



Annual Report For Year 2023

**Odiham District Scouts Annual General Meeting
on Monday 25th March 2024 at 8pm
at 101st Church Crookham Scout Group, Quetta Park, Fleet,
GU52 8TG**

Agenda

1. Chair's introduction and welcome
2. Apologies
3. Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes (covering year 2022)
(Appendix 1)
4. DLV's report
5. ADLV's reports
6. District Activity Leads reports
7. Group 23 report
8. Treasurer's Report and Acceptance of the Statement of
Accounts (Appendix 2)
9. Appointment of members of the District Trustee Board
10. County Deputy Lead Volunteer's closing remarks
11. Chair's closing remarks
12. Date of next Annual General Meeting



Chair's Welcome and Report – Anne Lovegrove

I was honoured to be invited to take over as Chair from Nick Somerville in September last year and look forward to working with the District Team. We have some challenges ahead as we move away from the old Executive Committee and restructure as a Trustee Board, but challenge and change breathe new life into existing organisations and are generally to be welcomed.

My first challenge as Chair has been to oversee changes to the District Scout Shop. I would like to thank Scott Shepherd for his years of management and service in the shop. The shop is now under new management, and I am pleased to say that, with expert advice from a small working party of Trustee Board members and the two new managers, we are up and running and trialling new methods of operating.

There have been some great scouting events in the District over the past year, which I will leave to our District Lead Volunteer to elaborate upon. I want to thank everyone involved for the time and commitment they have put in to making these events happen and run smoothly. Thanks also to the youth members in the District for displaying core scouting values while representing themselves, their Groups and the District at national and international events this past year.

Anne Lovegrove
District Chair



District Lead Volunteer's Report for the Year 2023

This is my third report as DC, or should I say District Lead Volunteer. I only have a few things to say, which can be summarised as welcome, congratulations, farewell, thank you, sorry and please.

Welcome. Welcome to all the young people who have joined our colonies, packs, troops and units in 2023 – and an especially warm welcome to the new Squirrel drey in Pondtail and a new Explorer Unit, Astra, in Ancells Farm. Of course, we also welcome many adults who have joined us too, whether they are delivering the programme or providing essential support or as trustees.

Congratulations. Well done to those older scouts and explorers who attended either the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea or Project 23, an expedition to three European countries. Those who went to Europe probably had the better experience as extreme weather, insect infestations and poor planning put the WSJ into the international media headlines for all the wrong reasons. I have yet to determine how many of the total Odiham contingent to both events (some 30+ YP) are still in the movement but I'd like to congratulate their parents and leaders for putting in so much effort to raise the necessary funds and prepare our contingents for the memorable trips. We recognise the achievements each term of young people who have gained their top awards and adults who have completed their WB training or chalked up another 5 years in role. In 2023 we recognised Squirrels, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, and adults at District Recognition Events in Crondall (Jan), Elvetham Heath (May) and Calthorpe Park (Oct).

Farewell. Inevitably, not just young people leave the Movement each year but adults too. We said farewell to several fantastic adults in 2023, not least Nick Somerville who was District Chair but also Graham Preedy, Pete Robertson and Anne Lovegrove who stood down as GSLs at 2nd Odiham, 6th Fleet (Ancells Farm) and 26th Odiham (Fleet Sea Scouts) – but who remain with us as SL 2nd Odiham, ELS Astra Explorers and our District TB Chair.

Thank you. A massive thank you to all the adults who provide support to the programme and collaboration across the District. Anna, Jannette, Graham and Mark, and Douglas are doing great work to support other leaders at Squirrels, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, while Becky does great work running our badge shop and Alex, Brian and Douglas delivered archery, kayaking and shooting courses. Many of the aforementioned, and others, used the Coronation Celebrations to raise funds for the



overseas trips and to demonstrate how scouting supports the wider community. My sincere thanks to you all.

