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Blackpool

BLACKPOOL DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

1 APRIL 2018 – 31 MARCH 2019

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TRUSTEES (1 April 2018 to 30 June 2019)

President:	Councillor Mrs Lily Henderson MBE
Vice-Presidents:	Christine Fitton BEM JP Peter Greathead Michael Loomes Geoff Platt Neville Wiseman FCA
District Chair:	Katherine O'Connor
District Commissioner:	Victoria DaSilva MBE
District Secretary:	Elizabeth Abbot
Acting District Treasurer:	Brian Paley
Honorary Auditor:	Michael Heed
Executive Committee: Ex Officio	Councillor Mrs Lily Henderson MBE Katherine O'Connor Victoria DaSilva MBE Brian Paley (Acting) Elizabeth Abbott Joanna Hacking Jordan Shuck Emily Jackson
Nominated	Christine Fitton BEM JP Geoff Platt Joan Swan Steve Williamson
Elected	Ted Cooper Matthew Hornby** Paul Marshall* Philip Mather Dorothy Mather** Diane Parkinson* Peter Rumley Irene Wheatley * retires at 2019 AGM ** retired at 2018 AGM

Blackpool District Scout Ambassadors:	Lucy Fallon Hayley Kay Gordon Marsden MP Paul Maynard MP Ged Mills Georgia Shiels Nicola Thorp
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DISTRICT OFFICIALS (1 April 2018 to 30 June 2019)

District Commissioner:	Victoria DaSilva MBE
Deputy District Commissioners:	Matthew Hornby and Joan Swan
ADC Adventurous Activities:	Andy Inglis previously Steve Williamson
ADC Beavers:	Jane Platt
ADC Cubs:	Ted Cooper
ADC District Events:	Emma Hornby
ADC International:	Peter Rumley
ADC Scouts:	Stewart Swan
Appointments Secretary:	Brian Paley
District Youth Commissioner:	Jordan Shuck
Deputy District Youth Commissioners	Ben Hughes and Tayler Kippax From May 2019 – Ellie Harrison and Gabrielle Howson-Tax
Badge Secretary:	Dave Cooke
Beaver District team:	Helen Bartlett, Ann Clayton, Emma Hornby, John Sanderson Irene Wheatley and Sarah Whiteside
Cubs District Team:	Nichola Bonsor, Stephen Chow, Gordon Clarke, Alan Goodwin and Sylvia Johns
District Explorer Scout Leader:	Joanna Hacking
District Recruitment Team:	Christine Fitton BEM JP and Phil Wheatley
District Welfare Manager:	Christine Fitton BEM JP
Gang Show Director:	Darrell Shuck
Gang Show Business Manager:	Steve Smith
Media and Comms Manager:	Matthew Hornby
Media and Comms Team:	Cordelia Bartlett, James Howarth, Andy Nicholls, Emily Parkinson-Swift, Imogen Scarr and Jordan Shuck
Mowbreck Managers:	Tony Ashworth and Louise Ashworth
Network Leader:	Emily Jackson
Promotion and Publicity Manager:	Philip Mather
SASU Manager:	Irene Wheatley
Scout District Team:	Stephen Brownwood, Stephen Haydon, Steven Joyce, Diane Parkinson and Peter Rumley,
Service Team Manager:	Bernie Ashworth
Training Manager:	Steve Williamson
Training Team:	David Allen, Eileen Hagen, Dorothy Mather and Sara Tax
Young Leaders Co-ordinator:	Annastasia Bartlett

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Victoria DaSilva MBE

Thank you, all of you, for working together to give our younger members the Scouting experience which we all hope will stand them in excellent stead in the future. #Skills for Life and #Youth Shaped are key words that influence Scouting and all that we do in Blackpool. Scouting's new strategic plan, Skills for Life, continues to prioritise the role that young people have in our organisation. We know there is more that we can do to develop leadership skills in young people, to give them a voice in the movement and improve the quality, quantity and consistency of our programmes. We will be looking to develop our own plan in the future.

