

# Annual report and financial statements 2021-22



**Scouts**  
Cheshire

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# Welcome from the Chair

We started last year with Graham Phillips in his last month as County Commissioner. Dave Hopley took over on the first of February and so by the end of the year he had had eleven months in office.

At last year's Annual General Meeting in June the new Executive Committee was formed with some younger members, reducing the average age considerably. This mix is a good formula with long term experience blended in with modern expertise in communication coupled with a reduced age gap between Trustee and Scout. Of particular interest is the appointment of Luke Thornton as County Treasurer. He has taken on the role and revamped the systems to make budgeting, reporting and accounting within the County a simpler task. This is only something that could be done by a 'fresh face' with the enthusiasm to introduce tomorrow's technology. What is more is that Luke lives in London and, even though he is now to spend more time in the United States, he will still be able to continue his work as County Treasurer. This demonstrates how far technology has moved and how it now allows us to bypass barriers that have previously prevented us from delivering Scouting further.

2021 was the second year of Scouting in lock down under Covid and we had budgeted for a shortfall in income following the Executive's decision to reduce the County levy by 50%. This year you will see from our financial report that the loss which we had prepared for was the same as this drop in income.

This should be looked at in the light of ongoing costs of wages and of maintenance, principally at the

campsites, and of our significant commitment to support struggling groups if necessary. We had expected the possibility of a much greater loss but the provision for greater expenditure to support struggling groups in the County was not called as Districts were able to provide support where necessary. Furlough grants continued for most of the year with the net result of a better outcome than we had originally anticipated. The fact that we have been able to maintain a strong financial reserve over the years has allowed us to underwrite these past two years and plan for the future, in particular standing behind Chamboree this year.

The Executive Committee continued to meet online on a regular basis. The topics addressed at each meeting included:

- The County Commissioner's report
- Youth Forum
- Finance
- Activity Centres
- Appointments
- Safety and Safeguarding
- And introduced this year, Diversity and Inclusion.

Its two main supporting sub committees are Finance, which is covered in the Our Finances section of this report, and the Activity Centres, under the Chairmanship of Philip Cox.

The work of the Activity Centres was based on maintaining the campsites on standby, keeping costs to a minimum and only carrying out essential inspections and maintenance, to be ready to open when restrictions were lifted. They were, but only towards the end of the year. The issue of access to the Forest Camp Activity Centre is still being addressed, as is the issue of the effluent treatment. In both instances progress is ongoing, but no resolution is yet in sight.

The sub-committee has been restructured to reflect the skills required and with a remit to address current issues and strategic planning. The lease of the site at Tatton Park was not resolved last year, but it looks as if the other parties involved are finally able to make a decision and we are hopeful for a lease on a long-term basis.

Covid has made an impact, some good and some bad but overall, we have come out fortified for the future. Numbers have picked up well, but it will be another year or possibly two before we are up to the pre-Covid levels. On the plus side we have found an alternative way of communication with meetings online. Meetings face to face will however always remain the preferred means of communication.

I thank you all for all the work you have put in in these exceptional times. I congratulate you on your confidence; effort and continued support in providing the best opportunity for the youth of Cheshire. Well done. Keep up your good work.



**Peter Mather TD**  
County Chair



# Back at our best

More than a year on from the start of the pandemic and there has been an incredible effort from our truly inspirational volunteers to get young people meeting and enjoying amazing programmes face-to-face again, with lots of challenges being overcome, we have seen a renewed energy with Scouts really feeling like it is back at its best!

It's been great to see young people returning to Scouting in their thousands and making new friends, learning new skills, and helping their communities rebuild after Covid. Here in Cheshire, we're very proud to have played our part in the huge national growth in Scouting, which has seen membership increase at the fastest rate in 80 years. Cheshire Scouts has seen a 6% increase in membership and a 10% growth in the number of young people across the County, there are now 11,956 young people and adult volunteers taking part in Scouts in Cheshire.

But with 1,708 young people wanting to join, it's clear we need even more adult volunteers to inspire young people and help them learn skills for life. It's not always about the benefits to young people, by volunteering with the Scouts, it encourages you to try something new, make new friends, to keep your body and brain active and do something good for your community – in short it's good for you!

Last year we launched our brand new section Squirrels, for four to five year olds, with 5 Dreys launched, set up and 63 young people taking part. We celebrated 35 years of Beaver Scouts along with success, as we

presented over 400 top awards to Scouts, Explorers, and Scout Network members. 100 of our volunteers too were recognised by the High Sheriff of Cheshire for their outstanding contribution to the local community during the pandemic.

