

**Annual report
and financial
statements
2020-21**



Scouts
Cheshire

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Welcome from the County Chair

Be Prepared!

This has been the most extraordinary year in Scouting, not so much for planned activities but for the lack of them when actions taken have been to keep Scouting alive when almost no face-to-face activity took place. What I said last year still holds true: that Scouting is a movement and we go with the flow. And Scouting is a federation - like a honeycomb there is strength in the individual parts, Groups, Districts, Counties, Regions and Countries.

The overriding circumstance last year was the breakout of Coronavirus at the start. which effectively reduced all face-to-face scouting to nil with only one County Scout event taking place, Winter Camp at Forest Camp Activity Centre. In this light this is the report of the Executive committee.

There are three parts: **Activities**, **Finance** and **Administration**.

Activities

Dave Hopley will cover this in his report, but I point out that through the foresight, energy and guidance of Graham Phillips and his team, particularly Dave Hopley and Nigel Flatman we were in the best possible position to change to online. I would also like to mention that it is credit to Graham Phillips and the work of Val Thomason and Dave Hopley that we have had a seemingly effortless handover of County Commissioner, not at the AGM as is normally the case, but five months earlier on January 31st.

This has given us the peculiar situation of the current County Commissioner Dave Hopley reporting on the year when the previous County Commissioner was in office. Dave Hopley was well prepared coming from his role as Deputy County Commissioner and reading his report I think you will agree that we have had a smooth transition. At this stage I would like to thank those people who also put their names forward for the role of CC. The level of all candidates was extremely high and we are fortunate to have people of your skills in the County.

Finance

Like all enterprises Covid threatened and still threatens our finances. Our solution was to cut expenses to a minimum, furloughing all staff and cutting all outstanding commitments to the bare bones. At the same time, we were fortunate to receive the Covid grants made available to Groups up to County level. Also, our main source of County income, the County Levy was on a pre Covid level and the net result, as will be detailed by our outgoing County Treasurer Edward Appleton, has been a year ending on just short of breakeven. Next year, the year ending on 31st December 2021, will be different. The threat of a reduction in scout membership through a year of no face-to-face activities was highly probable and the Executive took the decision last year to encourage the maintenance of Scout membership by reducing the levy for 2021 by 50% and this will be reflected in next year's accounts and to a lesser extent in the year after. The reduction in Scout numbers of 20% overall will also have an ongoing effect. Our accounts are strong enough to face the needs of these unexpected crises and to match fund the demands of infrastructure improvement should this be achieved.

Administration

Thanks to the foresight of Graham Phillips and the backing of the Scout Association we have been at the forefront of creating young leaders in roles that helped us well at the start of this pandemic, switching from face-to-face scouting to online at the drop of a hat. All Meetings of the Executive, and its sub-committees have met online. I thank Janet Williamson our County Secretary for organising and minuting both the Executive and the Finance Committee meetings.

County Office

The County Office at Asher House was closed but we are most grateful to Bright Futures to allow us to continue using this as our County address and, when lockdown finishes, our meeting room. Both Cathy Bland at County Office and Deb Arden at the Campsite Office were furloughed through most of the year and we contributed to make up their remuneration to 100% for the major part of the year.

Campsites Committee chaired by Philip Cox:

The result of breakeven at the Forest Campsite from a budgeted income of £185,000 reduced to an actual income of £26,000 was extraordinary. This could not have been achieved without the terrier-like determination of Christine and John Whittingham and the up to date and accurate budgeted accounts they produced at each meeting and to the Maintenance and Security work which was reduced to 'essential only' under the guidance of Paul Gibson.

The issues of Waste Disposal and Access at Forest camp remain but were not an operational issue during the year. They continue to be worked on as a priority.

Welcome from the County Chair (continued)

Executive Members

All members of the Executive Committee have helped to keep the show on the road:

John Duley was on top of our DBS figures with a running total of only 100 case outstanding and a turnaround time of only 48 hours at the year end and has ensured the rollout of Online Scout Manager to most of the County.

Michael Shiels must be thanked for his sterling work for his time with the Executive: providing a link between us and the Freemasons, their grant of £50,000 to Scouting activities and helping us to fund the roll out of Online Scout Manager and in his own capacity providing us with the County photocopier. He stands down from the Executive at this AGM and we are grateful for all that he has done.

Nigel Flatman, (as well as renovating the Boulder Wall to a pristine condition), has together with Dave Hopley been a driver of the online technology and latterly the rollout and supervision of risk assessments for the restart of Scouting face to face.

