



Annual General Meeting  
Monday 22 July 2019  
Alec Bussey Scout Centre

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## Agenda

1. Welcome and thoughts
  2. Apologies
  3. Minutes of the AGM held 16 July 2018
  4. Treasurer's Report
  5. District Commissioner's nomination for District Chair
  6. Election of Officers
    - a. District Treasurer
    - b. District Secretary
  7. Election of District Executive Members
  8. District Commissioner's nominations to the District Executive
  9. Nomination of members of the Norfolk County Scout Council
    - a. A member of the Scout Council
    - b. A member of the Scout Council (Under 25)
  10. Appointment of the Scrutineer
  11. The District Commissioner
  12. Presentation: Our Youth Forum
  13. Closing comments
- followed by refreshment, introductions, mingling and malarkey!



# Treasurer's Report



## 2018 - 2019 District Year end

	DR	CR
<b>Bank Balance</b>		£ 39,646.14
<b>Income</b>		
Census		£ 6,820.00
Beavers		£ 120.00
Jessop Road Fees		£ 390.00
Explorers		£ 40.00
Events		£ 260.00
<b>Expense</b>		
DC Expenses	£ 255.00	
Appointment Panel	£ 55.71	
Jessop Road	£ 390.00	
2017 - 2018 Capitation	£ 29,754.00	
Explorers	£ 213.00	
AGM	£ 145.00	
5th Norwich	£ 122.00	
Entertainment Licence	£ 244.43	
Events	£ 2,043.50	
Hardship	£ 400.00	
Uniform	£ 36.81	
	£ 33,659.45	£ 47,276.14
<b>Bank Balance</b>		<b>£ 13,656.69</b>

### Treasurers Notes

2018-2019 Capatation received by County	£30,966.00	
To be transferred to explorers account	£40.00	Done in 2019 - 2020 accounts
County to be reimbursed	£73	
County to be reimbursed	£240	
County to be reimbursed	£26.17	
County to be reimbursed	£81	

£40.00 difference on the bank statement due accounting for £40.00 for explorers and it not being transferred.

Group	Amount	Recd
5th Norwich	1980.00	yes
Cringleford	2970.00	yes
Brooke & Poringland	2790.00	yes
Mulbarton	5085.00	yes
1st Norwich	3150.00	yes
Loddon	2700.00	yes
34th Norwich	2970.00	yes
Bowthorpe	2115.00	yes
43rd Saxlingham	3690.00	yes
Explorers	2340.00	
33rd Norwich	3375.00	yes
46th Norwich	405.00	yes
Due to County	30966.00	

2018 - 2019 Explorers Year end

	DR	CR
<b>Bank Balance</b>		£ 9,031.07
<b>Income</b>		
District		£ 175.65
Skavageners		£ 1,086.96
Vermin		£ 1,971.72
Emu		£ 1,121.68
Scorpins		£ 240.68
Pythons		£ 717.22
Raiders		£ 1,306.54
<b>Expense</b>		
Vermin	-£ 730.77	
Emu	-£ 840.00	
District	-£ 2,158.13	
Scorpins	-£ 181.00	
Raiders	-£ 350.00	
Skavageners	-£ 1,333.02	
	-£ 5,592.92	£ 15,651.52
<b>Bank Balance</b>		<b>£ 9,820.64</b>

**Treasurers Notes**

Scout Shop - No signatures	£172.00
Skav / Dist - No Signatures	£38.85
Online Youth - No Signatures	£43.00
County to be reimbursed	

£40.00 difference on the bank statement due accounting for £40.00 for explorers and it not being transferred

2018 - 2019 Jessop Road Year end

	DR	CR
<b>Bank Balance</b>		£ 747.34
<b>Income</b>		
Eon		61.06
33rd Norwich		390
Forest School		1600
<b>Expense</b>		
Electric	-580	
Water	-276.61	
Insurance	-842.24	
	-1698.85	£ 2,798.40
<b>Bank Balance</b>		<b>£ 1,099.55</b>

**Treasurers Notes**

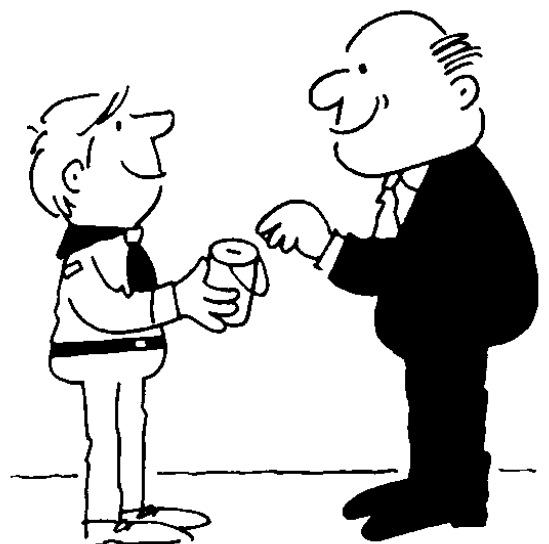
£47.27 to be banked EON refund  
Money to be transferred to 33rd Norwich.