We also selected 8 leaders and 72 young people to represent Cheshire at the 25th World Scout Jamboree in Korea 2023, and launched Cheshire Scouts Explorer Belt 2023, the challenge of a lifetime for 16-25 year olds in The Netherlands.

We have continued our partnership with CVQO having launched BTEC Level 2 Award in Teamwork and Personal Development vocational qualification for Scouts during the pandemic. We are very proud that one of our participants, Ben Borg-Heffernan is the first-ever Westminster Award finalist from The Scouts.

Cheshire Hike was a huge success this Spring with a record number of Scouts and Explorers taking part, they collectively took 28 million steps and walked 21 thousand kilometres. A big thanks to the leaders who have supported their young people with training and encouragement and the 250+ volunteers who helped to run the event. We can't wait to see you next year for Cheshire Hike 2023.

As part of our Promise to the Planet, as Cheshire Scouts, we have made a pledge that by 2023, all Cheshire Groups and Units will have achieved or completed an environmental project or taken climate action, impacting their local community in a fun, inclusive and youth-led manner.

This Summer we are excited to welcome Groups from Cheshire, around the UK and Internationals for our space themed out of this world Jamboree at the Showground.

As we continue to bounce back and recover from the impacts of the pandemic, we believe Scouting is more important now than ever before to give young people a sense of connection and belonging, to develop skills for life.

This is why we will be re-energising around reaching our north star, our 2025 strategy to prepare better futures and deliver skills for life to more young people, with exciting change coming, as we look to make volunteering with Scouts easier and even more fun, so that we can attract more volunteers and ensure our current volunteers want to stay, we will be providing:

1. A warmer welcome for all
2. More engaging learning
3. Positive volunteering every day

All supported by easy-to-use digital tools.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say 'thank you' to each and every one of you, for everything you've done over this challenging, but equally exciting year.



**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

### 2018-2025

#### 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

- 50,000 more young people
- 10,000 more Section Leaders
- 5,000 more Young Leaders

#### Inclusivity

- Our volunteers reflect the demographics of our society
- In 500 more areas of deprivation

#### Youth Shaped

- 250,000 young people shape their experience at Scouts each year
- Half of our young people achieve top awards

#### Community impact

- 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

A fun, enjoyable, high quality programme consistently delivered and supported by simple (digital) tools.

#### People

More, well trained, better supported and motivated adult volunteers, and more young people from diverse backgrounds.

#### Perception

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 principal 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, its 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 2022

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
Squirrel Scouts	46	24	0	0	70
Beaver Scouts	1,936	454	0	16	2,406
Cub Scouts	2,355	527	1	23	2,906
Scouts	1,807	612	6	10	2,435
Explorer Scouts (including Young Leaders)	543	289	6	10	840
Scout Network members	158	70	0	34	262
<b>TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>6,845</b>	<b>1,976</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>8,919</b>
<b>TOTAL ADULT MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>1,626</b>	<b>1,409</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3,037</b>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>8,471</b>	<b>3,385</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>11,956</b>

## UNITS

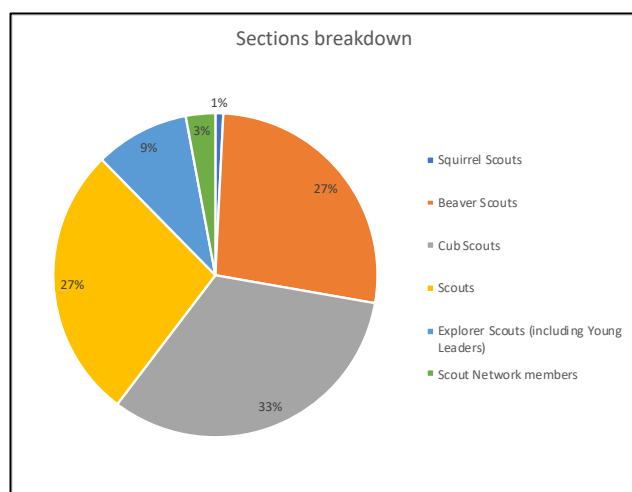
Squirrel Scout Dreys	5
Beaver Scout Colonies	170
Cub Scout Packs	171
Scout Troops	154
Explorer Scout Units (including Young Leader Units)	53
Local Scout Networks	10
Active Support Units	51