Sorry. Despite several attempts to grow the District, we actually shrunk again in 2023. From 1034 Young People in Jan 22 we dropped to 1015 by Jan 23 and then to 978 in Jan this year. Perhaps my focus on the Jubilee in 2022 and Coronation in 2023 deflected my attention but let's hope there are no royal or community events to distract me, indeed us all, this year and next.

And finally, **Please.** My vision is that, by Census Jan 2026, Odiham District will be 50% bigger than it was at Census Jan 2021 - 947 YP. The target, a total of 1420 requires 442 more YP than we have now. In Jan this year there were 442 YP on waiting lists across the District, so please may I ask for your help in generating the additional capacity to welcome them in. I step down as DC in 2026 so I only have 2 years to achieve this. En route to this target, I'd like us to contribute to the wider community wherever possible, including:

- Hart and Fleet Lions (Special Needs Funday, Fireworks, Posh Tea, Beerfest)
- Royal British Legion (Poppy Appeal stands and house-to-house collecting)
- Fleet Pond Society, which offers great experiences to YP
- Hart Foodbank, which helps YP make a difference to the lives of others
- and other local initiatives that help our YP complete Challenge badges and allows scouting to raise its profile while doing good for others.

And one final request, which is to please support the District Spring Conference in the afternoon of Sun 28 April (venue tbc) at which we will cover some or all of the following topics:

- Ideas to increase more adult support (programme, support and trustees);
- Discussions between attendees of those 3 teams to increase collaboration;
 - TB: Chairs Chatter, Treasurers Talk, Trustee exchange, Secretary scribbles, do you want a 1-hour Symposium later in the year
 - Support Group: W2J List managers, Group Administrators, QMs, HQ Managers etc (Do the QMs want a swap-shop this year?)
 - Leader Teams: Programme Planning and how to increase the opportunity for YP to secure their top awards.
- Risk Assessments and how to make them useful
- Shop, badges, DRE, AoB

David

David Millen, District Commissioner/DLV Odiham Scouts



Squirrels

After a successful first year of running Squirrels at 100th (Elvetham Heath), we were delighted to open our second drey on 17th April 2023 at 29th (Pondtail). The two Squirrels Teams worked closely together to run joint planning sessions, parallel programmes and shared resources. Highlights included having two dreys present at both the Coronation and Remembrance Parades, introducing scouting skills to our 4 and 5 year olds with fire-lighting, s'more making and tent pitching demonstrations, encouraging teamwork with wide games and obstacle courses and we ventured further afield for chip hikes, metal detecting and pond dipping.

A guest speaker from Hampshire Search & Rescue helped the Squirrels earn their Superhero badge and we got together with the 3rd and 6th Farnborough Squirrel dreys for a Ginormous Teddy Bear's Picnic session of family fun during the summer holidays. We had a fascinating visit from a local bee-keeper, a science teacher led our Exciting Experiments Badge session, and a clay modeller helped the Squirrels create their own Halloween monsters.

Between the two dreys we had 32 Squirrel members during 2023, each earning on average 10 badges during the year. 10 Squirrels earned their Acorn awards before 'climbing down' to join Beavers. In 2024 the two dreys will continue to work closely together, sharing programmes and resources and we'll be looking to assist volunteer teams open new dreys within the district.

Anna Burns
District Squirrel Lead





Cubs

Our first event for 2023 was a district chess competition. I was very grateful to Bob Day who agreed to be our umpire and chief judge for the evening. We had 26 entries from across the district and the winner of each age group then went on to the county competition to represent us. The two winners were Mason Browne from 100th Mosquito pack and Eldon Harrison-Crowley from 29th Phoenix.

We managed to find a dry evening in June (we had had our fingers crossed ever since we booked it) and ran an athletics badge evening at Court Moor school where 214 cubs from 14 packs attended. 177 cubs gained the athletics plus badge (the highest stage) with 31 earning the athletics badge. Winner of the pack competition and the trophy was 29th Griffin cub pack.

We held a district Rock Council meeting on 5th June, where 10 packs were represented, to discuss events for 2024.

