



Scouts

Milton Keynes



Annual General Meeting
2017/2018
Wednesday 19th September 2018
Cruck Barn
Bradwell Abbey

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MINUTES OF THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on the 21st September 2017 at The Cruck Barn, Bradwell Abbey at 7.30 pm

PRESENT : There were 61 persons present – list available on request

1.	Welcome and Opening remarks Bernard Hancox welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending. Explorer Scout member was asked to do a reflection.
2.	Apologies for absence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iain Stewart, MP Milton Keynes • Mark Lancaster, MP Milton Keynes • Ian Revell, Chief Executive of MK Community Foundation • Douglas McCall – Councillor, Newport Pagnell South Ward • Councillor Keith & Mrs V McLean • Peter Kara, High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire • Derek Eastman, Mayor of Newport Pagnell • Wendy Egan, Deputy Mayor of Newport Pagnell • Ann Limb, Chair of the Scout Association • 22 further apologies, full list available on request.
3.	Presentation of Annual Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Minutes of the AGM held on the 21st September 2017. Proposed by Rosie Worrall and seconded by Stuart Ball. b) Financial Report – nothing further to report c) District Commissioner's Report – nothing further to report
4.	Approval of District Commissioner's nomination for District Chairman Stuart Bailey nominated Bernard Hancox to stand again and this was agreed by all.
5.	Election of District Secretary There was one nomination, Pat Pankhurst. Proposed by Kit Sharpe and seconded by Chris Underwood. Agreed by all present.
6.	Election of District Treasurer Nomination received for Ashley Pankhurst. Proposed by Kit Sharpe and seconded by Chris Underwood. Agreed by all present.
7.	<p>a) Election of members to the District Executive Committee Received three nominations by the due date and these were Barbara Evelyn. Proposed by Ian Boden and seconded by Neil Dent Gary Staff. Proposed by Karen Stainthorp and seconded by James Daniels Rosie Worrall. Proposed by Barbara Smith and seconded by Andy Frogbrook.</p> <p>b) Under 25 representative to the District Executive Committee Chris Leroux. Proposed by Bev Delaney and seconded by Steve Powell Agreed by all.</p>

8.	Approval of District Commissioner's nominations for members to the District Executive Committee Stuart Bailey's nominations were: Madeleine Munn Adrian French Elisa McCarthy Agreed by all
10.	Appointment of Auditors Ashley Pankhurst asked that the appointment of auditors be left for a later date.
11.	Address from County Representative James Palin the County Commissioner gave an overview of the increase in people involved in Scouting and the membership in Buckinghamshire. Districts had celebrated the 100 years of Cub Scouts and he had been given the opportunity to come to Milton Keynes to join in the celebrations. James thanked Stuart and the team for the continued growth over the year, it had seen an increase in all sections over the year which was a 12% increase on the previous one. In 2019 about 80 young people will embark on the 2019 World Scout Jamboree in America, Milton Keynes will be well represented. James thanked everyone for tirelessly supporting Scouting in Buckinghamshire and if not a member there are many ways that you can share your skills and get involved through flexible volunteering schemes.
12	Guest Speaker – John May, Secretary General, Duke of Edinburgh's International Award John said that he was currently in Scouting in Oxfordshire but knew about MK Scouting. He had attended Cub Scout 100 year celebrations in Guildford and went on to tell everyone about a 'swimming up ceremony' and a conversation between the participant of this and the local Mayor. He went on to tell of one boy who epitomised what Scouting is all about. In the 1990s he worked for UNICEF and as part of the Unite programme went to Uganda to see the immunisation and Aids awareness programmes, this was ground breaking. Whilst there his minder, Joseph, told him that he was going to take him on a trip which took them a whole day and they ended up near the border with Rwanda in a refugee camp. In this camp were approximately 30,000 people, 15,000 were under the age of 15 who were unaccompanied. None of these had any parents or anyone who could read them stories or play with them. They had plenty of food and water. One day Joseph came along with his secondary school friends before and after school to play with the children and to sing songs. Joseph was a Scout and so were his friends and when asked why he did it and he just did it because he was a Scout and that is what they do. Joseph told stories around the campfire about an eagle who laid an egg and the eagle then died and was taken in by a chicken, this eagle chick grew up thinking it was a chicken and did not learn how to fly like the eagles in the sky. As leaders in Scouting we need to nurture our chickens into eagles and learn to fly and to set them free.
13.	Awards and Presentations James Palin presented the following awards: 40 year Service Award Karen Stainthorp Annette Nash Graham Boyer