Alex Dodd has been able to keep the youth element ticking over working with Districts aiming for a 100% representation and maintaining the Youth Forum meetings online. The long-term effect of Youth in Scouting is now being felt with some young and enthusiastic District Commissioners, our 'New' County Commissioner and to be appointed at this meeting our new Treasurer, who recently served as the Youth member on the Executive committee, Luke Thornton.

Edward Appleton will officially retire as County Treasurer at the end of this meeting but will work with Luke Thornton to affect a proper handover. I therefore take this opportunity to thank Edward for the time and effort he has put in in his role as County Treasurer. It is not an easy job with people and activities and accounts dispersed across the County. During your time you have managed to consolidate and simplify the accounting structure across Cheshire and cope with the changing circumstances of financial Regulations and the Trustees Act, not to mention just dealing with people. For all our AGMs you have produced impeccable accounts. You have introduced us to Sue as our long-serving County Secretary who also has worked tirelessly and efficiently for the Executive Committee so for this and all you have done, we give you grateful thanks.

Finally, Baden-Powell said Be Prepared. **In Cheshire we were prepared.**

I commend this report of the Executive Committee to you



Peter Mather TD
County Chair

The impact of COVID-19

This year has been unlike any we've experienced in our lifetimes. I truly believe that **Scouting is more important now than ever before**, to give young people a sense of connection and belonging. To give hope to a generation, to develop #SkillsForLife.

During this period of Covid recovery, as we start to get back together safely, we've been focusing on four key areas:

1. Delivering a great programme for our young people
2. Recruiting & Motivating Adult Volunteers
3. Funding Scouting
4. Keeping Everyone Safe

I have been **humbled by the dedication of our inspiring adults across Cheshire**, forced to adapt to a digital world overnight – up-skilled in new areas of digital technologies. Pulling together to implement things almost overnight, that would have taken months or even years.

Over **90%** of our Sections and Groups have been delivering some form of Scouting digitally over the past 12 months.

We shouldn't underestimate the financial impact on local Scouting and Cheshire County: the suspension of face-to-face Scouting meant an immediate curtailing of expenditure, the furloughing of staff and there will undoubtedly be more challenging decisions ahead. However, with the retail, hospitality and leisure grants, furlough scheme, recovery fund, plus other local external funding, such as Cheshire Community Foundation, Scouting in Cheshire has been well supported throughout the pandemic.

And whilst it is acknowledged this has not been equally distributed, there have been great examples of Groups supporting one another, as well as support available from Districts and County.

The pandemic has tested our resilience, encouraged us to be innovative and increased our awareness of the importance of prioritising our mental health.

Kindness emerged, this year, as the most important quality we can have, and our members have shown they've got buckets of it, with many key worker volunteers or those supporting the effort to beat Covid-19 from making PPE to fundraising for NHS Charities and helping at vaccination centres across the County.

Cheshire Scouts held two virtual county camps, one Olympic themed and one focused on how collectively we can protect Our Natural World. As well delivering a six-week climate change course for Explorer Scouts with UNICEF as part of their Outright Campaign.

Cheshire Scouts Youth Forum have been active online helping to shape our Covid response and even informing National programme design. Amy Butterworth for The Scouts said of the Youth Forum *"That group is so impressive – thoughtful, passionate, ambitious, clever – and we really enjoyed meeting them. We have taken loads of notes"*

The County training team have had great success too, switching to digital delivery of our First Aid and Woodbadge training via Zoom. They've delivered **141** modules online during the pandemic so far! I'd like to thank all our members for their continued support with prioritising mandatory training (Safety and Safeguarding).

Despite the challenges of the last year, **78** Groups and Sections managed to grow their numbers! And we have retained **over 80%** of our members at our last census and are already seeing young people coming back in droves, as we return to more face-to-face Scouting. Therefore, we remain focused on recruiting and motivating adult volunteers.

Volunteering for Cheshire Scouts is:

- Good for your health and happiness
- Good for your skills
- Good for your family and community
- It's #GoodForYou

As we look ahead there's so much to look forward to in 2021-22, with the re-opening of our Activity Centres; Bookings open for a space-themed out of this world Chamboree 2022; The launch of our pilot BTEC Level 2 Award in Teamwork & Personal Development with CVQO. Celebrating Success and Cheshire Hike 2022 are in the diary. Plus, information coming soon about Cheshire Scouts Contingent to the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in 2023.

Scouting changes lives precisely because volunteers show up, get stuck in and make it happen. I'd like to pay tribute to Cheshire Scouts amazing volunteers; you've kept our movement going and we couldn't have done it without you. We'll never forget how you supported young people when it mattered most.

Quite simply, **you are amazing.**

Stay safe, stay well.



