



Banstead District Scout Council Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2020

Could I ask that before we begin our reports, we remember the Scouters and members of our district who are no longer with us. Ric Anthony and Gerda Tomson who both died of Covid-19. If I may request a short period of reflection.

As you are aware, we delayed the meeting from our normal time in June in the hope that we may have been back to a little more normal. It was not to be and therefore to comply with our rules and Charity Commission requirements we have called this Annual General Meeting at this time.

The main part of my report is to thank those members of the Board of Trustees who have worked in the new way of on-line meetings and many emails back and forth to discuss and pass recommendations as to our current and future plans. I believe we have achieved our aims and enabled scouting to begin when we were allowed. Our thanks must go to the many leaders and helpers who have found innovative ways to bring scouting to our young people during this time. I know Kelvin will have many words on the way so many of you gave the young people a focus over the early part of the year and the summer months. We are very grateful to our councillors, both local and county, who have shown support for our work. Via Reigate and Banstead Borough Council we have had the opportunity to attend various funding fairs, meet some of the funders, and ensure our requirements at least meet their expectations. We await news of some of our applications.

Earlier this year our long serving President, Diana Bowes, indicated that she would like to stand down. As a district, and personally, I would like to put on record our thanks for all the help and advice she has given us over the years.

Over the past year we have authorised and made good progress on improvements to the Park Farm facilities which we hope will prove welcome when we can make full use of the site again. Our thanks should go to Mark and his team for all the work that has taken place despite the closures and constraints.

We look forward to the coming months and next year when it can only be hoped that a more normal scouting year will unfold. I know both the Trustees and our Leadership teams will provide an excellent programme of scouting whatever the format.

Colin Griffiths - District Chair

Financial Report 2019/2020

This is a short report on the past years results. Due to personal commitments our Treasurer has had to stand down from the role earlier this year. However, he did agree to put together the end of year figures for 2019/20. My thanks go to Stanley for this effort. Until we can find a new Treasurer it fell to me as Chairman to take over the day to day running of the accounts alongside our Hon Secretary Mary and to prepare this report.

My thanks must go Vernon Tucker, our previous treasurer, who has assisted me in bring the accounts to a level where they have been agreed and audited by Neil Bridges, our independent auditor.

The total held in our district accounts at end of year was £50,561.86. This includes our Main account, shop account, Explorers, SASSU, and Network. My thanks to all who supplied the figures. As is the way with our end of year our main district account shows a figure of £28,673.70. However, a large proportion of that is then paid to county as part of our capitation fees.

In accordance with these new ways of holding meetings the accounts have been in place on our AGM web site. The main points to note are that to the year ending 31 March 2020 our finances ran mainly to budget. Park Farm income did well with £10,644.76 income. Total receipts for the year were £76,218 which was only slightly down on the previous year by just over £2,300. The majority of this appears to be membership fee differences. The scout shop performed well with a small increase in sales of some £200. Our thanks go to Richard for all the efforts of his team. One cost of note is the amount shown spent of repairs and maintenance to Park Farm. Whilst we have a year on year ongoing programme of regular costs this year was slightly higher due to the toilet refurbishments that started within these accounts. This coming year should see this particular expenditure returned to us with payment of the grant from the London Marathon Trust. This will appear in next year's accounts.

To the coming year, none of us can predict whether we will return to full scouting in the near future and be able to make full use of Park Farm. This will affect our ability to action certain parts of our general improvements. In addition, we may have a programme of tree works driven by both age of some of the trees and Ash Die Back. Both will have an impact on our finances.

However, we are as a District in a good place in regards to our reserves and have looked at our budget figures for 2020/21. As many of the groups will have done, we also received a Covid-19 Business Rate Grant of £10,000 and we have also obtained zero rating on Park Farm Site. This has to some extent offset our loss of income from the camp site and its facilities. The budget for the coming year will enable us to continue to complete our current upgrades and retain a working reserve to cover any contingencies that may occur.

As we are still looking for a new Treasurer, should anyone have any questions regarding the accounts etc could they email me and I will endeavour to answer them or find someone who can advise me on answer.

District Leaders reports

In these unprecedented times I continue to be impressed by the resilience of Scouting and how leaders continue to find ways to adapt and deliver excellent programs for our young members to develop their skills for life in this developing new normal environment that requires COVID-19 specific Risk assessments in addition to the normal activities risk assessments.