	<p>Mick Nimmo 15 year Service Award Ronald Spalding on behalf of Cheshire Scouting</p> <p>Wood Badge Bev Delaney – District Explorer Scout Commissioner.</p> <p>Stuart Bailey presented a 40 year service award and wood beads to Mick Nimmo. Stuart informed everyone that Mick had been his Scout Leader.</p> <p>Young Leader Belt buckles to those who had completed their missions, had planned Cub Camps, evenings etc Ryan Farnes Emily Jennett Ryan Roche JJ Quealy Rhys Matthews Jay Hartley Matthew Evans</p>
14.	Refreshments

The main business completed by 7.42 pm. Full meeting by 8.16 pm

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT



An outsider looking at us in Milton Keynes over the last year can see nothing but quality Scouting, adventurous programmes, affluent Scout groups, a camp site that most are envious of and possibly the biggest program for growth in the country. None of this is by accident it takes x0,000's of volunteer hours that make this all happen. In MK we are blessed with great leaders and dedicated administrators. Would be wrong of me to say the last year has all been plain sailing... A few key members of the team have left us for new adventures and I wish them all the best.

We are a huge District in comparison to most with approximately 1500 youth members and another 1000 on our joining lists. Over the last months we have been working hard on ways to bring as many of that 1000 into Scouting as possible. Milton Keynes is the fastest growing town in the country, therefore we need to be the fastest growing Scout District in the country to be able to keep pace with the demand. New sections need new leaders, new administrators and new premises. Traditionally the majority of our groups that we have meet in school halls, as the schools change out of local government control it is becoming more difficult for us to find suitable meeting places at reasonable prices.



Our sectional ADC's have run some fantastic events over the last 12 months and are planning the next years camps and hikes. The uptake for some of the activities hasn't been as good as it should be. The District programme is there to encourage closer ties, team work and competition. The best bit for you the section leaders is that you don't have to organise them, it's all done for you.

The new data laws have forced changes on the way we conduct some of our administration, in MK we were well ahead of this, Bucks County have followed in our footsteps and are offering OSM to all sections. Our @mkscouts.org email system is here to help us all to be on the right side of GDPR and our website is the best in the country with many other districts and counties copying us.

The Quarries continues to be a runaway success. It's a small dedicated team running, maintaining and developing our campsite and instructing the activities but they could use your help.

Last October saw one of the most successful Gang Shows in recent years, the infectious enthusiasm of the cast singing and dancing more than make up for the time commitments of the production crew and the cast rehearsals. I have seen some of the rehearsals for this year's show. It's going to be a corker.

I feel privileged to be the District Commissioner for Milton Keynes Scouts and look forward to the adventures the next 12 months will bring.

STUART BAILEY – DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

BEAVERS

BEAVERS REPORT

I took over as ADC (Beaver Scouts) in January 2017 from Tracy Emerson, who had done an awesome job, and having worked with her knew what I had let myself in for.

I started in Scouting at Wolverton as a parent helper 11 years ago and then became a Beaver Scout Leader.

Over the past year Beaver Scouts have enjoyed various activities either with their groups, District or County from camps, hikes or just enjoying their adventures.

In March 2017, a bit apprehensive and nervous I faced my first challenge as ADC, with snow on the ground and an event planned, but decision made the Beaver Scout event went ahead. The pictures tell it all.