## GROUPS

## DISTRICTS

150

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DISTRICT BREAKDOWN	Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	Network	Adults	Total
Cheshire							106	107
Alderley	-	164	243	155	55	26	209	826
Chester and District	-	340	469	294	146	32	413	1,662
Ellesmere Port and Neston	-	186	186	143	39	47	222	754
Knutsford and District	8	117	117	121	26	20	125	486
Macclesfield and Congleton	-	410	410	325	146	33	399	1,589
Mersey Weaver	29	306	306	277	111	25	395	1,396
Mid Cheshire	-	289	289	260	58	9	285	1,131
South West Cheshire	-	313	346	344	120	10	465	1,588
Warrington East	33	267	286	249	77	7	316	1,228
Warrington West	-	243	254	267	62	53	364	1,190
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>2,406</b>	<b>2,906</b>	<b>2,435</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>3,504</b>	<b>11,956</b>



# Governance structure and Board membership – 1 July 2021 to 31 June 2022

## Founder

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

## Patron

Her Majesty the Queen

## President

Sir William Bromley-Davenport KCV  
(retired January 2022)

Lady Alexis Redmond MBE  
(designate)

## Vice Presidents

Margaret Olliver  
Ray Salisbury JP  
Geoff Taylor BEM  
Graham Phillips DL MBE  
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.

### Trustees (Voting)

Peter Mather TD (100%)  
County Chair

Dave Hopley (100%)  
County Commissioner

Alex Dodd (83%)  
County Youth Commissioner  
Appointments Committee Chair

Michael Rollinson (67%)  
County Deputy Chair

Luke Thornton (83%)  
County Treasurer

Janet Williamson (100%)  
County Secretary

Philip Cox (83%)

Activity Centres Committee Chair

Eve Vickers (100%)  
Jake Vickery (100%)  
David Metcalfe (100%)  
Debbie Mosley (83%)  
John Duley (83%)  
Nigel Flatman (100%)  
Graham Proctor (83%)  
Val Thomason (83%)  
Andrew Little (100%)  
John Bennett (100%)  
Laura Dyer (33%)

## Right of attendance (Non-voting)

Ian Hill  
Regional Commissioner

Oliver Chambers  
Nominated 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

## Commissioners

Will Burnham  
Alderley

Alan Wilding  
Chester and District

Richie Thornley  
Ellesmere Port and Neston

Neil McAleece  
Knutsford and District

Mike Brown  
Macclesfield and Congleton

Oliver Chambers  
Mersey Weaver

Darren Gorst  
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

Deb Arden  
Activity Centre Bookings  
Administrator



# Roll of Honour 2021-2022

Awards issued between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021

## Member of the Order of the British Empire



Graham Phillips  
For services to young people in  
Cheshire during Covid 19

County

Cyndy Lloyd  
For services to Young People in  
Cheshire

Mid Cheshire

## High Sherriff's Awards

Carol Frain	County
Dave Hopley	County
Graham Proctor	County
John Duley	County
Nigel Flatman	County
Richard Johnson	County
Tim Owen	County
Val Thomason	County
Alan Wilding	DC Chester and District
Andrew Little	DC Mid Cheshire
David Giles	DC Macclesfield and Congleton
Debbie Phillips	DC Warrington West
Ian Potts	DC South West Cheshire
Joanne Turner	DC Ellesmere Port and Neston
Neil McAleece	DC Knutsford and District
Oliver Chambers	DC Mersey Weaver
Will Burnham	DC Alderley
Bob Piggott	Alderley
Emma Simpson	Alderley
Georgina Dunn	Alderley
Janet Williamson	Alderley
John Williamson	Alderley
Melanie Fretwell	Alderley
42nd Chester Beaver & Cub Leaders	Chester and District
Brandon Hone	Chester and District
Grahame Polley	Chester and District
Kristy Collins	Chester and District
Megan Porter	Chester and District
Michael Stout	Chester and District
Penny Watson	Chester and District
Chris Marchant	Ellesmere Port and Neston
Rob Smith	Ellesmere Port and Neston
Stan Foxall	Ellesmere Port and Neston
Alison Wright	Knutsford and District
Ali Comline	Knutsford and District
Laura Jennings	Knutsford and District

