badge Secretary Receipts and Payments Accounts

Payments for the Year ended 31st March 2021

	2020/21 This Year Total funds £	2019/20 This Year Total funds £
Badges		
Badge Purchases	595.22	2,229.75
Postage	0.00	8.31
Total Payments for the year	595.22	2,238.06

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31st March 2021

	2020/21 This Year Total funds £	2019/20 This Year Total funds £
Monetary Assets as at 31st March		
Cash Account	0.00	15.00
Bank Account	2,059.40	1,914.98
Monetary Assets Total	2,059.40	1,929.98
Non Monetary Assets For Charity's Own Use		
Badge stock	608.14	384.10
Non Monetary Assets For Charity's Own Use Total	608.14	384.10
Liabilities		
Badge Secretary Cheques not cashed before 31st March 2021	(180.50)	
1st Pontefract (Paid June 2021)	38.96	
1st Ackworth		21.00
1st Pontefract		34.19
1st X-Scape (Paid May 2020)		110.18
Liabilities Total	(141.54)	165.37
District Badge Secretary Net value as at 31st March	2,526.00	2,479.45

District Commissioners Report - September 2021

How do I start this report? A year unlike any other we have ever known. For all but a short spell and for a few groups we had no face-to-face meetings, we lost 30% of our youth membership. 3rd Featherstone Scout Group Closed after many years of service to the local Community. Many of us have faced personal challenges and very difficult times in our personal lives.

So yes, to start my report I must open with a great big THANK YOU to each one of you. We have each had to make our own decisions on how to deal with what we have had to face and that has led to some difficult decisions. As a District we can be proud of how we have performed over this year we have retained over two thirds of our youth membership and as we have returned, we have seen numbers start to rise again. Most leaders are still with us and are back looking at how we can provide a Safe exciting and engaging programme for our youth member.

So, what did we do in the year yes we did close 3rd Featherstone Scout Group this was a difficult decision in a difficult time and I would like to thank the team there for their hard work and commitment to the group over the years.

I do not apologise for this bit as I can't not mention those words Zoom and Teams or you're on mute or oy turn your mic off. Yes, we learnt new skills ones we never knew we had. For those who wanted scouting was kept alive on-line (This was certainly not for everyone) But this gave some new opportunities we had several well attended indoor Camps and activity days. There were still plenty of badges to be had. I dabbled with these on line section meetings, and I found it quite hard work, so to those that put the time and effort in to providing these opportunities during lockdown you have done some great work and well done to everyone that was involved in supporting and delivering these on-line meetings I know from speaking to some of the Beavers Cubs and Scouts that they got a lot out of it and enjoyed that continued engagement.

There was a short spell when we were allowed to get back together face to face in small groups and those that felt comfortable to do so opened some sessions, but this was cut all too short with further lock downs.

So yes, it was a difficult year but one which saw us rise to the challenge and it was good towards the end of the year that we could look forward to face-to-face scouting again and hopefully for a longer more permanent period.

There was also a lot of time spent trying to build up the district in the background with building up the District Executive Team and the support we can offer to groups. I hope with the help of the District Executive team to continue building on this.

As we move forward and have started back with Face to Face Scouting we can hopefully grow back stronger, Leader training is a big issue and we have seen great strides in getting this up to date and I hope that working together we can continue to keeping this training going as this gives us the tools we need to ensure we are up to date with the latest guidance to provide good quality safe and appropriate Scouting across the District.

I am sure everyone is looking forward to their first camp for a long time. There will be some restrictions in place going forward but it will be great to get back to some normality and it is fantastic to see so many people returning. The new words I am hearing are 'I have really missed this', 'its so good to be back' and 'thanks for what you are doing for my kids'.

We are looking to start a new Explorer unit, we are welcoming new helpers, leaders and new Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. If anyone is interested in joining in or trying something different, please speak to myself or one of the team as there are many ways of getting involved and helping with Scouting throughout the District. If you have a skill a talent, a passion then come talk to us and lets see how we can work together as a Team of volunteers giving what we can and want to Scouting.

Together we all make Scouting and are part of the District. We can't do this alone and we can't grow without new ideas and support. So, if you have ideas of how we can improve and enhance what we do then please let me know. Jointly we are The District so please have your say and feed into me or someone else on the Management Team or Exec.

I will end as I began with a thank you to everyone involved and I know that the real thanks is what you get as a result of what you give and do.

Tim Johnson
District Commissioner (Acting)



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District Badge Secretary Report - September 2021

The report covers the financial year end to 31st March 2021

There has been a significant drop in badge sales understandably over the last 12 months due to Covid and with the temporary closure of some groups and the challenges in delivering virtual scouting with only 4 groups purchasing badges over the 12 month period.

I am pleased to say that Matthew Harris has volunteered to be the new District Badge Secretary who will formally take over in September 2021 (subject to being approved at the District AGM)

We continue to reduce the amount of badge stock held to ensure badges do not go out of date and become discontinued although Scoutshops are still sending through the occasional old branding as stock gets used up and we continue to keep the price of the badges under the RRP and fund the young leader awards and the Yorkshire Challenge Badges.

Regards

Andy Weissenborn
Acting PCD Badge Secretary

Training Report - September 2021

We have all had difficulty accessing training during this very difficult time, however, with the support of DC, GSL and TA's we are making good progress with training and validation.

We are doing well with most of the mandatory training, and there are only a few leaders outstanding now with needing validation. Mandatory training is of a high priority and must be completed ASAP. It is my aim to have all leaders in date before the end of this coming year, there are many opportunities to complete and TA's to support.

First response is an issue, county are putting dates on the website for the second part, and it is in 3 parts, 1 to complete on-line, 2 to do with a county trainer on-line and then the third when we are able to meet to train, which is being looked at continuously. Parts 1 and 2 validate module 10a, please let me or any TA know if you need support with this as have secured places with computers to complete as 1-1 or a few together.

There is going to be a big push for leaders to complete their wood badges who have been in post for more than 2 years, there are many opportunities and TA's in our district now to support anyone, may I remind all leaders when they attend appointment committee it is discussed that you are expected to complete this training and are given adequate information at that time re modules and TA availability.

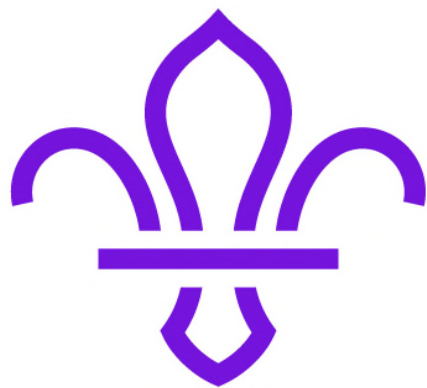
I would like to thank all TA's for their continued support, DC and the Executive committee as it is helping us to move forward as a district to complete and become successful in our training and validation needs.

We are looking at nights away advisors as are aware more are needed in the District, please contact DC if you are interested and I can advise on the training aspect.

We are always needing more TA's, thank you to Elizabeth who has recently trained and is joining our team.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if anyone needs any support in any way with training or validation.

Julie Martin
LTM/TA



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