We already have dates in the diary and I look forward to the new challenges and adventures ahead.



BARBARA SMITH - ADC (Beaver Scouts)

CUBS REPORT

Following on from the successes of the Cubs 100 birthday celebration in 2016, Cub Scouts in the district continue to extend the boundaries of what they can do, and it is good to see groups sharing the fun times with us all.

The parade through Central Milton Keynes for St George's day, culminating in some fantastic entertainment over in Campbell Park was brilliant. It was amazing to see so many of the groups in attendance as everyone stopped to look when we passed down the side of the shopping centre.

The camps / groups that I have visited since taking over have been full of fun activities (we even had Cub Scouts wiring a plug!).

Do let me know if you are doing something that I can come along to and present awards, or just say hello.

We have lots of new leaders amongst us who have a lot of talent and enthusiasm to offer and I will assist as much as possible with getting permits, or even coming along to a camp with mine, to get our young people under canvas and doing everything Scouting. I have already completed one assessment for a leader and am happy to do more to help others.

As a Cub leader myself, I welcome a chance to get together with other packs too for camps or activities.

The role of ADC Cubs in the district is both a pleasure and a huge undertaking with the number of groups, some having multiple packs, and geography meaning that the traditional stereotype of trying to get around them all for a visit is just not possible.

Finally there has been a bit of a lull in the district Cub activities of late but, rest assured, this is being addressed. We are pulling a team together to organise activities and anyone is welcome to join us and shape the district events to what you want them to be.

I look forward to meeting more and more of our leaders and young people and making district work for everyone



MARK EDWARDS – ADC (Cub Scouts)

SCOUTS

SCOUTS REPORT

The following District events took place this year and were well attended.

Event	Winners
Ready Steady Cook	Stony Stratford
Camping Competition	Great Linford
Night Hike	Loughton

The autumn term saw Pat Pankhurst and myself running the 1st Olney Wednesday night Cub pack as they were without a leader. I had a good time and we worked towards their Entertainer Award, we made puppets, put together plays and then did a performance in front of the parents. I left at Christmas to concentrate on my District role.

The District Leaders meetings were held to discuss District future events together with sharing of programme ideas.



Dave Eveling has taken on the District Patrol Leader training on the 1st Wednesday of the month.



This year Graham Boyer decided to retire after many years of us working together. As a result of this I had to rethink my team as I realised that I would not get to my goal of visiting most of the troops in the District.

My team is now – Eric Swain and myself as the Management team, District Leaders, Ian Walker and Dave Eveling and two new members, Chris Yates and Nathan Smith.

As a team we have now visited 90% of the District. I have also attended a number of County Scout Sectional meetings.

Thank goes to all Scout Leaders, Assistants and Sectional Helpers and to my team, keep up the good work.

MICK NIMMO – ADC (Scouts)

EXPLORERS REPORT

EXPLORERS

This year has been such a full one with Milton Keynes Explorer Scouts undertaking camps, community work and fundraising alongside their normal weekly meetings. The Units have drawn closer together as a district and most camps have been open to all allowing more opportunities than ever before.

We have had changes with Leaders moving on for study and work. Thank you to Steve Powell, Michael Watkins and Chris Jay for everything they have done for Explorers. Amy Whitney has a new role running an ESU in Nottingham now but is taking part in MK activities and the Young Leader scheme. We are lucky to have such committed Explorer Leaders in MK – Thank you to you all!

A large number of Explorer Scouts have turned 18 this year and this has changed some of the Unit dynamics and opened availability of places in different areas of the City. Excalibur ESU remains a large and stable unit and we have had to limit numbers. Dragons ESU and Vulcans ESU have become established since being registered and numbers are growing substantially. Enigma ESU has had the most leader changes and Corin and Chris have continued to grow and reshape the unit and establish links with the local groups.