Dave Hopley
County Commissioner

Our purpose and method

Cheshire Scouts actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. They learn by doing, by sharing in spiritual reflection and by taking responsibility. They make choices, undertake new and challenging activities, and they live their Scout Promise.

Cheshire Scouts Trustees have a duty to report on our public benefit in this Annual Report. We've assessed our aims, activities and charitable objectives, which are to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full potential as individuals, as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities. We believe that we've met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria for both the advancement of education, and the advancement of citizenship and community development.

Cheshire Scouts follows two key principles set by the Commission with regard to public benefit:

1. Identifiable benefit

The way in which we help young people in their personal development and empowers them to make a positive contribution to society. This benefit is directly linked to the purpose of Cheshire Scouts.

2. Public benefit

Cheshire Scouts is a county wide movement, open to young people aged 6-25 and adults who are willing to make the Scout Promise. People in areas of deprivation are able to benefit from our programme; while we charge a subscription to our members, access to our benefits aren't constrained by a member's ability to pay. There are arrangements to waive subscriptions and other costs for those who face financial hardship, so that young people aren't excluded from Scouts on purely financial grounds.

The benefits of Scouts are further demonstrated throughout this report.

Vision and strategic objectives

Our vision for the future

In our Skills for Life Strategy, we aimed to prepare more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme. We talked about growing, being more inclusive, being shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

Skills for Life

Our plan to prepare better futures

2018-2023

Our vision

By 2023 we will have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme.

We will be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

Our mission

Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Our values

We act with care, respect, integrity, cooperation, exploring our own and others' beliefs.

Our goals

By delivering this plan we will achieve the following goals against our four objectives:

Growth	Inclusivity	Youth Shaped	Community impact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 50,000 more young people – 10,000 more Section Leaders – 5,000 more Young Leaders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Our volunteers reflect the demographics of our society – In 500 more areas of deprivation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 250,000 young people shape their experience at Scouts each year – Half of our young people achieve top awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 250,000 young people making a positive impact in their local communities each year – Half of our young people achieve top awards

Our three pillars of work

To support the movement to achieve these objectives, we will focus on three pillars of work:

Programme	People	Perception
A fun, enjoyable, high quality programme consistently delivered and supported by simple (digital) tools.	More, well trained, better supported and motivated adult volunteers, and more young people from diverse backgrounds.	Scouts is understood, more visible, trusted, respected and widely seen as playing a key role in society today.

How we operate

Cheshire County Scout Council 'Cheshire Scouts' governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The County is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The County is managed by the County Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout County which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of five ex-officio members, the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the County Commissioner, County Youth Commissioner and up to six elected members, up to six members nominated by the County Commissioner and up to six members co-opted by the Executive Committee and meets every 2 months (6 times per year).

Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This County Executive Committee exists to support the County Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- Protecting and maintaining any property and equipment owned by and/or used by the County
- Managing the County finances.
- Providing insurance for people, property, and equipment.
- Promoting and supporting the development of Scouting in the local area.
- Ensuring that a positive image of Scouting exists in the local community.
- Appointing and managing the operation of any sub-Committees.
- Ensuring that Young People are meaningfully involved in decision-making at all levels within the County.

Risk and Internal Control

The County has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The County Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the County is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to building, property and equipment

The County has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters, and members

The County through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income

The County is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions. The County does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the County on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders

The County is reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the County, it's Districts and Groups. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or in the worst-case scenario closure.

Reduction or loss of members

The County provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular District or Group then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or in the worst-case scenario closure.

Our members

Census results for the year ending 31 January 2021

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
Beaver Scouts	1,609	315	0	13	1,937
Cub Scouts	2,163	488	0	7	2,658
Scouts	1,764	587	1	17	2,369
Explorer Scouts (including Young Leaders)	554	269	5	1	829
Scout Network members	231	112	0	0	343
TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	6,321	1,771	6	38	8,136
TOTAL ADULT MEMBERSHIP	1,724	1,437	0	0	3,161
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	8,045	3,208	6	38	11,297

UNITS

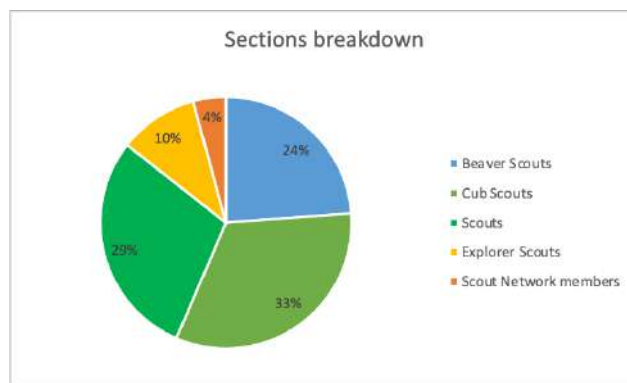
Beaver Scout Colonies	168
Cub Scout Packs	170
Scout Troops	154
Explorer Scout Units (including Young Leader Units)	53
Local Scout Networks	10
Active Support Units	51