With St George's Day parade being cancelled this year and with restriction in face to face Scouting we are still looking for suitable opportunities to present awards to many leaders, but would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the leaders and helpers for all their hard work and dedication over the past year.

Although the Scouts Strategic Plan and District Development Plan have rightly taken a back stage in the current climate, we continue to use the pillars of work People, Programme, Places and Perception to shape our future, which despite the restrictions our District has:

- achieved full compliance in mandatory ongoing learning in Safety and Safeguarding and continue to make great effort to complete all adult training.
- section leaders that continue to deliver outstanding programmes for our young people achieving top awards with the support of many great young leaders.
- continues to maintain and improve Scouting facilities as safe places for Scout to meet and activities to take place through the dedication of the Executives (Board of Trustees). This includes the improvements at our District Camp site (Park Farm) were we can't wait until the current restrictions are lifted so that we can show everyone what has been done.

I would like to give my sincere thanks to everyone across the District for their contribution to making Banstead District Scouts such a great District and one I'm extremely proud to be the Commissioner.

Kelvin Freeman - District Commissioner

BEAVERS

There were three district events last year for Banstead's Beaver Scouts.

Adventure Day: 8th June

Around 90 Beaver Scouts and 25 leaders, young leaders and other helpers descended on Park Farm for a day of adventure, fun and games.

The colonies met at Banstead Woods; dodged past the slower Park Runners and followed the Narnia trail back to Park Farm.

The day was planned around completing activities needed to achieve the Adventure Challenge badge. So, we did some climbing, shooting and archery, plus lots of outdoor games. Amongst other things, the Beavers tackled an obstacle course; target practice; duck fishing; football skittles and metal detecting. They also made and launched rockets; painted stones and rescued a rubber duck from a holey drainpipe.

We finished the day with a very much anticipated water fight. The Beavers loved the chaos and we probably could have spent the whole day doing this! Despite our good fortune with the weather, lots of us still went home a bit soggy than we'd arrived.

Alien invasion: 29th June

As part of the 2019 Banstead Village in Bloom entry, the Beaver Scouts were invited to make alien models from commonly recycled materials.

Five colonies took up the challenge. There was a bit of a theme of creatures with multiple eyes, but apart from that, the children produced a brilliantly inventive array of aliens.

Comedian Tim Vine was invited to come along to judge the models outside All Saints church. He kept the children and adults entertained and coped well with the sometimes-random comments and contributions from the Beavers!

Tim inspected all the models and deliberated for a while, before awarding:

- First prize to an entry from 7th Banstead
- Second prize to an entry from 3rd Banstead – Huron
- Third prize to an entry from 1st Woodmansterne

Cinema afternoon: 16th November

More than 50 Beavers, plus a few Cubs, siblings and parents attended St Mark's church for our second (planned to be annual) film afternoon. Toy Story 4 was a great hit with adults and children alike. The church's popcorn maker was well used; lots of ice cream also was consumed and everyone went home very happy.

The district is lucky to have a committed team of BSLs and assistants who continued to provide exciting and varied programmes for the Beavers throughout 2019 and the spring term of 2020.

Liz Batten - ADC Beavers

CUBS

This year has been difficult due to the covid-19 restrictions. The early part of the year the cubs were engaging in a variety of exciting and interesting activities, some work was completed towards Challenge Awards and some work on international Scouting. Explorers attended meetings to talk about their experience at the World Scout Jamboree. One pack completed the air activities badge with cubs building some model planes which they really enjoyed flying. Several packs held sleepovers including Remembrance weekend, firework/bonfire night. Tadworth cubs held a sixers/seconders training camp at Boiderhurst and a sleepover at Waylands campsite, packs organised hikes. Several packs entered the Supreme Box Kart Championship this was another great day with Woodmansterne coming second and third. Carol services and Christmas parties were held and one pack held a Christmas campfire, packs helped the Rotary Club and Father Christmas with the charity street collections.

Several Chief Scout silver awards were presented

Some District events were planned

Unfortunately, the proposed District hike and camp fire had to be cancelled as no leaders came forward to help run it.