Keynes Explorer Scouts undertaking camps,



MK Explorers have done:

- Gilwell24,
- Kernow Jamboree 2017 (Cornwall),
- Explode 2017 (Berkshire Explorer camp),
- ScareFest (Gilwell),
- Fire and Ice 2017 (Tolmers),
- Walking in Yorkshire (Dragons)

All outside of District alongside local camps. Great programmes are running with different activities. We said a special Happy Birthday to Eric Swain our DES Administrator with a night out bowling –

over 50 attended and sang happy birthday!

Phantom Explorer Scout Young Leader Unit (ESYLU) has continued to run a regular monthly programme of training modules, 4 Module A (Compulsory module) and our 3rd Young Leader training camp – this year at Braid Wood. This year we have begun to see other districts request help and have had ESYL's attend from Buckingham and Winslow, Kettering and Northampton. We are keen to ensure we keep in contact with these ESYL's and recently had a lovely email from a ESYL that we helped with thanks and a photo of him receiving his YL Belt buckle award – just fantastic! We took part in the Scoutadelic YouTube channel <https://scoutadelic.com/> with an episode all about Young Leaders – we contributed by asking questions on video and sending them across.

MK ESYL's took part in the ESYL surveys to look at revamping the training scheme. We were thrilled to have been invited to take part in workshops in Manchester which 2 Young Leaders and I attended along with YL's from across the country run by HQ – technically in 2018-2019 report but we wanted to show the progression. The Young Leaders gained so much from being involved in this – again just brilliant! Thanks must go to all the leaders who help with this scheme and Sara Whitney who has been our mainstay and pushing us forwards. It really has started to come to fruition with the majority of ESYL's in the district training and many attaining their YL Belt Buckle award. An exciting by-product of this has been some ESYL's have gone on to attend camps and get involved with D of E and start to attend ESU activities.

D of E was being run by ADC (Activities) and we had started to build capacity. This is now back with the DESC and we are planning more expeditions this year. A definite area for development and special thanks to Jenny Evans for all her time on this and to Shelly Matthews for becoming more involved in Scouting D of E.



A big part of the year had been the Selection weekend for the World Scout Jamboree 2019 (WSJ). We ran a very successful and fun Selection Weekend in November 2107. I so wish we could have sent all who attended! The weekend was full of problem solving, skills and teamwork. One objective was that Scouts who attended would want to join Explorer Scouts and this has happened. The District agreed

to take 10 WSJ places and 6 places on the Alternative International Experience to Kandersteg in Switzerland. The Scouts and Explorers were scored on their input and selection was undertaken by the planning team minus the DESC. Those selected were thrilled – the hard part was those that were not selected. Subsequently to this Sam Bradford has arranged a trip to Harleem Jamborette in The Netherlands and all who did not get selected were invited giving all an international opportunity.

The Jamboree and Kandersteg team have worked together as participants and families to fundraise. Building friendships and helping each other. Fundraising at the Community Car raffle, Fetes, litter picking and Bunning sausage sizzle to name but a few things. The Young people meet up at camps and get to know the Units they are going with. Unit 50 – 50 Bucks for WSJ and the unit going to Kandersteg. Both 36 young people and 4 leaders. Emily Yates (Walton) is attending the WSJ as a part of the unit leadership team and Neil Williams (Saints) is the Deputy leader for the Kandersteg trip – great representation from MK.

Fundraising has been a high priority for us this year and developing the relationships with the MK Museum and Bunnings has been great. We wish to do more of this but need to balance it with Scouting.

A busy and full year – thank you to all the adults who help when we need you not just the Explorers.