It was decided to try an archery competition and to possibly join the county cub sleepover at Bovington Tank Museum or Winchester Science Museum. A cycling event at Alice Holt Forest and a water activity day was also discussed for 2024 or 25.

On 9th December I attended the ADC conference in Winchester where we met the new ACC Cubs and learnt that they were going to run a county top trumps competition in early 2024, but more about that next time!

Jannette McElarney

ADC CS



Scouts

Across the scout sections in the district, we have had another active and action-packed year. Via the NaN forms signed off, it's great to see all the outside camps that have taken place over the last 12 months:

- Camping at various scout huts across the district
- Various Greenfield "shelter camps" either under tarps or in bivvy bags at Hannams Copse locally,
- Taking part in the county HantsTrek at Winchfield
- Summer camps at Braggers Wood (visits to Brownsea Island and Tank Museums etc), Broadstone Warren and Thriftwood Scout campsites
- Autumn camps at Ferny Croft, New Forest
- "Off the ground" camp on cargo nets
- Expedition camp to Swanage

It was also good to see Leaders and Scouts come together for three district scout events held over the last 12 months.

In May (2023) we had over 80 scouts taking part in a Scout Bike Orienteering Challenge at Alice Holt Forest. Bikes were checked, and off they went in groups of 3-4 to complete an orienteering course around the cycle paths of Alice Holt. Nobody got too lost! Thanks to the Forestry Commission for supporting the event.

In October (2023) 162 scouts got together for a sleep over at Winchester Museum. After playing on all the equipment, watching a film in the planetarium (Night at the museum - what else!) they put down their rollmats and sleeping bags amongst the exhibits - sleeping in an ear canal was I think the strangest spot found! I'm not sure the leaders got much sleep mind you.

In February this year we held a District Incident Hike based around the footpaths of Odiham. It was certainly muddy, but I didn't hear one complaint from the 90 scouts and guides who took part, and they all completed the 8 mile loops with smiles. Thanks to all the volunteers who ran the 8 bases.

I'd encourage all groups to take part in these events, they are a great opportunity for scouts to meet other scouts and for leaders to meet their fellow leaders from across the district, chat and exchange ideas etc.

Our next event, hopefully in the summer term (details tbc), is a "silent disco and



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sleep out under the stars". If you are a scout leader please do join our WhatsApp community group for details of events, sharing of programme ideas, asking for support or help etc. (To join just ask Graham or email me at: adcscouts@odihamscouts.onmicrosoft.com).

Graham Read
ADC Scouts



Explorers

Odiham (Fleet) started 2023 with five active Explorer Units catering for around 120 14-18 year-olds from across the District. In September 2023 Astra Unit was founded and within the first six months has achieved a compliment of 16 members plus it also benefitted from a National grant of £4000 to help cover initial setting up and activity costs.

At the last Census, despite a sharp fall-off of mid age range members within several of the Units that were already well over desired capacity, we still reported 119 active members at Explorer age across the District, with a healthy looking pipeline. Three of the Units are at their 24/26 members capacity with the others each having a minimum of 14-members each. Capacity is being carefully monitored and should demand be resurrected in Odiham village, then we will reevaluate the need for a Unit there, but for the time being any eligible Explorers continue to cross the M3 and attend the Explorer Unit in Hook.

A regular and challenging programme is delivered by each of the District Units – with two Units meeting on each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings during regular term times. An ever growing number of events are also being delivered on a District wide initiative basis rather than just at Unit level – with recent examples including: the Ferny Fest camp weekend in late February; the Monopoly Challenge day in London on Saturday 02 March; and the increased joint Duke of Edinburgh expedition planning and participation events taking place this Spring.

The Young Leaders programme has also gained significant traction over recent months, with almost 40-youngsters participating in the support of lower sections, typically as part of their DofE volunteering but not solely, with many now gaining the YL-Award. Units have also made a growing number of 'senior' proficiency badge awards – including DofE over the past 12-months plus Diamond and Platinum Awards.