We are all part of a team, planning and delivering a tremendous range and number of activities at District, Section and Group, within Blackpool, in Lancashire, nationally and internationally. I sometimes wonder how we manage to fit everything in to our busy weeks and I would like to pay tribute and thank all of our Leaders and Volunteers for their dedication and commitment turning up on a regular basis to support our young people through whatever role you occupy.

There is a considerable amount of planning that we all do to provide a diverse programme of activities for our young people to make all that we do is provide them with the various skills, knowledge and experience they need.

Jordan, our District Youth Commissioner and his Deputies Ben and Tayler have been working on programmes to ensure that our young people are engaged and can share their views, ideas and opinions. Youth Shaped Scouting isn't a new concept; empowering young people to decide, design and implement their own Programme and thrive in leadership opportunities is already happening in many areas of Scouting.

We would like to thank our own Scouting media team who have maintained a positive and high profile through our fortnightly newsletter, our popular Social media accounts and our informative website. Our local media has also been supportive, and we would like to thank Radio Wave and, the Evening Gazette who features our regular Scouting column. We have a new brand and logos for Scouting, and you will see the use of these throughout our District.

Blackpool Gang Show returned to the Grand Theatre after 27 years. The last time the Gang Show performed on the Grand Theatre stage was in 1991 when we had a four-year association with the majestic Frank Matcham grade II listed theatre. The commemoration of the centenary of the end of World War I was a touching tribute to Blackpool Scouts who went to serve their country and did not return. Putting on a show of this standard is purely down to the District all coming

together and playing their part whether on the stage, backstage, front of house and not forgetting the musicians.

With the commemoration of the centenary of the ending of World War I, we remembered Stanley Henry Parry Boughey VC, a founding member of 1st Blackpool who died in Palestine on 1st December 2017. He received his Victoria Cross for most conspicuous bravery. We also remembered those young men who had been Scouts in the 1st Blackpool Troop who lost their lives in the Great War 1914-1918, the unit number was retired in remembrance of those who would not return. Our Groups also commemorated this centenary and I will pay tribute to 1st Bispham, 5th and 51st Blackpool who all prepared wonderful public displays whilst other sections incorporated the centenary into their programmes.

We have some great support from our Blackpool District Scouting Ambassadors, who help to spread the great news about our work. Thank you to Paul Maynard MP, Gordon Marsden MP, Hayley Kay, Ged Mills, Lucy Fallon, Nicola Thorp and Georgia Shiels. They are representatives for Scouting and by supporting us they are encouraging more people to know more about us through joining us in Blackpool Scouting. I would also like to thank our President, Councillor Lily Henderson MBE, our Vice Presidents and Executive members for their unstinting support.

We have brought Scouting to Unity School with the opening of our new Group, 57th Blackpool (Unity) Scout Group and look forward to the continued involvement of young people at the Academy in Scouting. Our grateful thanks to Andy Marsden, County Development Officer, and our leaders within the District who have provided their support and experience to our new Sections.

Our County Commissioner, Steve Morton resigned during the year due to increasing work commitments, we thank him for his help and guidance. Our thanks also go to Barbara Hughes, County Development Officer and other County Leaders.

I would like to pay tribute to those who have received St George's Day Awards and those who have received Long Service Awards – many years of dedicated service to Scouting for which we are eternally grateful.

We have lost friends who have "Gone Home" this year and as we remember them, we also give thanks for the years of support they gave to Scouting.

We all look forward to a busy programme of events and activity this year and in the future to support our young people. Please enjoy Scouting, it is hard work, but we are providing wonderful opportunities, skills and experience that can be called upon throughout lives whether young or old.





We receive financial and other support from businesses and individuals – we are extremely indebted to all those who help in whatever way they can. This District recognises the contribution made by many individuals and companies who do not want any fuss or headlines but continue to support us financially or providing goods with little or no payment expected. Thank you to them all.