BEV DELANEY – District Explorer Scout Commissioner

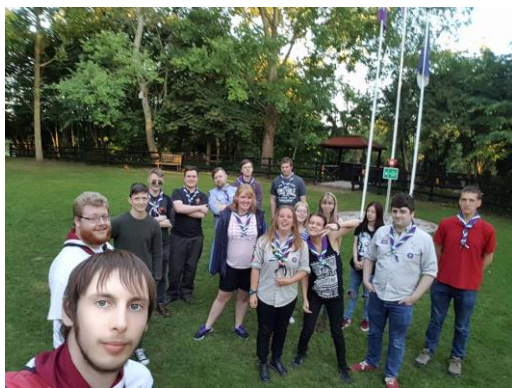
NETWORK REPORT

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Over the past year, Network MK have gone on different adventures and managed to learn and teach new skills. Our adventures in the past 12 months included camping trips, meeting new people, exploring new places and a celebration of Network turning 15 years old.

We went on a camp with Bucks Scout Network, where we managed to get to Bournemouth, without getting lost! A hike around the area as well as adventuring to Brownsea Island to find the red squirrels and peacocks, and visit the birthplace of Scouting.

Other activities included teaching newer Networkers who have never been in Scouting before, how to map read, so they could plan and navigate a hike. We have done various types of cooking nights, cupcakes on open fire and blind cooking.



We recently helped car parking a big event where we ran 3 car parks. 100s of cars parked safely and quickly. The organisers have said if the event happens again next year, they would want us to help out again.

Over the next year we are looking to get more members into Network by breaking down the barriers of what others might expect. We will be going on various different camps and doing different activities. We will also be helping at events in and out of Scouting which will help get the name of Network MK out to the world.

DANNI SMITH – Network MK

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS



Well here we are another year on for MK Scouting and I feel that we have had a challenging year in the media team as there has been lots happening in the way of events and with the rebrand within the Scout Association it has created work for us, but I feel that this has all had a positive impact.

I had the privilege of working with Bev to organise the Jamboree selection and wow what an event it was. All the young people that attended the weekend worked really hard to prove themselves and I feel they all learnt lots from the event and they should all be extremely proud of their achievements.

We have been supporting the MK Marathon for many years now where we look after the bagging area for the race. This year gave us a challenge as we had moved to The Concourse within the MK Dons stadium which was a lot smaller. Guess what, nothing was going to stop MK Scouts doing a good job. Again, we received so much positive feedback from the organisers of the event. I would like to thank all the YP and Adults that supported the event and see you next year.

This year has seen us grow a relationship with Bunnings Milton Keynes, where we have dominated the Sausage Sizzles and I know that this has been a real hit across the district. I feel that these give us a big opportunity to let people know that scouting is here in MK and I hope that these continue to be as successful in 2018/2019.

The Scout Association took the decision to rebrand earlier this year and have set a deadline of year 2020 where all Counties/Districts and Groups will need to be using the new logo on all of their publicity material and websites/social media channels.

More information on the guidelines is available at scoutsbrand.org.uk you will be able to create all your own logos, and these are free to download. There is an easy to use design template for banners/posters etc.

If you require any support with this, please don't hesitate to contact media@mkscouts.org.

This year I have been able to continue the relationship with the MK Citizen and I have been able to get a few stories in the local newspaper. I want to continue this in 2018/2019 so if you feel you have a story to share please let me know.

It was a huge honour to attend the County awards in April where MK Scouting had the majority of awards to some of our remarkable volunteers. Well done to all those that received awards.

Gary Staff took the decision to resign from my team so that he was able to concentrate on MK Gang Show and Bucks Scout Radio. I would like to thank Gary for all his support to the media team over the last few years.

Another thank you from me is to Chris Leroux who has spent most of his summer holidays looking at the social media channels that we use here in MK as well as looking at the engagement of the Quarries social media and of course covering the photography side at events like Gilwell 24 and St Georges Day to mention a few.

I have been working on a plan for a while to run a secondment like programme which will allow the explorer aged young people that are interested in media to join my team for a 6-month period where they will have exposure to many of the media related tasks throughout the district. This will help me to drive a mission that I believe in and that is to be more youth lead and youth shaped.

It gives me great pleasure to say that Sophie Hardwick and Ryan Roche have been selected as the first secondments and I am looking forward to working with both of them and all the future YP that join my team.