The two phase intake across the District each year continues to work well and was implemented to better deliver Duke of Edinburgh activities. The first intake in September 2023, designed to coincided with educational year and in the second phase in January, which included several Scouts who were invited to attend selected Explorer nights if they are DofE related and then transition up in April. Others are also taken into the groups if places are available and they are above the 14-year threshold. One of the real constraints to availability of places are the 'ever elusive' additional leaders needed to run activities, and with several potential departures over the next year the need for recruitment is becoming critical.



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From a financial perspective, all the Units continue to be financially viable, however, one of the targets for 2024 is to ensure more of the funds generated are actually spent on the youngsters within the year. To this end there has been an increase in capital equipment procurement by individual Units including tents and cooking equipment and there has also been a higher level of financial support implemented in the delivery of the regular activities and camps.

Douglas Millard

District Explorer Scout Commissioner



Activity Leads

Shooting – Douglas Millard

Scouters tend to hold multiple roles, so in addition to being the District Explorer Scout Commissioner, I'm also a qualified National Smallbore Rifle Association Shooting Coach and in this capacity I support the GB Scouts - Target Shooting Team; I regularly deliver shooting sessions to Scouts; plus have both trained and qualified a number of in-District leaders to the required YPS(T) standard to enable them to safely deliver air-rifle shooting taster sessions in Scouting and to other youth-organisations.

During the past year as in-District Shooting Activity Lead I have supported and facilitated a number of shooting taster sessions across the District (and further afield) at pack, troop and unit level. Several Groups have also gone on to participate in live .22 rimfire shooting within Scouting at the Home Office approved range at Greywell plus a number had further shooting experiences, including larger calibre rifles, during National Scouts organised events at Bisley - the home of British shooting.

Shooting is a highly disciplined sporting activity that's safe, enjoyable and accessible by all, regardless of stature, gender, ability or disability. I can advise on equipment procurement and safe range design but also hold all the equipment needed to set-up and deliver a taster shooting experience using a mobile range at various in-District venues plus am available to both coordinate and facilitate these. For more information email me at Dougal_DLM@yahoo.co.uk

Archery – Alex Furneaux

Background and Archery Participation

2023 has seen a real step-up in the number of youngsters participating in the activity of archery. The archery range at 1st Crookham, the field course at Cody Bowmen, the Kings coronation activities (at Calthorpe park) and the recent cub competition in Fleet Shopping Centre has seen some 500 youngsters experience archery. And still no trips to A&E 😊 long may that continue...

Training

This increase has partly been due to the extra number of leaders who have committed to and passed the instructors assessment. We now have some 10 leaders across the



District (and we actually passed another 4 from outside the District increasing our contacts and relationships with other Districts in this activity.

We also have another 6 leaders/helpers in training and are due to be assessed in the near future (once the weather warms up a bit).

Equipment & Ranges

With the imminent setup of the new outside range at 28th Odiham, this significantly increases the District's ability to run archery sessions.

And following the very successful indoor archery competition, the plan is to create a "pop-up" indoor archery range facility which can be used around the District.

Competitions

The first District cub archery tournament held in Fleet Shopping Centre proved to be a very successful event. Many thanks to all the leaders who volunteered their time to make it possible. Special thanks should go to Niki for the brilliant marketing and score keeping, Jannette for handling sequencing and check-in, all the scorers who recorded the points and the young leaders who took part in collecting arrows and keeping the rest of us organised.

We had; no injuries (again!), over 40 very happy cubs from all round the District, a very positive response from the shopping centre who are extremely keen for us to come back and some suitably impressed and proud parents.

This is proof that we can, with the right support, run archery in the winter months in a dry environment.

1st Crookham have been running field archery for scouts for several years now and with a wider range of instructors, the option to offer this to more scout groups can now be considered. There is also the opportunity to utilise Cody Sports & Social facilities for wider competitions; target and field for beavers, cubs, scouts & leaders – baby steps, though, baby steps. If there is interest in this, then please let me (Alex) know.