The District Quiz was run with just Tadworth and Nork participating. Tadworth narrowly came first and will represent us at the County Quiz on January 26th. It was felt that some of the questions were quite hard for the cub age range.

A film night was organised with popcorn and a drink provided the event was well attended by the cubs and Beavers.

The District Shooting Competition was cancelled due to the corona virus outbreak.

Some groups have been running virtual meetings and this is currently possible through various online options such as Zoom, WhatsApp, Facebook etc. using these online programmes, some sections have successfully run moving on and investiture ceremonies.

Any badge work undertaken was done with a degree of lenience towards qualification.

Where possible groups used social media (using Scouting Association guidelines) to report positive news.

The cub team held some leaders zoom meetings to keep all the leaders aware of any changes that were being introduced.

The County Cub team have been sending around activities for the Districts to engage in. These have included build a den, create a structure from rubbish, bake and decorate a cake for VE day and currently cook dinner for your family. The feedback was generally positive and a few of the cubs had submitted entries to the County.

Most packs are now able to organise face to face meetings after submitting risk assessment which are approved by district and county.

Frank Jones - ADC Cubs

SCOUTS

This report covers 2019/20, a year that ended in the world melt down but before that there were plenty of good things happening with Banstead scouts. 6 scouts achieved the highest award, the Chief scouts Gold Award.

There were nearly 500 nights camped by the scouts (not Inc. leaders) all around the SE of England and the Somme. Activities included attending the county SWAC water fun day and shooting competition at Bisley. Others include kayaking on the Thames and at Guildford Lido, golf, flying and model making

Couple of younger leaders are worth a mention, the work Dylan Knott has done at Nork and Tom and Callum at Tadworth bringing fresh enthusiasm to their sections.

My thanks to all the leaders for their efforts in running the section over the past year

David Shepherd – ADC Scouts

EXPLORERS

Although we now have 4 units operating in Banstead, there are several challenges facing the section often with clashes with the school timetable and leadership changes. They managed to camp 312 nights over the year (not Inc. leaders) as their own section and supporting the younger section camps.

After many years of service Phil Anthony and Sonja have decided to step back from BDE, mainly due to changes in their personal lives but will continue to support the DoE scheme. However, before this they ran their usual great programme including their AGM and camps culminating in the traditional Christmas camp and cycle summer camp.

CDE remain strong having moved meeting location to Nork. They continued to run their adventurous basics camps, summer camp in Cornwall and wild camping in Wales.

DDE changed leadership with Rebecca Charman taking over building a good strong unit assisted by Michael and Chris Knight. They did not have a summer camp so went to Frightex county Halloween activity camp.

TDE ran a good programme of many ideas with Steve Myatt, Nigel Dawson and Adam West.

2019 was a Jamboree year and Banstead sent 5 representatives to America for 2 weeks of great activities and fun.

There are over 20 Young leaders supporting the sections around the district. They also had some training sessions with Michael Charman and the district team towards their young leader belt.

My thanks to all the leaders for their efforts in running the section over the past year

David Shepherd – District Explorer Scout Commissioner

Nights Away

Across all sections Banstead camped 2474 nights in 2019.

There are 44 leaders in the district with a nights' away permit

David Shepherd – Nights Away Manager

Scout Active Support Unit

Like the previous years, SASU has quietly been working in the background and have been helping out where needed. We were helping at Nork's Family camp in May as well as SCRAM in June. We were also present at the St. Georges day and remembrance Parade.

We had a very enjoyable Christmas meal at the Emperor in late November. We had also stated to prepare for the CSG Awards at eh beacon in March, until it was cancelled due to Covid

Last year I made the decision to stand down as SASU manager and concentrate on Park Farm and supporting Kelvin as Deputy District Commissioner. David Field has agreed to take on the SASU manger role having stepped down from Network and will take over once his work/life balance is under control!

Mark Wingett - SASU Manager

District Camp site - Park Farm

Looking back to the start of the 2019 financial year, it seems so long ago when I think what we were doing back then.

We were still finishing off the Activity building, improving lighting around the site (lights on the main metal gate and a floodlight above the garage), eventually we will improve the lighting along the long barn too.

We improved security on the site installing CCTV cameras now the Wi-Fi is connected.