If you know someone that would be interested in this then please get them to contact me.

My vision for 2018/2019 is to make the profile of MK Scouting stronger and to spread the word that we are here, and this is only possible with the support of you.

How I here you say?

Well its really easy all you need to do is to let us know about your events either before which will allow me to find cover for your event or after where we can work together to share your experiences and allow others to live the adventure.

You are now able to submit your own news stories to the website at the following link <https://mkscouts.org/members/submit-news/> this will then post your story to the front page of our public facing website.

We are on Facebook and Twitter where you can post and share your news. The powers of social media are underestimated, and I feel that this is more powerful than any other form of media so please let's continue to use this to share the positive bits of MK Scouting.

If you have any questions relating to media, please don't hesitate to contact me. If you have any ideas on how we improve our communications I am keen to hear from you.

Lastly, I would like to thank you all for your hard work and commitment to MK Scouting as without you the young people would not be able to experience the Adventure of Scouting.

JASON RAGGETT – ADC (Media & Communications)

SPECIAL PROJECTS



The Special Projects department has been heavily involved in the launch of the website from early 2017, and evolving it to meet the needs of the District and its members. We've invested in capabilities within the website to accept online payments for events, with District Explorers using it for many of their planned camps and events.

We also embarked on a consolidation activity to bring The Quarries and Gang Show into the same platform, to create a single shared platform. This reduces effort to secure and maintain the websites. This shared platform, or network, has a number of key opportunities:

1. Update Once, Update All.
2. Offer Group websites on the platform, as a managed service. All groups have to do is supply their content.
3. Single user login across the network of websites.

We have also since May 2017 integrated the waiting list registration process using the website, directly into Online Scout Manager.

Our plans from April 2018 are to evolve the ecommerce side of the website/s to devolve management of the websites to the Explorers, Gang Show and The Quarries, as the teams supporting those get support from the Tech Team in doing so. We'll also review the capabilities on a regular basis to ensure they are evolving to meet the needs of the District.

We are also moving the website platform in November 2018 to Azure, the Microsoft Cloud platform, which will utilise the donation by Microsoft for our website platform.

The Office365 adoption continues slowly, as expected, with District and pockets of groups using the free offering from Microsoft, it is expected that this will continue slowly as leaders are encouraged to use their MKScouts email addresses for communications.

Milton Keynes is at the forefront of digital technologies in scouting, with a small number of districts now following our examples of Office365, Waiting List, Azure, OSM adoption, online forms, and online services supporting the groups within the District.

Special Projects has a broad portfolio, from IT to Growth and Development, the data from the District Dashboard that came as a result of the widespread adoption of the district OSM discount code will be used to develop the District growth strategy, and structure

The Waiting List stands at about 900 (April 2018) about a year after it was reset, and the list continues to grow apace, with a colony equivalency being added a week. We'll be engaging with Regional Development Services and Bucks County to formulate a plan to support the growth of Groups who wish to grow.



STUART BALL – ADC (Special Projects)

DISTRICT AWARDS

SILVER WOLF



Ian Boden – Group Executive Member
– Wolverton, Treasurer, Quarries
Campsite

BAR TO SILVER ACORN



Harry Hooper - Adult Appointments
Committee

Eric Swain – District Scouter, DESA,
Adult Appointments Committee

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Adrian French – Adult Appointments
Committee, District Executive
Committee, District Training Adviser