Finally;

A special thanks to all those who have helped out over the past year, maintaining our fantastic archery safety record and judging from the tournaments; improving the ability of the beavers, cubs, scouts and leaders at the same time.



Paddle Sports - Brian Biffin

Scout leader Paddlesport Permit training and assessment courses were arranged in June and September 2023.

The training course was well attended by Odiham and Bramshill District leaders. Candidates from Bramshill and Basingstoke Districts attended the assessment. It was disappointing that no one applied from Odiham District.

Partly due to health issues, I have reluctantly decided to step back from organising further Paddlesport Permit courses. I have left contact details of both County and District Paddlesport coaches who perform Permit assessments, with David Millen.

Group 23

Verbal report to be given at AGM.



Treasurer's Report

The District reported a loss of £4,442 for the year. This loss is mainly due to stock levels being adjusted for the shop as this has not been updated for the last couple of years. Now that this has been balanced it will properly reflect the situation going forward. Also, there were some invoices for neckers that had not been paid which accounts for approximately £1,000.

Profit from the Shop was £110 (not taking account of the stock adjustment) and £1,117 came from badge sales. The District still has cash reserves of just under £10,000.

The total "Cash Funds" balance of £36,369 also includes the Explorer sections balances including a new unit called Astra (£20,619), the Centenary Fund (£5,000). Badge deposits (£663) and this year we have started to hold deposits for Nordic 25 (payments for those young people who will be attending Iceland in 2025). At the end of 2023 the district was holding -£420; please note we paid a deposit at the end of the year and the rest of payments from applicants came in during the first few days of Jan 24.

The District Executive Committee made a charge of £2.50 for the 2024 Annual Membership fee.

Whilst the accounts are not ready to submit to the Charity Commission we don't foresee any problems for the audit.

Sarah Napier
District Treasurer



Appendix 1 Minutes 2023 (Covering Year 2022) AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Odiham District Scouts

Sunday 14th May 2023, 14:00

The Key, Elvetham Health, Fleet

Note: the key section reports and accounts were circulated by Jane Penny before the meeting along with the Agenda. These should be referred to in conjunction with these Minutes.

1. Present and Apologies

Nick Somerville (Chair), Jane Penny (Sec), David Millen (DC), Sarah Napier (Treasurer), Peter Knott, Charmian Hickman, Jeremy Styles, Mark Medler, Kirsty Hodge, Graham Read, Rob Shrubsall, Sarah Shrubsall, Anna Burns, Anne Lovegrove, Jannette McElarney, Sue Carroll, Chris Dorn, Trevor Smith, Sam Hodge, Riley Eddiford, Douglas Millard, Sarah Napier, Alexandra Yates, Sam Yates.

Apologies: Sir Euan Calthorpe, Paul Hedges (DCC)

2. Chairman's Welcome & Report

Nick introduced the meeting and presented his report.

Big thanks to all involved in Scouting – leaders, volunteers, Exec Committee, District - for their service.

3. Approval of 2022 AGM Minutes

Proposed by Chris Dorn, Seconded Sarah Napier, no objection – approved.

4. District Commissioner's Report

Report presented by David Millen.

This is my second report as DC. It has been another busy year for the District. We have been striving to deliver against plans made in 2021 for Bigger, Better and Funner scouting. Results have been mixed:

Bigger. We actually reduced in size in 2022. Network has shrunk, no more Squirrel Dreys were opened and a complete colony closed in one group. The District had 1034 Young People in Jan 22 but had dropped to 1015 by Jan 23, a loss of 19.

Better.

- Our District Recognition Event in Jan 22 at 2nd Odiham was very well attended and the DRE in May at 101st Church Crookham likewise. The DRE in September in Calthorpe Park was poorly attended, somewhat embarrassingly as Paul Bell, our County Commissioner, was our VIP. We nevertheless applauded effort, service and achievement of young people and adults at each one.
- In March we held the first 'QM Swapshop' for the QM in each Groups to meet each other and consider sharing equipment rather than buying stuff that will spend months sat on the shelf;



- Also in Spring we held our first 1-hour online Exec Committee Symposium for all group Chairs, Treasurers and Secretaries so they can share solutions to common problems. Very useful hour. (Next is on Thu 5 Oct).
- Progress was made by our 3 District Activity Leads - Brian Biffin (DAL paddlesports) held a course on Sat 24 Sep; Alex Furneaux (DAL archery) has developed new instructors; Doug Millard (DAL shooting) has increased the number of shooting instructors.