GROUPS

DISTRICTS

151

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DISTRICT BREAKDOWN	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	Network	Adults	Total
Cheshire						107	107
Alderley	130	186	173	54	38	226	769
Chester and District	302	427	275	137	32	458	1,599
Ellesmere Port and Neston	139	176	133	39	43	221	708
Knutsford and District	74	103	110	30	8	116	433
Macclesfield and Congleton	275	386	317	120	34	437	1,535
Mersey Weaver	249	321	292	105	29	399	1,366
Mid Cheshire	171	265	221	64	40	341	1,062
South West Cheshire	255	301	371	120	26	531	1,578
Warrington East	198	264	226	92	39	343	1,123
Warrington West	144	229	251	68	54	325	1,017
Total	1,937	2,658	2,369	829	343	3,504	11,297

Growth during a global pandemic

To have grown members during a global pandemic is no mean feat!

Alderley

1st Goostrey Cubs
1st Handforth Scouts
1st Wilmslow Beavers & Cubs
6th Alderley Scouts

Chester and District

1st Farndon
1st Saltney
1st Sandstone
Garrison Explorers
Maverick Explorers
Renegades Explorers
Wildfire Explorers

Ellesmere Port and Neston

8th Ellesmere Port
1st Sutton Scouts
Phoenix Explorers

Knutsford and District

1st Mobberley Beavers

Macclesfield and Congleton

1st Mossley Scouts
1st Prestbury Cubs
1st Rainow Cubs
1st Sutton (St James) Scouts
2nd Bollington
2nd Poynton
3rd Macclesfield Cubs
6th Macclesfield Scouts
Dane Valley
Trojans Explorers

Mersey Weaver

10th Widnes Scouts
1st Moore Cubs
1st Newton & Kingsley Beavers
and Cubs
1st Norley Cubs
1st Weston & Weston Point
8th Widnes Scouts
Draco Explorers
Mersey Weaver Young Leaders

Mid Cheshire

1st Antrobus & Comberbach Scouts
1st Cuddington & Sandiway Scouts
1st Darnhall Scouts
1st Davenham Scouts
1st Moulton Scouts
1st Over St Johns Scouts
1st Weaverham Cubs
1st Whitegate Cubs & Scouts
2nd Wharton Cubs
Martlet Explorers

South West Cheshire

12th (Shavington) Scouts
16th (Crewe Green) Cubs & Scouts
17th (7th Crewe) Cubs
1st (St Andrews) Scouts
23rd (2nd Wheelock) Cubs
26th (1st Willaston) Scouts
28th (Wybunbury) Scouts
39th (3rd Sandbach) Scouts
3rd (Wolverton) Beavers & Scouts
41st (Stapeley)
Shipton Explorers
Wilson House Scouts

Warrington East

1st Birchwood Scouts
3rd Lymm Beavers & Cubs
Culcheth Methodist Beavers
Glazebury Scouts
Hollins Green Cubs
Grappenhall Cubs
Woolston Cubs & Scouts
1st Culcheth Beavers
Gorse Covert Cubs

Warrington West

Sankey (St Marys)
St Josephs Cubs
1st Appleton Beavers & Scouts
Penketh Scouts
Penketh Methodist Scouts
Chapelford Cubs

Governance structure and Board membership – 1 July 2020 to 31 June 2021

Founder

Robert Baden-Powell, OM,
First Baron Baden-Powell of Gilwell

Patron

Her Majesty the Queen

President

Sir William Bromley-Davenport KCVO

Vice Presidents

Margaret Olliver
Ray Salisbury JP
Geoff Taylor BEM
Eddie Johnson
Peter Ellis
Frank Hough
Steve Wilkinson
Sir Nicholas Winterton

Chief Scout

Lt Col (Hon) Bear Grylls RM OBE

County Commissioner

Dave Hopley

The Board of Trustees

The percentages indicate the number
of eligible Board meetings each
member attended.

