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Cardiff East



Annual Report 2017

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District team

| Team Member | Role |
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| Steve Holmes | District Commissioner |
| Dafydd Evans | District Youth Commissioner |
| Rob Lewis | Deputy District Youth Commissioner |
| Zoe Lloyd | District Beaver Young Leader |
| Kyle Hewett | District Cub Young Leader |
| Peter Holdstock | District Scout Young Leader |
| Amy Hewett | Deputy DC 6-14 Programme |
| Gareth Johns | District Beaver Leader |
| Bee Evans | District Beaver Leader |
| Lottie Doyle Edwards | District Cub Leader |
| Cerys Lane | District Cub Leader |
| Frank Zaffino | District Cub Leader |
| Matt Mills | Project Manager Group Development |
| Simon Hillard | ADC Activities |
| Mike Doyley Edwards | District Explorer Scout Commissioner |
| Joe Holmes | District Explorer Scout Commissioner |
| Matty Jones | District Network Commissioner |
| Elinor Doyle – Edwards | District Explorer Scout Administrator Project manager Group development |
| Colin Chapman | District Young Leader unit Leader |
| Kay Holmes | Deputy District Commissioner Strategy and Development |
| Marc Cattle | ADC Development |
| Zach Cater | ADC Communication |
| Alison Docherty | ADC Inclusion |
| Pete Jeffreys | Project Manger Youth want to joins |
| Jack Edgefield | Project manager Group development |
| Steve Barkley | Deputy DC Adult Support and Local Training Manger |
| Sarah Maylia | Appointments Manger |

Exec Team

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| Meriel Cole | District Chair |
| John Wall | District Secretary |
| Ian Cater | District Treasurer |
| Marilyn Hillard | Exec Member |
| Alison Gale | Exec Member |
| Shane Andrews | Exec Member |
| Jonathan Evans | Melvin Skidmore Rep |

Thank you to all the members of the team for all you do in supporting Cardiff East!

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District Chair Report for AGM 2nd May 2018

On behalf of the District Executive Committee I would like to thank Steve and all the District Team for the hard work and support that they have all given to all the Groups over the last year. The enables all our young people in all sections have had such great experience.

My thanks go to my Executive team for their support throughout 2017. Their focus is the governance of the district and to support the district team to carry out their roles.

The Double Dutch expedition gave many young people their first international experience. It was a lot of work for the team to organise, but everybody had a wonderful time.

The District is very proud of the large contingency who have been selected to represent Wales at the World Jamboree in 2019, participants, leadership and IST testament to the values they have learnt in their time in Scouting in Cardiff East.

As you will hear it has been a good year for the District and I am sure that we will have another successful year ahead.

Meriel Cole District Chair.

Being Youth Lead and working in partnership with our Youth Commissioner and youth team remains a key part of how we deliver scouting in Cardiff East. During 2017 Dafydd Evans followed on from the great work Sean Stacey did as our first Youth Commissioner. Dafydd recruited a new team of young leaders, to replace those that had matured to Adult leadership. There in put in greatly valued and continues to play an important in how we deliver scouting across the district.

During 2017 nationally and locally teams have begun to look forward to the strategy that will carry on from Vision 2018. Through much of the consultation several key themes have emerged. They are People, Perception and Programme. These sit comfortable with our District key aims.

Delivery of quality programme remains the bedrock of what we do, and at district level Amy and her team have continued to deliver the high-quality events that help us to come together a district and share our skills, to enhance the programme delivered, and to expand the scope of scouting that our members enjoy. As we look forward to 2018 and beyond will refocus our efforts to ensure we support the delivery of a diverse and exciting programme to enhance both growth and the completion of top awards.

During 2017 the Beavers enjoyed a sleepover in Llanedern Primary on a Jungle theme and a trip to Folly Farm. Cubs had a day out at Creely Adventure Park and our old favourite cub badge day again at Llanderyn Primary. We returned to Woodhouse park for district scout camp in June.

During 2017, we worked hard to ensure that our Explorer section flourished and this has been reflected in the significant growth we have seen in membership. Posing us the problems of how we extend the explorer provision in 2018 and beyond. D of E expeditions have been run and support given. We have had 2 people complete Bronze awards. We now have the highest number of young people registered on all 3 awards. We are hopefully we will see a flurry of completions during 2018 which will be supported by more top scout awards as well.

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During 2017, Bee and Lyndsey supported by the 14 – 25 TEAM worked hard to reshape our Young leader training engaging with more new young people entering into the scheme and greater engagement across the groups.

2017 as our first year as Cardiff East came with several challenges, we had to revisit a lot of our internal systems and switch them over to a new district. Something that is continuing to take time currently. East and South always had a strong identity and brand, our members could recognise at an instant. We needed to create this to bring back the sense of belonging to Cardiff East we had treasured so much in East and South. During 2017 we launched a new logo, now have a clear brand that our groups recognise and will feel part of. We have several projects that we will be working over the coming months and years to ensure we, to coin a phrase used elsewhere, are stronger together.

During 2017 our census numbers gave mixed picture, for the first time in many years we saw a decrease of 12% and 8% in Beavers and Cubs respectively. However, in contrast we saw growth in Scouts of 5% and 27% increase in explorers. Scouts for the first ever was now our biggest section. Using this information, we have been able to develop plans to maintain the growth within scouts and explorers, but also to look at ways of developing the young sections. We have already in 2018 been able to impact this but more on that next year. We have 4 groups with over 100 members, and only 2 groups with a recorded membership under 40. IN both areas significant changes have already been made.

We continue to welcome new adults to the district running monthly Getting started sessions and we continued to strive that all adults are fully trained and supported in the roles they undertake.