Funner.

- Community collaboration with the Lions (Special Needs Funfest, Fireworks), RBL (Poppy Appeal), Fleet Pond Society and Hart Foodbank have helped scouts complete the World Challenge badge, sections to make progress on all sorts of badges and scouting to raise its profile while doing good for others. Three scout families are to be recognised by the RBL for their support on Armed Forces Day 2023 for their contribution, while 3 Groups (1st, 6th, 100th) are set to receive certificates for their 10 Years of support to the Poppy Appeal.
- Group 23 has helped collaboration between families of the 30 young people and 3 adults heading next year either to the WSJ in Korea or to Project 23 in Europe. Working as a team is so much more effective.

There is clearly more to do to achieve all the targets in the District Development Plan but, overall, Odiham District is sound and is improving each month thanks to the efforts of the District leadership team which includes all the GSLs and the District Executive Committee.

I am immensely proud of the massive contribution by scouting to the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** celebrations in Odiham, Crondall, Church Crookham and Fleet. Scouts (Group 23) organised a 10 mile and a 30-mile cycle ride and a 5km Fun Run; groups offered tables and benches to street parties everywhere; the 26th Sea Scouts and Brian and Anne Biffin helped plan and deliver an afternoon of fun activities on Basingstoke Canal; turnout from scouting at the Fleet Jubilee Parade was huge and Explorers marked out the parade area in the park; stalls and activities offered fun and entertainment to the public. Every group and unit was involved, over £7500 of funds were raised, adults came forward to volunteer and we visibly served the community. A huge thank you to all who were involved.

The recent Coronation Celebrations showed just how much positive contribution Scouting can make to the wider community and is sure to attract funding which will allow us to support activities and expeditions for many more YP. My thanks to all who contributed time and effort.

With celebrations over, I am focussing on **growth**. There are around 500 young people on our various waiting lists and I will do all I can to support Groups to create additional sections with new volunteers. My vision is that, by Census Jan 2026, Odiham District will be 50% bigger than it was at Census Jan 2021 (947 YP). So the target is 474 more, or a total of 1421 (406 more than now). I welcome all your support in that endeavour.

5. ADC Reports

5.1. Squirrels

Anna Burns (District Squirrel Lead) – 100th EH drey going well, opened new drey at 29th. 28th, 101st and 2nd have enough young people on waiting list to start another drey.

5.2. Beavers

No ADC Beavers, no report..



5.3. Cubs

Refer to report presented by Jannette McElarney.

5.4. Scouts

Graham Read – It was good to see scouts back together again face to face, back camping after the covid lock downs. I was pleased to help a few sections with camps where a leader with camp permit was required. I think we're still getting back in the swing of camps etc. Last year Douglas, Catherine and I took a group of explorers to Kandersteg as part of the Hampshire organised Swiss2020. I've been pleased to have sorted the Army land access for all sections, groups are back making good use of this again. [Graham Read to scan and send formal approval letter to County – confirmed done].

5.5. Explorers

Refer to report presented by Doug Millard.

5.6. Network

No report.

6. Group 23 (WSJ and Project 23) Report

Sam Yates, Sam Hodge and Riley Eddiford spoke about WSJ and Project 23:

30 young people and 3 leaders from Odiham district are part of Group 23.

10 young people and 2 leaders from Odiham district are attending WSJ July/Aug 2023.

They have attended prep camps to get to know everyone in the units.

WSJ = 50,000 participants from 172 counties.

Lots of fundraising activities have taken place to assist with the £4045 cost per person.