My final sincere thank you is to each of you who have helped to support and develop Scouting in Blackpool in any way. We are very fortunate to have many devoted and enthusiastic people. On behalf of our young people, a very grateful thank you.

Victoria DaSilva
District Commissioner

Providing fun and adventure for our young people

In addition to our 20 Groups spread across Blackpool with their Beaver, Cub and Scout sections supported by Explorer Scout Young Leaders, we have Explorers and Network supporting with their sections meeting across the year. Blackpool Scout District caters for the needs of over 700 young people, aged 6 to 25, supported by over 250 adult and young leaders throughout most of the days of the year.

			EXPLORERS	
6-8 years Make friends and try new indoor and outdoor activities	8-10.5 years Learn practical skills while having adventures with friends	10.5-14 years Build confidence, resilience and a sense of adventure	14-18 years Take the lead, work together and embrace new experiences	18-25 years Hone employability skills and achieve top awards

Our programme of activity included in this section is limited to District activity or where there are events that involve more than one Group, Unit, Troop, Pack or Colony.

April 2018

At the beginning of the month, the Explorers took part in the Mountain Activity Challenge in the Lake District.

Blackpool District supported the Family Fun Day @The Grange on the 14th. At this Fun Day the Scouts were able to show off their skills, chat and encourage young people to join Scouting. Scouts provided activities such as pancake making and building structures.

We celebrated St George's Day with our Annual Dinner and Dance held at Blackpool Football Club which is one of our fund raising activities.

On 22nd April, over 600 members of Blackpool District Scouts took part in a St George's Day Parade and promise renewal at Blackpool Tower prior to the circus performance.

St Georges Day is commemorated on 23rd April is where many of our Scout Groups mark this day by taking part in crafts and learning about our patron saint.

May 2018



On the 12th at St Christopher's, our President, Cllr Lily Henderson arranged a coffee morning to help fund raise for our four young people who have been selected to attend the World Jamboree in USA in July/August 2019.

Also, on 12th was the County Challenge for Cubs, whilst on the same day, 10th, 24th, 45th, 51st Blackpool and 1st

Norbreck attended Jungle Book.

Over the two nights of 15th and 16th, 450 of our young members completed a three-mile walk which totalled over 1350 miles on the annual JOTT Walk (Jamboree on the Trail) – an annual day for the World Scout movement to hike together.

The new Scout branding and logos were introduced on 16th and have been adopted across the District.

The Worshipful the Mayor of Blackpool presented the Chief Scout's Silver Award to 59 Cubs in the Council Chamber on 22nd of the month.

The Explorers and Network enjoyed bouldering at Sport Blackpool on the 24th.

June 2018

Mowbreck Beer Festival was held at Mowbreck Camp site on Saturday 2nd to raise funding to support the ongoing maintenance of the site and was enjoyed by older members of the organisation, where craft beer, wine and soft drinks were available. The cost of the ticket also included entertainment and food.

The Alan Barnes Competition for Beavers was held at Blackpool Zoo on Saturday 16th, the trophy competition is held in memory of Alan Barnes, a long serving member of the 16th (now 13th/16th Blackpool). The competition was won by 1st Norbreck Beaver Scouts. Two hundred Beavers from 15 colonies supported by over 60 voluntary leaders and young leaders had a fun day at the Zoo and taking part in the competition with the theme Alice in Wonderland.

The Scout Section held their Annual Chill Out camp at Mowbreck Camp site on 23th and 24th June. Some Scouts hiked to the campsite while others came by transport. Thirty-four Scouts from five troops from across the District attended with the Scouts camping together and cooking on open fires, with some sleeping in hammocks in the woods. The camp provides an

opportunity to relax without school or games consoles. Some Scouts spent time pruning, mulching and planting trees.