Mike Judd – Group Scout Leader –
Two Mile Ash & Great Holm

Alby Wilson – Group Scout Leader –
1st Stony Stratford

BAR TO AWARD OF MERIT



Bernard Hancox – District Chair

Ian House – Assistant Cub Scout
Leader – Great Linford

AWARD OF MERIT



David Bradford – 1st Middleton

Bev Delaney – District Explorer Scout
Commissioner

Dave Eveling – Scout Leader –
Loughton Scout Group

Brian Fox – Scout Active Support

Lesley French – Scout Active Support

Karen Hackett – Group Scout Leader –
Furzton Scout Group

Roxanne King – Cub Scout Leader –
1st Giffard Park Scout Group

Patricia (Trish) SELWOOD – Beaver
Scout Leader – 1st Olney Scout Group

Bob Zeepvat – Explorer Scout Leader
– Vipers ESU



CHIEF SCOUT'S COMMENDATION

Dave Pollington – Group Scout Leader
– High Ash

Iain Sheard – Cub Scout Leader – 1st
Middleton

Mandy Thomas – 5th Newport Pagnell
Scout Group

Ian Walker – Cub Scout Leader -
Great Linford (St Andrews)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S
COMMENDATION



Mark Fraser – Treasurer - 5th Newport
Pagnell Scout Group

YOUNG
LEADER'S
BUCKLES

Ryan Farnes

Emily Jennett

Ryan Roche

JJ Quealy

Charlotte Spalding

Rhys Matthews

Jay Hartley

Matthew Evans

David Roberts

Clodagh Palmer

Jessica Martin



TRUSTEES REPORT AND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1150177

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Registration Number: 1150177

Trustees:	Bernard Hancox	District Chair
	Stuart Bailey	District Commissioner
	Pat Pankhurst	Secretary
	Ashley Pankhurst	Treasurer
	Beverley Delaney	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
	Alex Piercey	District Scout Network Commissioner
	Madeleine Munn	
	Elisa McCarthy	
	Rosemary Worrall	
	Danni Smith	(to 21 st September 2017)
	Steffi Place	(to 21 st September 2017)
	Helen Armfield	(to 21 st September 2017)
	Christopher Leroux	(from 21 st September 2017)
	Adrian French	(from 21 st September 2017)
	Barbara Evelyn	(from 21 st September 2017)
	Gary Staff	(from 21 st September 2017 to 12 th December 2017)

Principal Correspondence Address:

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Bankers

Milton Keynes District Scout Council

Lloyds Bank PLC

Barclays Bank PLC

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Milton Keynes Gang Show

Nat West Bank PLC

Milton Keynes District Explorer Scouts

Milton Keynes Scout Network

Lloyds Bank PLC

The Quarries Scout Campsite

Royal Bank of Scotland

Lloyds Bank PLC

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Structure, Governance and Management

The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Districts. The 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.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the policy, organisation and rules of The Scout Association.

The Milton Keynes District Scout Council includes the following groups :

1. Milton Keynes District Explorer Scouts
2. Milton Keynes Scout Resource Centre
3. The Quarries Scout Camp Site
4. Milton Keynes Gang Show
5. Milton Keynes District Active Support
6. Milton Keynes Scout Network

The trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the charity is exposed. They have established systems to mitigate these, hold regular liaison meetings and are continually monitoring the individual finances of each group.

Objectives and Activities

To promote and support successful scouting throughout the Milton Keynes District. In planning activities for the year, the trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit. There are five different groups covering ages 6 to 25 and all young people are welcome to join regardless of personal background, faith or personal circumstances. Members benefit greatly in developing their self-confidence and social skills as well as learning new practical and life skills.

Achievements and performance

The charity continues to collect and administer subscriptions from the Scout Groups within its District. There have been a number of successful events, camps and activities throughout the year. Support has been provided to both the uniformed and executive teams within the Scout Groups. The District website and webstore have been updated and uprated to provide better communication both within and outside MK Scouts.

Financial review

At the end of the year total funds amounted to £116,264

Reserves policy

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

The District Executive Committee considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 10 months running costs, circa £80,000.

Investment policy

The District has adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

Public benefit

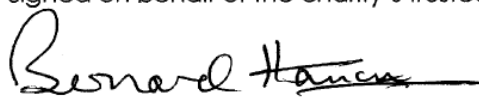
The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Plans for future periods

Milton Keynes Scout District intends to continue developing opportunities for young people to experience Scouting. It also intends, by adopting the Scout Association's 'Vision Towards 2018', to promote the participation of young people in decision-making at all levels. It is intended that there will be additional support for Trustees of Scout Groups. The buildings at The Quarries Scout Campsite will be refurbished / replaced as necessary.