7. Updates from District Activity Leads

7.1. Archery

On behalf of Alex Furneaux, DAL for Archery, who was delivering archery instruction elsewhere, the DC passed on his update to the AGM. Alex is keen to train up more archery instructors and would like to see 2 per Group, or maybe more for large groups with more than 3 sections. This will allow beavers, cubs and scouts to enjoy archery more frequently. He is going to discuss with District the feasibility of holding equipment at District level which sections can use for local events. Alex also intends to organise archery competitions between sections, and maybe a mixed team from each Group, to further increase participation in the sport. Anyone who would like to find out more about becoming an Archery assistant instructor is welcome to contact him. There is no requirement to be a uniformed leader to teach archery – Alex is a non-uniformed Skills Instructor and enjoys passing on his passion for the sport to adults and young people alike.

7.2. Paddlesports

On behalf of Brian Biffin, DAL for Paddlesports, who was unable to attend the AGM, the DC informed the AGM that Brian had led a Kayak Supervisors course last year and another this year. Brian's aim was to



create a cadre of paddlesport supervisors so that sections could make better use of the canal and the several lakes around Fleet. Sessions were being run jointly with Bramshill District and were being assisted by Basingstoke Canal Canoe Club in terms of the loan of craft. The District should consider the feasibility of generating a pool of equipment for use by half sections (say 2-3 adults and 8-12 young people) or whether it may be more efficient to hire from providers or reach an arrangement with BCCC. Many young people go on to enjoy kayaking and canoeing long into their adulthood and Brian is keen to give a taster to all young people and further development to those who wish to continue the sport.

7.3. Shooting

Doug Millard reported that Odiham District has approx. 12 qualified shooting instructors. A shooting event took place as part of the Coronation celebrations – over 75 people took part. There is a District Shooting Club and a Scout squad is due to attend the Junior International Event.

8. DC's Nomination of the District Chair

Nick Somerville has been district Chair for 8 years and is stepping down from the role. He has kindly offered to stay on as Chair for a few more months, and will assist in the handover to the replacement Chair. Anne Lovegrove will be stepping into the Chair role from Sept. We send her a warm welcome and look forward to us all working together.

9. Treasurer's Report & Acceptance of the Statement of Accounts

Refer to report presented by Sarah Napier.

Auditor currently has the accounts, and these are subject to his final approval.

Sarah will email all AGM attendees when auditor report has been received, including any comments.

A request to the current auditor will need to be sent for their appointment as auditor for the 2023 accounts.

Accounts as presented, were approved - proposed Anne Lovegrove, seconded Chris Dorn.

10. DC's nomination of Members of the Executive Committee

The DC advised that Anne Lovegrove, currently GSL 26th Fleet Sea Scouts had accepted his offer to be the Chair of Odiham District in September, by which time she will have stood down from her GSL role. The AGM welcomed her to her new role.

11. Election of Members of Executive Committee

Scouts UK requires all District and Group Executive Committees to transform themselves into Trustee Boards in the coming months. Ex Officio members (DC, DDC, DESC) will remain members of the Trustee Board. Elected members (Sec, Tres) will also migrate to the TB. The DC and Chair (Anne Lovegrove) will work with the Sec and Tres to determine the best shape and size of the TB and how the Exec Committee responsibilities and membership will be adjusted to fit. Their recommendations will be shared with the Exec Committee for approval. In the meantime, the following Committee members have kindly agreed to continue in role: Jane Penny, Sarah Napier, Chris Dorn, Mark Medler, Jeremy Styles, Graham Read and Sue Carroll.

Proposed Rob Shrubsall, seconded Jannette McElarney.



12. Deputy County Commissioner's Closing Remarks

Peter Knott, Deputy CC, stated that Hampshire is the biggest Scouting county in the county. He thanked Sam, Riley and Sam for their presentation on Project 23 and WSJ. He also thanked EVERYONE for all their hard work and efforts in Scouting.

13. Chairman's Closing Remarks

Nick Somerville thanked everybody for attending and for all their help this year. He wished Riley and both Sams a wonderful trip and looks forward to hearing about it later in the year.