Older members took part in the annual Blackpool Pride over the weekend of 9th and 10th June, with the weather being bright and sunny for the procession.

July 2018

We held our Annual General Meeting for Blackpool Scout District on 5th July at Blackpool Football Club. We were entertained by the Gang Show cast.

On 15th July, in the Cub section, 6th Blackpool was Pack of the Year and 13th/16th Blackpool won the Commissioner's Flag competition.

The Explorers visited the District Camp site at Mowbreck on 17th July to view a Hot Air Balloon which was tethered. In addition, there was food cooked on a barbeque. The Explorers had a great night of fun and food.

On 18th July, Four Explorer Scouts received their Chief Scout Platinum Award, Diamond and Young Leaders' Certificates at a presentation at Brockholes nature reserve at Preston. The presentations were made by David Cam, the Under High Sheriff of Lancashire. The Chief Scout Platinum Award expects the Explorer to complete six nights away, two activities and other challenges. The Diamond Award contains similar challenges to the Platinum Award, but they are more extensive. The Explorer Scouts Young Leader Award involves volunteering to help in Beaver colony, Cub packs or Scout troop.

August 2018

Over the weekend of 31st August to 2nd September, Network members attended "Re-connected" a County event where Network members meet other Network members.

September 2018

On the 9th September Blackpool Leaders came together at Blackpool Zoo for the celebration to recognise long service to Scouting. Over 50 dedicated Leaders received their awards for service ranging from 15 to 60 years. Our young people can only enjoy the programme they do if we have trained and experienced volunteer Leaders, so we thank them all for their long service.

Weekend working camps at Mowbreck took place during this month and October, where individuals sections and groups are encouraged to visit the site to assist with the planting of trees, bulbs or clearing leaves.

Blackpool Scouts took part in the British Beach Clean-up project and Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Leaders and parents from the 44th and 51st Blackpool all took part in this litter-pick of the beach.

Over the weekend of 15th and 16th, Morrisons allowed Scouts to fund raise in the store to support the International visits, where over £1300 was raised. We have a contingent from Scouts and Explorers who have been chosen to represent Blackpool to the World Jamboree in the United States of America and two overseas projects in Uganda and Nepal.

On 21st and 22nd, the Beavers held their annual sleepover, but unfortunately Storm Ali had other plans, so instead of camping at Mowbreck, by kind permission of Layton School, the weekend was quickly re-arranged, and a successful event was enjoyed by all.

October 2018

Network held a Ghost walk on 4th around Blackpool attractions, which was enjoyed by all (although some were spooked!)

On 13th, the PG Tower Challenge was held at Layton Primary School. We use this opportunity to invite older cubs and younger scouts to work together and forge friendships whilst transitioning between Cubs and Scouts. This used to be called the Link Badge. The event is based on a test to build a Blackpool Tower testing the skills, ideas, leadership and collaboration of our young people.

Also during October Cubs took part in "Our World Challenge Badge" held at St John's Primary School. Over 100 young people visited eight different bases to understand about a different faith and culture, taking part in an act of worship, celebration or remembrance and creating a community map.

The Beavers enjoyed a visit to the Catalyst Science Discovery Centre at Widnes on the 20th where a great day was had by all.

Three Blackpool Scouts have been honoured with the Chief Scout's Gold Award, the award is for young people aged between 10.5 and 14 years and comprises nine challenges. Dominick Porter

of the 10th Blackpool; Oscar Sutcliffe and Susie Utting of 1st Bispham collected their awards in a special presentation which took place at the Academy for Skills and Knowledge at BAE Systems, Samlesbury on the 21st.

On the 22nd, Scouts embarked on their annual Illuminations outing from Gynn Square to Bispham followed by consuming a bag of chips before returning to Gynn Square.

Between the 24th to 27th October, Blackpool Gang Show returned to the Grand Theatre, with the extravaganza of song, dance and comedy performed by Scouts and Guides from Blackpool.