1 = Finance Committee Member
2 = Appointments Committee
Member
3 = Activity Centres Committee
4 = Youth Forum

Trustees (Voting)

Peter Mather TD (100%) 1,3
Chair of the Board

Edward Appleton FCA (100%) 1,3
Treasurer

Janet Williamson (100%) 1,3
Secretary

Graham Phillips DL (100%), 1,3
County Commissioner
(till January 2021)

Dave Hopley (100%) 1,3
County Commissioner
(from February 2021)

Alex Dodd (75%) 4, Chair
County Youth Commissioner

Dave Hopley (75%), till Jan'21
David Metcalfe (100%)
John Duley (100%) 4
Michael Sheils (75%)
Nigel Flatman (100%) 2, Chair
Paul Gibson (100%) 3
Philip Cox (100%) 3, Chair
Val Thomason (75%) 1

Right of attendance (non-voting)

Nisbah Hussain
Regional Commissioner

Oliver Chambers
Nominated member on the Council of
The Scout Association

Sean Hooper
Nominated youth member on the
Council of The Scout Association

Our advisers

Examiners:

Andrew T Ellis Chartered
Accountants
Suite 3
12 Princess Street
Knutsford
Cheshire
WA16 6DD

Bankers:

Royal Bank of Scotland
27 Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AB

Our office

Cheshire Scouts
Asher House
Barsbank Lane, Lymm
Warrington, WA13 0ED

Registration

Charity Commission 511356
The Scouts 00077

Team Cheshire 2021-22

County Commissioner

Dave Hopley

County Youth Commissioner

Alex Dodd

Deputy County Commissioners

Val Thomason, People

Graham Proctor, Programme

Andrew Little, Perception (starts January 2022)

Commissioners

Will Burnham
Alderley

Alan Wilding
Chester and District

Joanne Turner
Ellesmere Port and Neston

Neil McAleece
Knutsford and District

David Giles
Macclesfield and Congleton

Oliver Chambers
Mersey Weaver

Andrew Little
Mid-Cheshire

Ian Potts
South West Cheshire

Lisa Grady
Warrington East

Debbie Phillips
Warrington West

Programme

Ruth Clemson
Assistant County Commissioner for
Beaver Scouts

Pam Owen
Assistant County Commissioner for
Cub Scouts

Charly O'Brien
Assistant County Commissioner for
Scouts

Amelia Riley
Assistant County Commissioner for
Explorer Scouts

Ian Turnbull
Assistant County Commissioner for
Scout Network

People

Debbie Phillips
County Training Manager

Roger Owens
Scout Active Support Manager

Hugh Cunning
Assistant County Commissioner for
Activities

Nigel Flatman
Assistant County Commissioner for
Events

Graham Shaw
Assistant County Commissioner for
International

John Bennett
Safety Adviser

Laura Dyer
Safeguarding Adviser

Perception

Josh Diamond
Assistant County Commissioner for
Communications

Paul Brown
Assistant County Commissioner for
Community Impact

John Duley
Assistant County Commissioner for
Growth & Development

Dave Metcalfe
Assistant County Commissioner for
Inclusion

Paul Cook
Media Development Manager

Staff

Cathy Bland
County Administrator

Paul Gibson
Activity Centre Manager
(Contractor)

Deb Arden
Activity Centre Bookings
Administrator



Roll of Honour 2020-2021

Awards issued between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2020

Silver Wolf



Roger William Owens
Susan Jane Goddard

County/Mersey Weaver
County/Ellesmere Port and Neston

Bar to the Silver Acorn



Alison Jane Duley
James Ronald Charlton

County/Mersey Weaver
Knutsford and District

Silver Acorn



John Francis McDowell
Nicholas Grant Oates
David Ian Grundy
Glyn Watkins
Paul James Cook
Sandra Elizabeth Hale
Sandra Elizabeth Markey
Andrew Irving Little

Chester and District
Chester and District
Mersey Weaver
Mersey Weaver
County/Mersey Weaver
Mersey Weaver
Mersey Weaver
County/Mid Cheshire

Bar to the Award for Merit



David William Hopley
David Nock
Trevor George Burgess
Alan Reay
Alec McNab
Andrew John Millington
Christine Mary Scott
Dawn Angela Hill
Joanna Louise Penneyston
John Penneyston
Judith Bartlett
Dianne Lesley Gardner
Graham Bowden
Graham Proctor
Judith Anne Potts
Mark Haslam
Andrew Stephen Webb
David Bibby
Lynn Elsie Bryan
Martha Regan

County
County
County
Chester and District
Macclesfield and Congleton
Macclesfield and Congleton
Macclesfield and Congleton
Macclesfield and Congleton
Macclesfield and Congleton
Macclesfield and Congleton
Mersey Weaver
Mersey Weaver
Mersey Weaver
Mersey Weaver
Mersey Weaver
Mid Cheshire
Mid Cheshire
Warrington East
Warrington East