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Bernard Hancox
DISTRICT CHAIR

13th Sept. 2018
(date)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2018, which are set out on pages 4-7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) of the Charities Act and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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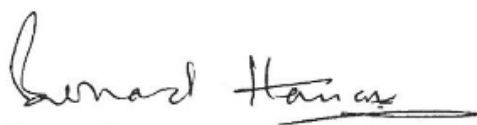
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2017
	Funds	Funds	Funds	
	£	£	£	£
Total receipts for the year	183,438	6,989	190,427	219,726
Total payments for the year	188,587	6,166	194,753	174,970
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	(5,149)	823	(4,326)	44,756
<u>Cash, bank and funds</u>				
B/Fwd	100,047	20,543	120,590	75,834
Transfer	959	(959)		
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C/Fwd	95,857	20,407	116,264	120,590
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Unrestricted funds are those which the Trustees are free to spend in accordance with the constitution.

Restricted funds are those where the Trustees are bound by conditions which have been imposed by the donor or by the terms of an appeal and therefore can only be spent on specific areas.

Approved by the Trustees on 13th September 2018 and signed on their behalf by:


Bernard Hancox

Trustee and District Chair

Milton Keynes District Scout Council
Year ended 31 March 2018

RECEIPTS

	General	Restricted	Total	2017
	Funds	Funds	Funds	
	£	£	£	£
Membership subscriptions	79,997		79,997	96,368
Site fees : The Quarries	28,395		28,395	29,975
Sale of clothing and badges	29,590		29,590	44,996
Camps and activities	27,982		27,982	31,271
Donations	7,183	1,750	8,933	8,522
Other receipts	1,420		1,420	1,105
Fundraising	2,902		2,902	1,892
Bank interest	13		13	17
Jamboree		5,239	5,239	
Gang Show (main)	5,956		5,956	5,580
Total receipts for the year	<u>183,438</u>	<u>6,989</u>	<u>190,427</u>	<u>219,726</u>

Milton Keynes District Scout Council
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PAYMENTS

	General	Restricted	Total	2017
	Funds	Funds	Funds	
	£	£	£	£
Membership subscriptions paid to HQ	64,088		64,088	62,010
Stock purchases	31,235		31,235	40,275
Camps, activities etc	14,910		14,910	25,669
Gang show production expenses	4,943		4,943	5,204
Purchase of equipment	3,090		3,090	2,864
Insurance	6,758		6,758	6,598
Utilities	8,147		8,147	2,117
Administration expenses	11,083		11,083	9,206
Use of premises	1,202		1,202	2,985
Printing and stationery	555		555	667
Telephone				386
Sundry expenses	5,793		5,793	4,944
Building maintenance	12,980		12,980	2,989
Site maintenance	10,160		10,160	5,630
Trustee and leader expenses	2,059		2,059	1,826
Donations	210	1,200	1,410	1,600
Jamboree	11,374	4,966	16,340	
Total payments for the year	<u>188,587</u>	<u>6,166</u>	<u>194,753</u>	<u>174,970</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2018

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2017
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Bank current accounts	69,206	823	70,029	59,474
Bank deposit accounts	25,769	19,584	45,353	60,338
Cash in hand	882		882	778
	<hr/> 95,857	<hr/> 20,407	<hr/> 116,264	120,590
Other monetary assets				
Insurance prepayment				917
Badge stock	9,047		9,047	6,414
Scout shop stock and fixtures	9,108		9,108	10,254
Quarries tuck shop stock	810		810	978
Quarries activity equipment and machinery	3,309		3,309	15,721
Quarries land and buildings	420,000		420,000	420,000
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	538,131	20,407	558,538	574,874
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