November 2018

Scout troops from the 7th and 51st Blackpool battled it out in a "Ready Steady Cook" competition held at St Stephens on the Cliffs on the 12th. Four teams of three Scouts had to choose from ingredients and then cook in a relay. At the end of the evening Spaghetti Bolognese and Chicken Curry were served.

On 10th November, our young people over the age of 12 took part in "Escape and Evade – Who Dares Wins" a manhunt challenge.

Four members of Blackpool District attended the Menin Gate in Belgium to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War 1 and laid a wreath at the grave of Bob Wroughton the world's first Scout who had lost his life.

Blackpool District Scouts attended the annual Remembrance Sunday held at the Cenotaph, Blackpool. This year there was a large contingent comprising all ages from Scouting.

Service Team held their own event to celebrate three of their members receiving Long Service Awards.

On 24th November, a fundraising event was held at Highfield Methodist Church to raise funds for the District members who are to visit Uganda on an International expedition in 2019.

December 2018

On the first day of the month a quiz night was held at 5th Blackpool to fund raise for the young people who are due to visit Nepal on their International adventure over Christmas 2018.

During this month, members of the District were reminded that they required to complete their mandatory training in General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

On the 11th, the District held its annual Carol service at the Salvation Army Citadel. The service was led by Joan Swan, Deputy District Commissioner and featured carols, readings and a procession of our young people providing gifts which were then distributed to the Bridge Project of the Salvation Army and Holy Cross Church Soup Kitchen.

On 14th, a delegation of three young people left for the adventure of a lifetime; Daniel Barber, Spencer Howe and Amy Jane Cartwright travelled to Nepal where they ascended Gokyo Ri Summit in the Khumbu region, which is 5557 metres high and they also worked at an earthquake affected school.

January 2019

The County Network held a social in Preston on the 5th and members of Blackpool District attended.

On the 18th, the Scouts held a Patrol Leaders Day at Staining Village Hall.

Leaders from Blackpool attended the West Lancashire Regional Managers conference at Bolton on the 27th where they enjoyed interesting talks from other Scout leaders and adventurers including workshops on growing the Executive Committee, recruiting adult volunteers, social media, mental health and working with young people with autism.

February 2019

February is #YouShape month and we aim to encourage young people to make more decisions, shape their own programmes and take on Leadership roles without Scouting. As part of #YouShape 2019 we are proposing the introduction of a YouShape Award to further embed youth Shaped Scouting as a key part of our programme.

Mission Possible week is when we focus on supporting our 14-18 year old young leaders to complete their missions, gain confidence and become and integrate part of the scouting leadership team in their group.

A group of Blackpool District Explorer Scouts and Explorer Scout Young Leaders, aged between 14 and 18, achieved their Platinum, Diamond and Young Leaders Award. The presentation was made by Andy Mitchell, news desk editor at Radio Wave and was held at the Health Academy at

Royal Preston Hospital in the presence of the young people's families and County Commissioner for West Lancashire, Steve Morton.

Blackpool District Beavers celebrated Founders Day at 1st Norbreck where over 90 Beavers from 14 different Blackpool colonies enjoyed working together on their Global Badge and International Badge which included activities such as making Anzac biscuits from Australia, singing in French, tasting different foods such as nachos, kiwi fruit, croissants and matching information to different countries.

There was also a Founders Day church service at St Stephens on the Cliffs attended by 1st Norbreck, 1st Bispham and 51st Blackpool.

Five Scouts were presented with the Chief Scout's Gold Award at Marton United Reformed Church.

On the 21st Network arranged a Quiz Night for the County Network members at Marton Institute.

The Scouts held a Cooking competition and 1st Bispham were the winners with 1st Norbreck second and 5th Blackpool third.

The Explorer Scouts and Explorer Scout Young Leaders went on their annual winter camp to Patterdale Hall over the weekend of 26th and 27th. Whilst on camp they ascended Helvellyn.