Award for Merit



Hilary Merrington	County
George Mark Hobson	County
Ian Fraser Mitchell	County/Alderley
Ian John Potts	County/South West Cheshire
Paul James Brown	County/Warrington East
Robert Walter Roberts	County
Ronald Stephen Gemmell	County
Alexandra Jane Davies	Chester and District
John Paul Wright	Chester and District
Karen Suzanne Shearsmith	Chester and District
Pamela Ann Bavage	Chester and District
Patricia Anne Courtney	Chester and District
Robin Derek Turney	Chester and District
Susan Darlington	Chester and District
Carol Nield	Knutsford and District
Christopher Leadbetter	Knutsford and District
Heidi Mehefin Waite	Knutsford and District
Helen Elizabeth Gurney-Smith	Knutsford and District
Jennifer Anne McAleece	Knutsford and District
Lynda Isabel Jones	Knutsford and District
Pamela Yvonne Sanger	Knutsford and District
Caroline Jane Myers	Mersey Weaver
Diane Deborah Jones	Mersey Weaver
Emma Jayne Cummings	Mersey Weaver
Fiona Jane Barry	Mersey Weaver
James John Griffiths	Mersey Weaver
Jonathan Steven Robert Walker	Mersey Weaver
Michael John Kelly	Mersey Weaver
Richard William Hamilton	Mersey Weaver
Ross Edward Heaton	Mersey Weaver
James Richard Buckley	Mid Cheshire
Janet Ann Warburton	Mid Cheshire
Richard James Langton	Mid Cheshire
Craig Adam Chaplow	South West Cheshire
Elizabeth Hayley Hough	South West Cheshire
Jacqueline Bloor	South West Cheshire
Paul James Goodwin	South West Cheshire
Diana Rosemarie Ryan	South West Cheshire
Richard John Goodier	Warrington East
Aaron William Ashbrook	Warrington West
Adam David Beacroft	Warrington West
Adrian Newton Parry	Warrington West
Andrew Gordon Judson	Warrington West
Caroline Beardsell	Warrington West
Cecilia Frodsham	Warrington West
Glen Richard Dugdale	Warrington West
Graham Alexander Thompson	Warrington West
Ian Skilling	Warrington West
Mark Tombs	Warrington West
Pauline Marie Thompson	Warrington West
Peter Clarke	Warrington West
Richard Scott Speed	Warrington West
Ruth Sarah Gosney	Warrington West
Thomas Michael Organ	Warrington West

Blake Williams
Caleb Johnson
Oscar Walton

Mersey Weaver
Mersey Weaver
Mersey Weaver

Barbara Manley
James Alexander Goodier Lees
Oliver Thomas Guy Chambers
Peter Alan Brunt
Vinod Abraham Varkey Vettasseri
Andrew Peter Gilsenan
James Alan Grattan Glendining
Joanna Green
Joseph Robert Adshead
Patricia Margaret Weeks
Paul Kemsley
Richard Bullock
Sally Joanne Jackson
Susan Mary Mottershead
Timothy Frank Povall
Trudi Anne Wilkinson
Callum William Webster
Jennifer Hilary Biggs
Judith Lathaen
Jordan Kyle Smith
Kathryn Ann Foreman
Kristy Collins
Luke William Roberts
Mark Simon Turnbull
Matthew James Mullaney
Rachel Elizabeth Chadburn
Stephen Brock Craddock
Richard James Thornley
Alistair Angus MacLeod
Amy Rose Shorley-Smith
Belinda Kate Houghton
Edward Allen Scott
Georgina Lucy Brown
Janet Nicholson
Jonathan Alexander Hills
Jonathan Chang
Judith Mair Evans
Kim Frances Kerr
Kimberley McLachlan
Laura Jayne Jennings
Lisa Marie Howard
Robert William Lyons
Simon Jonathan Ward
Catherine Cliffe

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Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service (continued)