We continue to use a variety of ways to communicate, from section leader Facebook groups to termly forums. Ensuring that we engage and listen to our membership is very important to how the district moves forward.

Nights away remain one of the highlights of the programme. From Sept 16 – Aug 17, Beavers camped 394 nights, Cubs 969, Scouts 1275, Explorers 516, Network 263 and Adults 1284. Giving an overall total 4165.

One of the highlights of the year was the Double Dutch Adventure. But far the biggest international trip we have undertaken as a district. The event comprised of 2 parts, an Explorer/Network cycle trip and an explorer/ Scout Camp. The aim of this event was to give as broader experience as possible of an entry level international trip. We also wanted to empower those who attended and were within the age bracket to go on and apply for WSJ. We have had a record number of young people selected for world Jam, and adults as both unit leaders, and IST, confirming these events was a resounding success.

My thanks go to the team both past and present for all their support and hardwork. I am excited to look forward to 2018 as we take the district forward.

Steve Holmes DC Cardiff East

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Cardiff East District Scout Council

Review of 2017 Accounts

1. Introduction

Ian Cater took over as District Treasurer in March 2017, from Carole Standfast the previous Treasurer.

The accounts have been scrutinised by Richard Norton, retired accountant and current Chair LINC-Cymru Housing Association. See attached Income and Expenditure.

During 2017 a number of activities relating to the finances of the District were undertaken:

- A new bank account with Barclays Bank was opened in the name of the new District. This is used for day to day banking.
- The bank account with Unity Trust was run down, due to the levy of bank charges.
- The Short Term Deposit account with the Scout Association was closed due to a change in the terms and conditions.
- A new account was opened with Virgin Money into which the sale proceeds from Severn Grove was deposited along with the District reserve from the Scout Association Short Term Deposit.
- A new account with Monmouthshire Building Society was opened. The Melvin Skidmore funds were deposited following closure of the Scout Association Short Term Deposit.

Following the changes to the CATVOG Area boundaries a split of our assets – including the sale proceeds of Severn Grove. The appropriation of funds has not yet been made.

The Scout Hall at Heol y Delyn, Lisvane, Cardiff was transferred to Cardiff North as part of the boundary changes from 1st August 2017. We have continued to work with Cardiff North to address updates to the electrics at the hall.

2. Key Aspects of 2017 Accounts

2.1 Income

- Income in 2017 was £161,068.70 compared to £38,181.96 in 2016
- Increased income was due to an exceptional item - sale proceeds of Severn Grove £100,307.74
- If this item is removed the income for 2017 was £60,760.96. It should be noted that this income includes Double Dutch receipts of £40,018

Key Items:

- Capitation £888.00 (£1,502)
- Badge receipts £735.28 (£2,017.18) – note the District stopped selling badges in 2017
- Equipment Cost Donations – minibus, van and equipment £1,534.99 (£2,131.50)
- Activities £49,942.14 (£16,187)
- Lisvane Hall £6,372 (£8,020.14) – note transfer to Cardiff North.
- Misc Transactions £953.54 (£6.50) – including Donation, 1st Canton bank balance, O/S 2016 Wings payment owing

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2.2 Expenditure

- Expenditure in 2017 was £77,530.22 compared to £37,246.10 in 2016
- Increased expenditure was due to two exceptional items – purchase of a van £11,160 and selling costs for Severn Grove £2,720
- If these items are removed the expenditure for 2017 was £63,650.22. It should be noted that this expenditure includes Double Dutch expenditure of £38,986

Key Items:

- Badges £613 (£1,946)
- Vehicle & Equipment Costs (excluding van purchase) £3,500 (£3,538)
- Melvin Skidmore Grants £4,455 (£1,187) – Double Dutch and Explorer Belt Grants
- Storage & Insurance £738 (£743)
- Lisvane Hall £4,561 (£4,493) – some costs due from Cardiff North (~£700) and electrical works £700
- Activities £48,384 (£18,913)
- Misc Transactions £1,033.54 (£649) – includes costs of a cancelled camp, District Leader Meetings, bank charges, Online Youth Manager Charges, YL refreshments

3. Overall 2017 Position

- Overall there was a surplus of £83,538 in 2017 compared to £935 in 2016
- However there were a number of exceptional items in 2017 – sale of Severn Grove, purchase of van and Double Dutch.
- If these items are excluded, along with the Melvin Skidmore grants, the position is:

| | 2016 | 2017 |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Income | £38,181 | £161,068 |
| less: | | |
| Sale of Severn Grove | nil | (£100,307) |
| Double Dutch | (£ 6,400) | (£ 40,018) |
| Revised Income | £31,781 | £ 20,743 |
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| Expenditure | £37,246 | £77,530 |
| less: | | |
| Sale of Severn Grove | (£ 3,989) | (£ 2,720) |
| Purchase of van | nil | (£11,160) |
| Double Dutch | (£ 1,473) | (£38,986) |
| Melvin Skidmore | (£ 1,187) | (£ 4,455) |
| Revised Expenditure | £30,597 | £20,209 |
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| Revised Income/ Expenditure | £ 1,184 | £ 534 |

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4. Cash Position – end 2017

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| Unity Trust | £ 12,603.95 |
| Barclays Bank | £ 3,576.61 |
| Virgin Money | £122,787.26 |
| Seasons Prepayment | £ 156.61 |
| Mon BS – Melvin Skidmore | £ 40,951.42 |
| Total | £180,075.85 |

5. Appropriation of Funds – Area Boundary Changes

- Spilt as per I&E
- £27,974 to be transferred – to be taken from Virgin account to reduce towards Deposit Protection Limit of £85,000
- Awaiting confirmation from CATVOG to make transfers

My sincere thanks to Ian for this final report and managing our accounts for us.

Steve Holmes DC