March 2019

The Cubs enjoyed a visit to York on the 2nd and visited the National Railway Museum and enjoyed a chocolate treat by visiting the York Chocolate Story.

Also, on the 2nd, Beavers enjoyed working on their Global and International badges at 1st Norbreck.

We were delighted to see that one of our Blackpool Beavers met The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on their visit to Blackpool on the 6th.

We held our District Swimming Gala at Palatine Leisure Centre on the 9th. Once again, many of our young people took the opportunity to take part in what is an extremely busy and popular competition.

Also, on the 9th, was International Women's Day and we supported this event held at Blackpool Sixth Form.

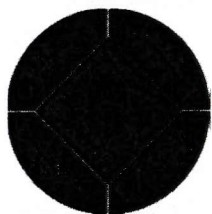
The 16th saw Blackpool Cubs take part in the County Chess Competition with teams taking part from the 6th, 13th/16th Blackpool and 1st Norbreck.

One of our members Zach Terras attended the High Sheriffs Young Citizen Award for 2019 on the 21st, which was presented by Tony Attard, the High Sheriff at Lancashire Police Headquarters. There were 38 young people nominated for this Award so well-done Zach for your commendation.

Nine Beaver colonies took part in the Great Beaver Bake off at 1st Norbreck, which was won by 23rd Blackpool, well done all the young people who took part in making such yummy cakes.

SCOUTING SUPPORT

Without our young and adult volunteers help and support, we could not provide such a varied programme throughout the year. In addition to the events above, this does not include the section meetings within the 20 groups across Blackpool, bi-monthly District Executive meetings, Group Scout Leaders meetings, Blackpool District Scout Council, Beaver Council, Cub Council, Scout Council, SASU, Service Team meetings, Appointments Committees, Finance Sub Committee, Mowbreck Sub Committee and the District Commissioners meetings with the Section Assistant District Commissioners – that makes for a very busy calendar for many.



Explorer Scout Young Leaders provide valuable help to the Leadership team, providing an active role and bringing new ideas. There is an extensive training programme which contains 11 modules and challenges the young people to lead, plan programmes and complete a First Aid course. Once the Young Leaders complete their training (missions), they are then awarded the ES Young Leaders belt.

Our adults help directly in Groups by providing the programme for our young people and are supported by training to ensure they have the best and up-to-date knowledge. From our Badge Secretary, Activities Co-ordinators, District teams, Service Team, Scout Active Support Unit (SASU), Training team and Mowbreck, our adult volunteers are always there to support our young people. We have tireless and dedicated people who help behind the scenes at Groups and District Executives.

Activities are at the heart of our Scouting programme and across the District many sections are undertaking a wide range of indoor and outdoor experiences and adventures. This is down to the hard work, dedication and excellent programme planning by the Section Leaders and assistants, managed and supported by the DC/ADCs, District Leaders and GSLs, the assistance of SASU, Network, Service Team and Young Leaders (Scouting's future). Without these people Scouting in Blackpool would not be able to offer such a diverse variety of programme and events which enable our members to achieve so much.

Mowbreck has had a busy year, with many groups camping or completing service at the site. We held several District events at Mowbreck. Adults and young people in scouting have undertaken many tasks including painting, pruning hedges and trees, weeding, mending fencing and general repairs for which we thank all who have contributed to the continued success of the site. We were delighted to receive funding from Tesco Bags of Help competition and received an award of £1000 and some Blackpool groups have already completed the challenge this year to plant a tree at Mowbreck. We have a new Mowbreck Committee which meets 3 or 4 times a year with representation from the Blackpool District sections.



Blackpool Service team help and support District and County events, including District Camp, Mowbreck Beer Festival, Gang Show, Explorers County Camp, Mountain Activity Challenge and service weekends at Great Tower.