## High Sherriff's Awards (continued)

Rob Walley	Knutsford and District
Roger Turner	Knutsford and District
Shirley Baston	Knutsford and District
Ian MacKintosh	Knutsford and District
Angela Raval	Macclesfield and Congleton
Anthony Rogers	Macclesfield and Congleton
Ben Amey	Macclesfield and Congleton
Caroline Smith	Macclesfield and Congleton
Duncan Hodges	Macclesfield and Congleton
Emma Grindey	Macclesfield and Congleton
James Raval	Macclesfield and Congleton
Jenna Self	Macclesfield and Congleton
Jon Bean	Macclesfield and Congleton
Judith Amey	Macclesfield and Congleton
Katie Bean	Macclesfield and Congleton
Lesley Rogers	Macclesfield and Congleton
Martin Taylor	Macclesfield and Congleton
Mike Brown	Macclesfield and Congleton
Mildred Ross	Macclesfield and Congleton
Neil Raval	Macclesfield and Congleton
Peter Skirvin	Macclesfield and Congleton
Richard Hodges	Macclesfield and Congleton
Tom Grindey	Macclesfield and Congleton
1st Helsby	Macclesfield and Congleton
8th Widnes	Mersey Weaver
Andrew Pearson	Mersey Weaver
Barbara Pollock	Mersey Weaver
Callum Linger	Mersey Weaver
Emily Morris	Mersey Weaver
Frank Gorrell	Mersey Weaver
Jake Vickery	Mersey Weaver
Matt Morris	Mersey Weaver
Yvonne Woodward	Mersey Weaver
Kate Knight	Mersey Weaver
Richard Langton	Mid Cheshire
Graham Turner	Mid Cheshire
Stuart Young	Mid Cheshire
Andy Webb	Mid Cheshire
Andrew Whalley	Mid Cheshire
Charles Humphries	South West Cheshire
John Bennett	South West Cheshire
Lisa Evans	South West Cheshire
Susan Edwards	South West Cheshire
Claire Irons	South West Cheshire
David Wallington	Warrington East
Helen Rustage	Warrington East
Karen Lowson	Warrington East
Lisa Grady	Warrington East
Olga Austin	Warrington East
Richard Storey	Warrington East
Ruth Gosney	Warrington East
Sue Lowndes	Warrington East
Toby Sasse	Warrington East
Adam Potts	Warrington West

## High Sherriff's Awards (continued)

Daniel Meadows  
Ian Baker  
Ian Gornall  
Ian Skilling  
Paul Carey  
Rob Patheyjohns  
Stephen Cummings  
Stephen Pennington  
Sylvia Simon

Warrington West  
Warrington West  
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Warrington West

### Silver Wolf



Shirley Baston

Knutsford and District

### Silver Acorn



Neil McAleece  
Mike Brown  
Lesley Bithell  
Lindsey McPhillips  
Dave Sanderson  
Doug Berry  
Jane Kelly  
Nick Pyman  
Ray Bryan  
Simon Fathers

Knutsford and District  
Macclesfield and Congleton  
Mid Cheshire  
Mid Cheshire  
Warrington East  
Warrington East  
Warrington East  
Warrington East  
Warrington East  
Warrington East

### Bar to the Award for Merit



Brian Morrow  
Colin Egerton  
Peter Skirvin  
Mel McPhillips  
Su Smith

Warrington East  
Mersey Weaver  
Macclesfield and Congleton  
Mid Cheshire  
Mid Cheshire

### Award for Merit



Jayne Edgar  
Michael Hillier  
Robin Turney  
Christopher Leadbeater  
Heidi Waite  
Helen Gurney-Smith  
Jen McAleece  
Lynda Jones  
Alf Baron  
Geoffrey Scott

Chester and District  
Chester and District  
Chester and District  
Knutsford and District  
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Knutsford and District  
Knutsford and District  
Macclesfield and Congleton  
Macclesfield and Congleton



## Award for Merit (continued)



Ian MacKintosh  
 Michael Eastgate  
 Michelle Martin  
 Carol Walker  
 David Woodward  
 Gary Austin  
 Gillian Wynne-Parle  
 Leza Walker  
 Matt Kindon  
 Matthew Morris  
 Nicholas Walker  
 Rebecca Beardsworth  
 Susan Rosbottom  
 Hannah Webb  
 Ian Farley  
 James Buckley  
 Janet Warburton  
 Janine Jans  
 Kate Knight  
 Paul Clarke  
 Richard Langton  
 Elizabeth Hough  
 Jacqueline Bloor  
 Paul Goodwin  
 Michael Hankey  
 Cecelia Morrell  
 Kai Lindsay  
 Patricia Brown