14. Date of Next Annual General Meeting

Provisionally set for Mar 2024.

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Appendix 2 Annual Accounts 2023

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Charity Name		No (if any)	CC16a
	Odiham District Scout Council		1096645	
Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
		01/01/2023		31/12/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Annual Membership Fees	56,597	-	-	56,597	50,214
Donations received for Groups	2,500	-	-	2,500	702
Donations to District	1,000			1,000	
District Activities	375			375	
Cub Activities		-	-	-	-
Beaver Activities		-	-	-	-
Scout Activities	114	-	-	114	-
Explorer Activities - District Funded Activities		-	-	-	94
Shop	3,923	-	-	3,923	3,942
Badges	10,022	-	-	10,022	9,054
Bank Interest	318			318	25
Repayment of Explorer item paid by District	961			961	-
Misc District Fundraising	192			192	-
Explorer Occupation Charge	60			60	-
				-	-
				-	-
Group 23					
Group 23 Fundraising	15,873			15,873	24,920
				-	
Nordic 25					
Nordic 25 Fundraising	2,559			2,559	-
				-	
Explorer Funds					
Explorer Membership Subscriptions	14,009			14,009	15,525
Explorers Donations	1,650			1,650	-
Explorers Fundraising	8,540			8,540	1,959
Gift Aid				-	2,307
Explorers Activities	10,030			10,030	13,199
Explorer Clothes for Resale	291			291	174
				-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	129,012	-	-	129,012	122,116
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Cost of sales Adj for stock	2,015	-	-	2,015	697
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,015	-	-	2,015	697
Total receipts	126,997	-	-	126,997	122,813



A3 Payments					
Annual Membership Fees	54,058	-	-	54,058	48,340
Donations to Groups		-	-	-	-
Cub Activities	114	-	-	114	-
Beaver Activities	56	-	-	56	-
Scout Activities	411	-	-	411	-
Young Leaders Activites	52			52	
District Funded Group Activites				-	40
Explorer - District Funded Activities				-	161
Network Activities				-	41
Misc District Fundraising Costs	50			50	
Other Costs	337			337	105
Shop	3,813			3,813	3,249
Badges	8,905			8,905	7,916
Occupation	1,000			1,000	1,000
Insurance	451			451	471
Bank Charges	100			100	100
Training	318			318	-
Explorers - Other Costs				-	-
Young Leaders				-	-
AGM & Trustee Expenses	54			54	10
Sundries				-	
Group Fundraising Payments	2,500			2,500	702
Online Scout Manager - District Subsidy	1,210			1,210	972
District Activities	441			441	50
				-	-
Group 23 Fundraising	20,647			20,647	23,231
Nordic 25 Fundraising	3,050			3,050	
				-	-
Explorer Funds				-	-
Explorer Annual Membership Fees	5,565			5,565	5,722
Explorer Subs Refund	45			45	45
Occupation - Explorers	1,020			1,020	880
Explorers - Purchase of clothes for resale				-	199
Explorer Badge Purchases	557			557	42
Explorer Shop Purchases	293			293	-
Explorer Activities	18,677			18,677	20,350
Donations received for Explorers	1,650			1,650	
Explorer OSM Fees	110			110	
Explorer Fundraising Costs	3,211			3,211	
Explorer Items charged to District	961			961	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	129,653	-	-	129,653	113,624
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
District Capital Expenditure	498	-	-	498	-
Explorers - Capital Expenditure	1,289			1,289	301
				-	-
Sub total	1,786	-	-	1,786	301
Total payments	131,439	-	-	131,439	113,926
Net of receipts/(payments)	-4,442	-	-	4,442	8,190
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-4,442	-	-	4,442	8,190



Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash Balance	79	-	-
	Barclays Current Account	1,152	-	-
	Lloyds Current Account	102		
	Barclays Deposit Account	14,282		
	Lloyds Deposit Account	20,755		
			-	-
	Total cash funds	36,369	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		Sarah Napier		