The Blackpool Scout Active Support Unit (SASU) allows people to give their time to Scouting on a flexible basis. It is open to anyone over 18 years and there is no requirement for anyone to have been involved in Scouting previously other than a willingness to help. SASU have provided help to the Beaver Scout District Camp, Swimming Gala, Commissioners Flag, PG Tower Challenge, the Alan Barnes Trophy, Gang Show, Remembrance Sunday, St Georges Dinner Dance, St Georges Day event and the Carol Service. They also enjoyed their annual late Christmas meal at the No 1 South Beach in January.

Roll of Honour

Congratulations to all in Scouting who have been honoured with awards, it has been an honour and a privilege to present Wood Badges, Long Service and Good Service awards to leaders and supporters in all our Sections. Our sincere congratulations to all who were recognised by Headquarters in the annual St. George's Day award for their continued ongoing contribution, dedication and loyalty to Scouting in Blackpool.

St George's Day Awards – 2018

Gordon Clark – Silver Wolf

In recognition of services to Scouting of the most exceptional nature

Tony Ashworth – Bar and Silver Acorn

In recognition of further specially distinguished service

Lesley Meddings – Silver Acorn

In recognition of specially distinguished service

St George's Day Awards – Roll of Honour 2019

7pm on the Saturday.

Victoria DaSilva MBE – Silver Wolf

In recognition of services to Scouting of most exceptional nature

Dianne Leyland – Silver Acorn

In recognition of specially distinguished service

Jordan Shuck, District Youth Commissioner has completed our highest award in Scouting for young people, the Queen's Scout Award completing a series of challenges and experiences to gain his Award and his Duke of Edinburgh Gold award. Congratulations Jordan.

Gone Home



Some of our members have gone home this year and we say goodbye to these much-loved members and supporters.

Margaret Gledhill

16th September 2018

Keith Gledhill MBE DL KSTJ

7th October 2018

Pat Anderton (Rayner)

13th March 2019

Beryl Graham

10th May 2019

Owen Porter

15th May 2019

**Blackpool District Scout Council
Receipts and Payments account
Year Ending 31st March 2019**

	<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>				
Membership fees received	28071		27744	
Payments to County	<u>23085</u>		<u>23400</u>	
		4986		4345
Interest and dividends received		526		488
Donations		500		5511
St Georges day/ Founders day		7706		-
Training		185		495
Badge sales		-319		1426
Dinner Dance income		4666		7176
Sundry income		-		-
Swimming Gala		140		240
District Camp		-		313
Jamboree/International fund raising		6375		629
Grants received		2492		-
		<u>27256</u>		<u>20623</u>
<u>Section Income</u>				
Gang Show income	14859		13824	
Beaver scout section income	3218		411	
Cub scout section income	24212		21957	
Scout Section Income	2403		1531	
Explorer scout section income	7276		6837	
Mowbreck income	4568		4355	
Mowbreck Beer Festival income	4833		6789	
SASU income	294		303	
Scout Car income	0		2677	
Service Team Income	<u>50</u>		<u>239</u>	
		61711		58923
Total Receipts		<u>88967</u>		<u>79546</u>

**Blackpool District Scout Council
Receipts and Payments account
Year Ending 31st March 2019**

	<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Payments</u>				
Dinner Dance costs		3796		4848
Publicity and Promotion		-		60
Insurances		959		959
Jamboree/Internationals		9638		2649
St Georges Day/Founders Day		7959		666
Development activities		916		495
District Camp		570		-
Training		2862		2320
AGM/ Carol Service		542		566
District Expenses		1018		1310
Storage costs		260		260
Swimming Gala		591		160
District Football		100		-
Awards Evening		350		
Other Activities and events		55		243
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		29617		14536
 <u>Section Costs</u>				
Gang Show costs	16464		13290	
Beaver scout section costs	1906		635	
Cub scout section costs	21684		23168	
Scout Section costs	2031		1403	
Explorer scout section costs	6640		9942	
SASU costs	332		164	
Mowbreck costs	6302		2098	
Scout Car costs	0		2631	
Mowbreck Beer Festival costs	4998		5377	
Service Team costs	0		161	
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		60356		58868
Total Payments		<hr/> <hr/>		<hr/> <hr/>
		89973		73404
 <u>Net Surplus/(Deficit)for the year</u>		-1006		6142