Graham Barry Ward	Macclesfield and Congleton
Mildred Kee Russell Ross	Macclesfield and Congleton
Stephen David Whittaker	Macclesfield and Congleton
Victoria Mireille Cusick	Macclesfield and Congleton
Alexander James Atkinson	Mersey Weaver
Andrew James Hill	Mersey Weaver
Andrew John Gerbrand Gibson	Mersey Weaver
Andrew Stephen McGovern	Mersey Weaver
Andrew William Pearson	Mersey Weaver
Ashley Scott Proctor	Mersey Weaver
Benjamin Adam Nugent	Mersey Weaver
Callum Alexander Linger	Mersey Weaver
David James Worthington	Mersey Weaver
Edward Halliwell	Mersey Weaver
Felicia Jane Campbell	Mersey Weaver
Glyn Brian Hammonds	Mersey Weaver
Greg Thomas Hosker	Mersey Weaver
Heather Sandra Jones	Mersey Weaver
Jeffery Shaw	Mersey Weaver
John Nicholson	Mersey Weaver
Kevin Bernard Mault	Mersey Weaver
Laura Elizabeth Lambert	Mersey Weaver
Lisa Ellen Holland	Mersey Weaver
Margaret Lillian Searson	Mersey Weaver
Michelle Pickstock	Mersey Weaver
Natalie Tudor	Mersey Weaver
Peter Penlington	Mersey Weaver
Philip Matthew Sparke	Mersey Weaver
Richard Francis Tiplady	Mersey Weaver
Ruth Clair Clemson	Mersey Weaver
Susan Jane Fearn	Mersey Weaver
Stephen Gary Spencer	Mersey Weaver
Stuart Jamie Knox	Mersey Weaver
Victoria Louise Serna	Mersey Weaver
Alan Peter Chapman	Mid Cheshire
Philip John Buckley	Mid Cheshire
Andrew Bradbury	South West Cheshire
Andrew Richard Edwards	South West Cheshire
Catherine Ann Jones	South West Cheshire
Gaynor Elizabeth Bracey	South West Cheshire
Jake Andrew Ellam	South West Cheshire
Liam John Potts	South West Cheshire
Lise Martine Grasmeder	South West Cheshire
Stephanie Potts	South West Cheshire
Tina Jones	South West Cheshire
Amanda Gregory	Warrington East
Amanda Holden	Warrington East
Amelia Grace Riley	Warrington East
Andrew James Boyd Hurrell	Warrington East
Andrew Philip Gosney	Warrington East
Ashley James Farrugia	Warrington East
Brian John Kelly	Warrington East
Christian Daintith	Warrington East
Claire Elizabeth Irons	Warrington East
Colin John Lowndes	Warrington East

Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service (continued)



David Hotston
Denise Holt
Dorothy Ruth Harrison
Edward James Gough
Emily Dawn Daintith
Harriet Emma Reynolds
Helen Lucas
Heidi Fitzpatrick
Ian William Austin
James Francis Fisher
Janette Lineham
Justin Charles Mills
Kim Doherty
Kim Ravenscroft
Lindsay Jane Farini
Mary Jean Sujide Mills
Nicholas Peter Wild
Nigel Jeremy Fuller
Paul James Tweedale
Riccardo Anthony Farrugia
Richard John Stockton
Sharon Thomas
Stephen Anthony Searle
Susan Grace Lowndes
Thomas Gordon Housby
Victoria Ann Rodgers
Gary Chadwick
Hannah Louise Berry
Mark Dix-Baker
Sandra Pugh
Stephen Donnelly
Susan Helen Chadwick
Timothy George Walker

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Commissioner's Commendations



Alison Comline
Brian King
Robert David Walley
Sophie Elizabeth Mather
Angus Currie
Emma Jane Williams
Andrew William Pearson
Barbara Pollock
Brian Doran
Brian Webber
Catherine Elisabeth Mudford
Colin Ashcroft
David Alexander Joyce
Eandil Maddock
Ellen Claire Hallam
Jennifer Stapleton
Jim Eatwell
Karen Wendy Chalmers
Kevin Holland
Laura Avery
Matthew Marnell

Knutsford and District
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Macclesfield and Congleton
Macclesfield and Congleton
Mersey Weaver
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Commissioner's Commendations (continued)



Yvonne Marie Woodward
Nathan Flaherty
Rebecca Lucy Denise Ward
Adrian Peter Ainsworth
Cheryl Robinson
David Wallington
Emily Lowndes
Georgia Jane Cross
Ian Stuart Davis
Karen Lowson
Lisa Grady
Mark Thorpe
Olga Austin
Philip Billington
Richard James Taborete Mills
Ryan James Lineham

Mersey Weaver
Mid Cheshire
Mid Cheshire
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Queen's Scout Awards



Harry Buglass
Joe Truman
Oliver Scrafton
Jack Green
Jonathan Prescott
Nicholas Duffy
Thomas Plunkett
Alex Lunnion
Eve Vickers
Joseph Royle
Eleanor Cliffe
Ian Carruthers
James Bearn
Jessica de Sousa
Phillip Wadley
Harrison Britton
Alastair Tombs
Christopher Cox
Ewan Brown

Alderley
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Chester and District
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Knutsford and District
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Macclesfield and Congleton
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Macclesfield and Congleton
Mersey Weaver
Warrington West
Warrington West
Warrington West

Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Awards



**Rest in Peace His Royal Highness
Prince Philip The Duke of
Edinburgh 1921 – 2021**

Alexander Wardle
Charles Benton
Daniel Main
Joel Griffiths
Rhys John
Sam Niven
Thomas Rae
Cara Henshall
Hayden Tomlinson
Jake Morris
James Walker
Lucas Humphreys
Samuel Ashbrook
William Hopkins
William Lithgow Smith
Zachary Hanmer
Eve Vickers
Francesca Stocco

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Chester and District
Chester and District
Knutsford and District
Knutsford and District

**Duke of Edinburgh's
Gold Awards
(continued)**



Joseph Royle
Philip Benson
Rebecca Humphreys
Ben Parry
Benjamin Alderson
James Hargreaves
Joseph Bulman
Lauren Bailey
Thomas Farris
Callum Binner
Adam Westwood
Thomas Hurrell
Thomas Ridge
Lewis Wilson
Ryan Williams

Knutsford and District
Knutsford and District
Knutsford and District
Macclesfield and Congleton
Macclesfield and Congleton
Macclesfield and Congleton
Macclesfield and Congleton
Macclesfield and Congleton
Macclesfield and Congleton
South West Cheshire
Warrington East
Warrington East
Warrington East
Warrington West
Warrington West

Our Finances

Cheshire Scout's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, (Accounting and Reporting by Charities) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, FRS 102, known as the Charities SORP (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

Investment Policy

The County Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the County obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the County Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

Reserves Policy

The County's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the County should income and fundraising activities fall short.

The County Executive Committee considers that the County should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £350,000.

The County held reserves of approximately £789,350 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However, £304,847 is designated for loans, future capital commitments, adventurous activities, activity centre development, international funding, COVID-19 response; And £135,239 is Restricted, to be used in accordance with the Donor's restrictions.

Independent examiner's report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Cheshire County Scout Council (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Andrew Ellis FCA
Axel Chartered Accountants
2 June 2021

Consolidated statement of financial activities

for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.20 Total funds £	31.12.19 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		36,964	-	36,964	3,639
Charitable activities					
Campsites		29,937	-	29,937	209,039
Training		1,500	-	1,500	2,356
Duke of Edinburgh Awards		1,953	-	1,953	4,944
Cheshire Hike		-	-	-	7,539
Investment income	2	844	-	844	1,524
Membership Fees		83,092	-	83,092	79,290
Total		154,290	-	154,290	308,331
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
General		2,000	-	2,000	2,000
Campsites		93,840	-	93,840	211,950
International		2,328	-	2,328	-
Other Scouting Activities		39,659	-	39,659	50,875
Training		1,268	-	1,268	6,754
Duke of Edinburgh Awards		3,734	-	3,734	4,911
Cheshire Hike		-	-	-	9,616
Grants		-	-	-	3,000
World Scout Jamboree 2019		-	-	-	15,262
Development of Scouting in Cheshire		-	-	-	-
Group Computer Systems OSM		16,209	3,528	19,737	(7,000)
Total		159,038	3,528	162,566	309,752
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(2,196)	-	(2,196)	(462)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(6,944)	(3,528)	(10,472)	(1,883)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		670,055	138,767	808,822	810,705
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		663,111	135,239	798,350	808,822

Balance sheets

As at 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.20 Total funds £	31.12.19 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	4	90,559	-	90,559	95,373
Investments	5	19,765	-	19,765	21,961
		<u>110,324</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,324</u>	<u>117,334</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	35,588	-	35,588	47,007
Cash at bank		603,612	135,239	738,851	727,859
		<u>639,200</u>	<u>135,239</u>	<u>774,439</u>	<u>774,866</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(86,413)	-	(86,413)	(83,378)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>552,787</u>	<u>135,239</u>	<u>688,026</u>	<u>691,488</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>663,111</u>	<u>135,239</u>	<u>798,350</u>	<u>808,822</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>663,111</u>	<u>135,239</u>	<u>798,350</u>	<u>808,822</u>
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				358,264	362,880
Building Fund				194,696	194,696
County Activity Fund				54,408	54,408
International Fund				8,487	10,815
Campsite Development				47,256	47,256
				<u>663,111</u>	<u>670,055</u>
Restricted funds:					
Rolling Fund				15,430	15,430
Leverhulme Fund				4,489	4,489
Presidents Fund				3,499	3,499
Ernest Mather Fund				111,821	111,821
Cheshire Freemasons Fund				-	3,528
				<u>135,239</u>	<u>138,767</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>798,350</u>	<u>808,822</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 11 May 2021 and authorised for release and signed on its behalf by:

Peter L Mather
County Chair

Edward G Appleton
County Treasurer

Our thanks

Cheshire Scouts would like to thank all its volunteers and supporters for their commitment and contributions over the last year.

Cheshire Scouts

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