2018 - 2019 Cooper Lane Year end

Bank Balance	DR	CR
		£ 3,334.03

Treasurers Notes

Desinated £2,380.25



## **District Explorer Scout Commissioner's Report**

**Scorpions (B&P) and Raiders (43rd) have merged as numbers were low in both. They now meet at Saxlingham so we have 5 Explorer Units in the District, including:**

**Emu – Mulbarton**

**Pythons – Earlham**

**Skavengers – Cringleford**

**Vermin – 1st Norwich**

**All units have had a very busy year with varied weekly programmes which have included sailing, kayaking and canoeing, a Scuba taster, Parliament week discussions, a Ghost Walk and a visit from a Lead County Duke of Edinburgh Award Adviser. We also held a successful Young Leader training evening, with 25 Explorers and Young Leaders in the District completing Module A, with thanks to Carl Meadows from Southern Norfolk for running the course.**

**We also continue to group together and attend events as a District. A few of the Events we have taken part in over the past year:**

**Gilwell 24 July 2018**

**We took 12 Explorers from the District for 24 hours of non-stop activities.**

**Beach BBQ 2018**

**21 Explorers caught the train from Norwich to Cromer, had a game of rounders on the beach & cooked burgers & hotdogs**

**Unit trips**

**Raiders and Scorpions visited Belgium for a week with Saxlingham Nethergate Scouts and also had a winter camp at EVAC.**

**Skavengers travelled to The Peak District with Cringleford Scouts**

**Vermin also headed to the Peak District with 1st Norwich for a walking weekend**

**Pythons attended Kingswood in West Runton with Earlham Scouts for a winter camp.**

**Norjam 2018**

**A few of the Explorers from Southern Norwich gave their assistance on Cub and Brownie Day, helping with the supervision as the Cubs and Brownies took part in activities.**

## BPA 2019

2 District Explorer Teams were entered this year and did well, completing the hike.

### Mini-Camp – Mike Thurston Centre

14 Explorers caught the train from Norwich and hiked from North Walsham Station to site. They enjoyed a weekend on the water, kayaking and generally having fun.

### St Georges Activity Day 2019

The Explorers were invited and a few attended. We aim to encourage more to come along again in 2020

### GTS Challenge

The challenges to win the Golden Toilet Seat are held every couple of months, hosted by different Explorer Units on a rotation basis. The hosts come up with a theme for the challenge, from water activities to World Record Breaking challenges.

### Young Leaders

We currently have 34 Young Leaders in the District, 20 of them attend an Explorer Unit. This is a complete turn-around from last year, when we had 32 YLs with only 10 attending Explorers.

We have been working towards encouraging Scouts from all the Groups in the District to gain knowledge about the local Explorer Units. We will continue to work on this and hope to organise some MIMO events and invite older Scouts to some Explorer activities.

We continue to use OSM successfully.

I'd like to say a huge thanks to the all Explorer leaders in the District for their hard work over the past year. Also, without their continued teamwork we wouldn't be able to hold as many of the joint events that we do.

Nicky Summers

District Explorer Scout Commissioner



## **District Commissioner's Report**

**2018/9 was a challenging mixed year for the District Scout Council.**

**Scouting in Groups remains broadly very good and very strong, however interactions between Groups has declined and a sense of District spirit is no longer felt by a significant number.**

**The District Executive has been supportive and encouraging but in need of some more strategic direction for the District.**

**The District Team is minimal and stretched.**

**The annual Census reported 794 young people, a growth of 11 from the previous year. Excellent to see growth in Cubs and particularly in Explorers. These however mask actual decline in Beavers and Scouts.**

**Adult leaders were about 22 down from the previous year. This could be accounted for in the true recording of adults as previously incorrect recording information was provided.**

**However not the figures we should be seeing from an area of such population growth, albeit the steps to welcome more young people are quite great.**

**We have held our first ever Youth Forum with the grateful support of Youth Commissioners from other Districts. It is important that we are guided by our young people in our decision making.**

**We have worked with the Regional Service Team to prepare a trial of new Beaver and Cub Sections at Lakenham Primary School.**

**Having a set of competent, skilled adults who are able to deliver or support amazing programmes is a key priority for the Scout Council. Since our last AGM 17 Wood badges have been recommended and 30 people have either started or changed roles and have been approved by the District Appointments Advisory Committee.**

**We must get better at ensuring that we complete Getting Started training in a timely manner as this provides adults with the key knowledge to be safe and safeguard themselves or young people. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that happens.**

**During the year the custodianship of Jessopp Road Scout Headquarters, which was inherited by the District from the 19<sup>th</sup> Norwich Scout Group was transferred to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Norwich Scout Group who have impressive plans to build a new meeting place. The site is owned by the Norwich Area Scout Trust.**



Cooper's Camp has remained broadly undeveloped with usage by a number of Scout Groups and other community organisations, there is still a massive potential at this venue.