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## The Cornwell Scout Badge



## Meritorious Conduct



Scarlett Foggin

Mersey Weaver

Janet Greer Morrow

Warrington East

Chris Williams  
Cat Hirst  
Clare Taylor  
David Lithgow-Smith  
Frances Lithgow-Smith  
Liz Shaw  
Megan Porter  
Phillip Dowle  
Timothy McLachlan  
Vanessa Coates  
William Taylor  
Kurt Mather  
Michael John Houghton  
Alan Freke  
Alexander Fletcher  
Bernice Baron  
Caroline Robinson  
Gregory Wood  
James Sidaway  
John Collins  
Kathryn Carter  
Lesley Rodgers  
Michael Gibbons  
Nicola Spragg  
Nicholas Mottershead  
Nigel Davies  
Norton Wragg  
Oliver Hardman  
Stephan Bird  
Thomas Grindey  
Timothy Hope  
Timothy Lowe  
Timothy Neale  
Alan Collinson  
Amanda Butler  
Andrew Pearson  
Brian Webber  
Carl Shore  
Cath Mudford  
Claire Mault  
Colin Chalmers  
David King  
Duncan Edwards  
Gail Molyneaux  
Geoffrey Tantom  
Graeme Kay  
Graham Newton  
Jack Bennion  
Jessica Hunt-Chambers  
John Shaw  
John Tallon  
Karen Chalmers  
Lorna McTigue  
Mark Walker

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## Commissioner's Commendations



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Macclesfield and Congleton  
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## Queen's Scout Awards



Annemieke De Jong  
Katie Davies  
Jenna Self  
Alex Devers  
Ryan Williams

Knutsford and District  
Knutsford and District  
Macclesfield and Congleton  
Warrington West  
Warrington West

## Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Awards



Daniel Hewson  
Annemieke De Jong  
Katie Davies  
Fiona Bridge  
Joshua Boissery  
William Roberts  
Konstantinos Voudouris  
Hannah Little

Alderley  
Knutsford and District  
Knutsford and District  
Macclesfield and Congleton  
Macclesfield and Congleton  
Mersey Weaver  
Warrington East  
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 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 £648,659 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; 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 2021.

## **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**

To be confirmed following approval by Cheshire County Scout Council.

Colette Sherriff  
Meredith Accountancy Services Ltd.



# Consolidated statement of financial activities

for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £	31.12.20 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		200	-	200	36,964
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Campsites		41,678	-	41,678	29,937
Training		-	-	-	1,500
Duke of Edinburgh Awards		3,139	-	3,139	1,953
Cheshire Hike		-	-	-	-
Investment income	2	98	-	98	844
Membership Fees		33,119	-	33,119	83,092
<b>Total</b>		<b>78,234</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>78,234</b>	<b>154,290</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
General		-	-	-	2,000
Campsites		71,171	-	71,171	93,840
International		-	-	-	2,328
Other Scouting Activities		43,787	-	43,787	39,659
Training		1,550	-	1,550	1,268
Duke of Edinburgh and Higher Awards		5,463	-	5,463	3,734
Cheshire Hike		486	-	486	-
Group Computer Systems OSM		21,295	-	21,295	19,737
<b>Total</b>		<b>143,752</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>143,752</b>	<b>162,566</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	(2,196)
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(65,518)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(65,518)</b>	<b>(10,472)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>663,111</b>	<b>135,239</b>	<b>798,350</b>	<b>808,822</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>597,593</b>	<b>135,239</b>	<b>732,832</b>	<b>798,350</b>

# Balance sheets

As at 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £	31.12.20 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	4	84,173	-	84,173	90,559
Investments	5	19,765	-	19,765	19,765
		<u>103,938</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,938</u>	<u>110,324</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	6	35,588	-	35,588	35,588
Cash at bank		555,076	135,239	690,315	738,851
		<u>590,664</u>	<u>135,239</u>	<u>774,439</u>	<u>774,439</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(113,374)	-	(113,374)	(86,413)
		<u>478,369</u>	<u>135,239</u>	<u>613,607</u>	<u>688,026</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>582,306</u>	<u>135,239</u>	<u>717,546</u>	<u>798,350</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>582,306</u>	<u>135,239</u>	<u>717,546</u>	<u>798,350</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>582,306</u>	<u>135,239</u>	<u>717,546</u>	<u>798,350</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	8				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				292,746	358,264
Building Fund				194,696	194,696
County Activity Fund				54,408	54,408
International Fund				8,487	8,487
Campsite Development				47,256	47,256
				<u>597,593</u>	<u>663,111</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				-	-
				<u>135,239</u>	<u>135,239</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>732,832</u>	<u>798,350</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 21 May 2022 and authorised for release and signed on its behalf by:



Peter Mather  
County Chair



Luke Thornton  
County Treasurer

# Our thanks

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

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