We replaced and fixed the perimeter fencing that has rotted and broken with the intention of fitting badger fencing to prevent dogs and animals running into the site.

Since purchasing our own sit on lawnmower in 2017, the fields, especially the Activity field seem to be less moss and more grass.

We managed to acquire a vending machine for almost no cost which we are planning on selling the PF badge and other items once its fully functional.

The biggest project this year was the start of the refurbishment of the boy's toilets which came to an abrupt holt when the Covid-19 lockdown kicked in and after a few months we were allowed to maintain the site but were not allowed to continue with or start Projects. We hope to have this and the men's finished by the time scouting goes green!

When I look back at the jobs done over the year over 3000 man hours were spend working and although there's nothing of significance worth listing, apart from the above, everything that gets done from repairing a tool, to cutting the grass all takes time and effort and its only thanks to the hard work and dedication of my amazing team that the site is as awesome as it is, if I do say so myself!!!!!!

In January 2021 I'll have been site manager for 15 years and in that time well over 11,000 man hours have been put into making this site somewhere I hope that every young person, and adult, goes away with memories they will cherish of this small campsite like the memories I Have of when I was a youngster here

Mark Wingett - Park Farm Site Manger



BANSTEAD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Receipts and Payment Account

For the Period: **1/4/2019** TO **31/3/2020**

Receipts and payments										
<i>Receipts</i>	Unrestricted funds	Network Scouts	Explorer Unit-Banstead	Explorer Unit-Tadworth	Explorer Unit-Central	Explorer Unit-Downland	Shop Account	S A S U	Total funds	Last year
SUBSCRIPTIONS										
Membership subscriptions	39,525.50	452.50	1,862.40	1,520.00	1,622.50	630.00			45,612.90	45805.50
Less: Membership subscriptions paid	19,560.50		665.75						20,226.25	23714.70
									0.00	
Net membership subscriptions retained	19,965.00	452.50	1,196.65	1,520.00	1,622.50	630.00	0.00	0.00	25,386.65	22090.80
Donations									0.00	350.00
Sub total	19,965.00	452.50	1,196.65	1,520.00	1,622.50	630.00	0.00	0.00	25,386.65	22440.80
SCOUT SHOP										
SALES							7,546.79		0.00	4487.59
							7,546.79		7,546.79	4487.59
PARK FARM										
INCOME-PREMISES	10,644.76								10,644.76	8880.54
Lease	0.00								0.00	540.00
Sub total	10,644.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,644.76	9420.54
MISC										
Misc Income	685.40								685.40	5397.18
Jamboree	1,869.00								1,869.00	7265.00
St Georges Day Collection	409.47								409.47	409.47
Sub total	2,963.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,963.87	13071.65
OTHER INCOME										
Equipment									0.00	600.00
Beaver/Cub / Scout- Activities	1,021.96								1,021.96	147.34
Gift Aid									0.00	0.00
Training	636.00								636.00	375.46
Uniforms/ Badges	144.00				984.50			23.00	1,151.50	1151.50
Explorer/ Network Activities		442.00	21,646.08	887.01	2,873.50	1,003.50			26,852.09	26852.09
Duke Of Edinburgh									0.00	
Sub total	1,801.96	442.00	21,646.08	887.01	3,858.00	1,003.50	0.00	23.00	29,661.55	29126.39
BANK INTEREST										
	14.48								14.48	11.00
Sub total	14.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.48	11.00
Total Gross Income	35,390.07	894.50	22,842.73	2,407.01	5,480.50	1,633.50	7,546.79	23.00	76,218.10	78557.97
									0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	35,390.07	894.50	22,842.73	2,407.01	5,480.50	1,633.50	7,546.79	23.00	76,218.10	78557.97