In February I accepted the resignation of Andy Keats as District Commissioner. I thank Andy and Lucy for their time.

Looking to the future we need to find a new District Commissioner and a search process will start in September. It has been my aim over the past few weeks to assemble a broader skilled and stronger Executive to be able to support and deliver the next District Commissioner's vision.

The potential in this area of Norwich to provide skills of life to more young people and welcome more adults is immense.

I would like to thank all of the team for their work and dedication in sometimes awkward spots. It's now time to pull together and move on.

Matthew Burrell

County Commissioner (Acting District Commissioner)



## Officers for approval (becoming Ex Officio Members)

### Chair – Jane Stafford

Jane has had over 40 years experience in Scouting and has been awarded the Silver Wolf by the Chief Scout for her services.

In recent years Jane has played a vital role in governance and fundraising overseeing the incredibly successful Norwich Duck Race and knowledge for an new HQ build project. Jane has previously been our District Secretary.

### Treasurer – Sarah Peachment

Sarah is our existing Treasurer and has professional experience as an administrator.

Sarah has also produced the accounts for the Norfolk Scout Canoe Team as well as being a key organiser of the County Water Activity Weekends.

### Secretary – Anita Diaper

"I'm Anita, I used to be a Girl Guide albeit a long time ago now. I work for Local Government in Waste Reduction and Recycling helping to encourage more recycling and introduce new waste reduction initiatives, currently I help manage and maintain the Norfolk Recycles website and social media platforms. I have previously held both Secretary and Chair roles in my children's school PTA group. I'm a friendly and approachable person who welcomes new ideas and I've good communication and interpersonal skills."

## Other Ex Officio Members

### Matthew Burrell – Acting District Commissioner

### Nicky Summers – Dist. Explorer Scout Commissioner

## Elected Members (for election)

### Sara Harrison

"Hi I'm Sara and I'm living my dream. As a child growing up in Derby my dad and 5 brothers were all involved in Scouting as a girl I wasn't allowed to wear the uniform although I attended every week with my dad. When my own kids joined scouting I got involved and here I am 15+ years down the line, and yes wearing the uniform I so craved as a child.

As a day job I manage a Pre-School and Out of school club, I don't believe in re-inventing the wheel so where possible bring elements of work to Scouting and vice versa.

I sit on the Exec committee because I like to support the people who support me in my role in scouting."

### Andrew Parle

"I have been involved in Scouting since a Beaver at my local group in Liverpool, since then I have held various roles in Group, District and County with the most recent being Group Scout Leader having moved to Norwich 5 years ago.

Outside of Scouting I also volunteer as a Governor at a local school. My work life as a Solutions Manager involves taking complex problems are creating clever solutions often using technology. I also hold skills in project management, people management, strategic governance and heavily involved in technology innovations."

### Tony Buttifant

Tony is a Deputy District Commissioner as well as having a heavy involvement at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Norwich.

Tony has a wealth of experience in Scouting, has many local contacts, as well as a unhealthy obsession with anything that leaks paraffin.

## Representatives to the County Scout Council

### Stuart Riches

Assistant Group Scout Leader  
43<sup>rd</sup> Saxlingham Nethergate

## Nominated members (for approval)

### Beka Millard

"I'm Beka and I joined Scouting as a Scout. I've been a Young Leader, Assistant Beaver Scout Leader and am now ACC(International) for Norfolk. Outside of Scouting I work as a junior lawyer for the in house commercial real estate team for a large investment company. I'm currently studying to become a Chartered Legal Executive with a view to becoming a solicitor. I have a good understanding of property transactions and am able to analyse, draft and respond appropriately to legal correspondence."

### Colin Hawes

"I joined as a Cub Scout over 50 years ago and had a wonderful time in Scouting as a young person. Various leadership roles in Scouting have given me a range of experience that I am now keen to use for the development of youth programme and leader support to deliver it. Formerly self employed in the motor trade and the manufacture of climbing walls I am very practical and retain a keen interest in outdoor pursuits.

### Dom Belcher (Under 25 member)

Dom is a younger volunteer from the District who has recently completed a term as County Youth Commissioner. Dom is also a member of the County Appointments Advisory Committee. Dom is completing a management qualification with a well known international employer.

### Ethan Rose (Under 25 member)

Beaver Scout Sectional Assistant  
1<sup>st</sup> Norwich