**Blackpool District Scout Council
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Year Ending 31st March 2019**

	<u>£</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Assets</u>					
Monetary balances (cash and bank)			93176		94026
<u>Investment assets</u>					
Scout short term investment fund	26650			26650	
Rayner funds: 668.6 units in the Charities Office - Investment Fund at Valuation	10155			9508	
			36805		36158
			129982		130184
<u>Non-monetary assets</u>					
Mowbreck Training centre at cost	883			883	
Stock of badges at cost	3668			3351	
Office Equipment	610			610	
Trophies	10			280	
			5171		5124
			135153		135308
<u>Loans</u>					
To groups/sections			2459		100
			137611		135408
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Due to groups			3451		
			134160		-
<u>Represented by</u>					
Reserves brought forward			139016		131400
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year			-1006		6142
Increase/(reduction) in value of investment funds			647		30
Increase/(reduction) in value of non monetary assets			47		
increase/(reduction) in loans			2359		
Less increase/(reduction) in liabilities			3451		
Ajustment to non monetary assets in years 2015 - 2018					1444
<u>Reserves carried forward</u>			137611	note 2	139016

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the Blackpool District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the district for the year ending 31st March 2019 which are set out on pages 1 to 3

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The districts trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- 1 examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 act
- 2 to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 act; and
- 3 to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no other matter has come to my attention:

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the requirement to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 act have not been met; or
- b) which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Dated 19.6.19

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Notes to the Accounts
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Note 1

Cash at bank and in hand

	2019	2018
Exec accounts		
Caf bank current account	1839	8177
Caf bank gold account	51742	48101
Raynor account	2311	1974
Jamboree Account	198	198
	<u>56090</u>	<u>58450</u>
Section Accounts		
Explorers	2324	1533
Mowbreck	3027	4760
Beer Festival	5247	5412
Gang Show	13836	15440
Cubs	7916	5388
Beavers	2390	1078
Scouts	623	252
SASU	978	1017
Service Team	429	379
Scout Car Races	317	317
	<u>37086</u>	<u>35576</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>93176</u>	<u>94026</u>

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Note 2

Analysis of Reserves

	2019	2018
Total Reserves	137611	139016
less:		
Non monetary assets+ loans and liabilities	11081	5124
<u>Restricted Funds</u>		
Raynor Bequest	12466	11482
Butterworth Bequest	15378	15378
<u>Designated Funds</u>		
Jamboree and Internationals	4023	2622
Mowbreck	3027	4760
Beer Festival	5247	5412
Explorers	2324	1533
Gang Show	13836	15440
SASU	978	1017
Service Team	429	379
Scout Cars	317	317
Youth United Funds	0	3790
Future events	3147	
M'ship fees	23000	23000
Free Reserves	42359	48762

Reserves Policy

The District mainly raises its running costs from its members and has limited capacity for other fund raising, therefore the trustees exercise a prudent approach to their free reserves policy: the trustees will initiate additional fund raising when free reserves fall to below the equivalent of 2 years annual costs measured against the latest Executive Income and Expenditure account or the forward budget plan.

Donations

We gratefully acknowledge the following generous contributors to our fund raising this year: Peter Greathead, Michael Loomes, Derek Abott Cleveleys Park Lodge, Leslie Sell Trust Gerald Richardson Trust, Stagecoach plc, Royal Mail plc, Senatores Lodge and Olivia Josephine Care We also continue to benefit from the legacy of Mrs Patricia Butterworth