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Payments	Unrestricted funds	Network Scouts	Explorer Unit-Banstead	Explorer Unit-Tadworth	Explorer Unit-Central	Explorer Unit-Downland	Shop Account	S A S U	Total funds	Last year
Donations to Explorer/Network	1,250.00								1,250.00	2250.00
Insurance Personal Injury	583.12								583.12	720.72
Adult Support and Training	731.51								731.51	351.48
Park Farm -Lease & Rates	2,491.07								2,491.07	2233.36
Park Farm -Utilities	497.99								497.99	884.27
Park Farm- Premises Insurance	4,420.85								4,420.85	4020.28
Park Farm- Helpers Insurance	42.00								42.00	42.00
Park Farm-Repairs and Renewals	8,553.19								8,553.19	6429.33
Park Farm-Other	511.80								511.80	121.00
Van Costs	1,893.98								1,893.98	1720.05
Activities- Cubs	1,455.42								1,455.42	73.45
Activities- Beavers	880.00								880.00	1689.55
Equipment		61.39			871.89	981.00			1,914.28	
Bank Charges	60.00						60.00		120.00	120.00
Website	604.80									460.66
Gift Aid									0.00	466.31
D/C Expenses										835.33
AGM Expenses	249.86								249.86	250.65
Jamboree- Payments	2,775.00									9300.00
Admin-Payments	1,025.40								1,025.40	507.37
Sub total	28,025.99	61.39	0.00	0.00	871.89	981.00	60.00	0.00	30,000.27	32475.81
									0.00	
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPLORER/ NETWORK										
Explorer /Network activities			24898.51	1,978.54	4,012.36	1,265.65			32,155.06	9286.87
Duke Of Edinburgh									0.00	168.00
Explorer- Other										826.85
Uniform/ Badges	940.22				1,423.55	229.16			2,592.93	579.40
Network- Other		342.00							342.00	138.91
Sub total	940.22	342.00	24,898.51	1,978.54	5,435.91	1,494.81	0.00	0.00	35,089.99	11000.03
OTHER EXPENSES										
St Georges Day- Payments									0.00	40.00
Misc -Payments	1,156.99				169.00				1,325.99	0.00
Printing/Stationery									0.00	16.08
Scout shop payments							5,038.67		5,038.67	5318.82
Shop Discount payments to Groups									0.00	375.25
Sub total	1,156.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	169.00	0.00	5,038.67	0.00	6,364.66	5750.15
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	0.00	0.00							0.00	0.00
Total payments	30,123.20	403.39	24,898.51	1,978.54	6,476.80	2,475.81	5,098.67	0.00	71,454.92	49225.99
Total Receipts	-23,798.24	-442.00	-22,842.83	-725.86	-6,408.00	-1,182.20	-6,548.47	-23.00	-61,970.60	-60867.59
Movement 2019/20	6,324.96	-38.61	2,055.68	1,252.68	68.80	1,293.61	-1,449.80	-23.00	9,484.32	11641.60
Cash funds last year end	38,822.36	4,985.22	2,318.38	2,843.68	3,390.33	1,750.00	5,636.63	300.00	60,046.60	48405.00
Cash funds this year	32,497.40	5,023.83	262.70	1,591.00	3321.53	456.39	7,086.43	323.00	50,562.28	60,046.60

BANSTEAD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period 31/03/2020

	This year General	Network Scouts	Explorer Unit Banstead	Explorer Unit Tadworth	Explorer Unit Downland	Explorer Unit Central	Shop Account	S A S U	This year total	Previous year total
Cash Funds										
Cash in hand	40.60				28.38		98.94		167.92	137.80
Bank Current Account-CAF	28,673.70						6,986.99		35,660.69	42,051.79
Bank Current Account-Lloyds	3,783.10	5,023.83	262.70		428.01	3,321.53		323.08	13,142.25	15,013.33
Bank Current account-TSB				1,591.00					1,591.00	2,843.68
									-	
									-	
Total cash funds	32,497.40	5,023.83	262.70	1,591.00	456.39	3,321.53	7,085.93	323.08	50,561.86	60,046.60
Other Monetary assets										
Gift Aid Claim 2019/20									-	
Subscriptions outstanding			-						-	1,620.00
									-	
									-	1,620.00
Non monetary assets										
Scout Shop Badges/ Uniforms							4,992.54		4,992.54	4,798.40
Park Farm Insurance	78,809.00								78,809.00	78,809.00
Band equipment	4,500.00								4,500.00	7,000.00
									-	
									-	
	83,309.00	-	-	-	-	-	4,992.54	-	88,301.54	90,607.40
Liabilities										
Subscriptions not paid as at 31/03/20	7,689.50								7,689.50	19,851.75
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-								-	-
Other	-								-	-
	-								-	-
	7,689.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,689.50	19,851.75