



MEDWAY TOWNS SCOUT DISTRICT
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 4th October 2022

MEDWAY COUNCIL, CHATHAM
BY KIND PERMISSION OF THE OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR OF MEDWAY

- Agenda for Annual General Meeting
- Trustees Report, incl. Accounts and Financial Report
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AGENDA

1. Welcome by President/Vice-President
2. Apologies for absence
3. Declarations of conflicts of interest
4. Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting
5. To receive and consider the Trustees' Report
6. To receive and consider the Annual Statement of Account
7. To receive the District Commissioners' Report (see Appendix A)
8. To approve the District Commissioner's nominations to the following appointments:
 - District Chairman
 - Nominated members of the District Executive
9. To elect a District Secretary
10. To elect a District Treasurer
11. To elect members of the District Executive Committee
12. To nominate a Representative of the Medway Towns Scouts onto the Kent County Scout Council
13. To appoint an independent Examiner
14. To receive an address by the representative of Kent Scouts
15. To receive an address by the representative of Medway Council
16. DC Update & Presentations
17. Any other business which should be directly related to the business of the AGM
18. Address by President concluding with the formal closure of the 2022 AGM

Current Membership of District Executive Committee

Name	Position	Ex-officio/Nominated/Elected
John Brisley	District Commissioner	Ex-officio
Vacant	Chairman	Nominated by DC
Tracy Knight	Treasurer	Co-Opted
Vacant	Secretary	Elected
Steven Slater	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	Ex-officio
Vacant	District Scout Network Commissioner	Ex-officio
Henry Brackley	District Youth Commissioner	Ex-officio
Graham Hancock	Member	Elected
Sverre Sverresonn	Member	Elected
Graeme Pryke	Member	Elected
Paul Randall	Member	Elected
David Knight DC	Member	Nominated by DC
Dan Martin	Member	Nominated by DC
Vacant	Member	Nominated by DC
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District AGM 5th October 2021

Held at Civic Suite, Medway Council and via Zoom

Minutes of the meeting

Present - John Brisley, David Knight, Lt Col Tel Delaney, Mayoress Cllr Jan Aldous, David Brake, Graeme Pryke, David Smith, Sally Cox, Jean Chandler, Kara Cooper, Sverre Sverresonn, Steven Slater, Graham Hancock Paul Randall, Darren Hopson, Vi Jones, Michelle Kagan, Kim Ward, Carole Reynolds, Samantha Bayliss, Luke Hopson, Richard Turner, Angela Moore, Gail Couchman, Angela Taylor, Del King, Ann Hayes, Mike Billin and David Wraight

Present via Zoom - Tracy Knight, David and Carrie Payne, Nick Swain, Jessica Packman, Simon White, Dan Martin, Nicolas Pawsey, and Jen Taylor.

1. Welcome by President/Vice-President

Our Vice President Cllr David Brake introduced the County representative David Wraight, Mayoress of Medway, Cllr Jan Aldous and the representative for the President of Medway Towns Scout District, Lieutenant Colonel Tel Delaney of the Royal School of Military Engineering. David Invited Tel to chair the meeting.

Tel was very privileged to chair the meeting and he hopes to do the meeting justice and starts the 2021 AGM.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Michael Davis, Warren and Pam Medhurst, Gill Martin, Colin Stubbs, Brandon Longworth, Chris and Kelly Beck, Martin Beale, Henry Brackley, Sue Souter, Colin Jones, Jon Magee, Vicky Evans and Gavin Jessop

3. Declarations of conflicts of interest

No Conflicts of Interest was declared.

4. Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting

The approval of the minutes from the AGM was held on 16th September 2020 and the minutes had been distributed before the AGM and was a true record. They were proposed by Graeme Pryke and seconded by Michell Kagan.

5. To receive and consider the Trustees' Report

The reporting year 20/21 will need no introduction, as Covid swept the globe and curtailed life as we knew it. However, Scouting continued in ever evolving various guises within Groups and District as we adapted to a new normal.

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The District Executive Committee must act collectively, and in the best interests of its members, ensuring compliance with the Associations rules, along with management of finances, property, equipment and insurance. The Governance Sub Committee continues to ensure everything is above board and safeguard all our members, trustees and property. The Appointments Advisory Committee manages the process of vetting new leaders and is also responsible for training compliance, probably the two most loathed words in the District over the last 18 months.

The Districts campsite, Buckmore Park is operated by the CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) on behalf of Medway Town Scouts and is responsible for the day-to-day operations, management and continued development of the park.

Whilst this is, not unsurprisingly, a very brief summary of the activities of Medway Towns District Scouts over the reporting year it barely reflects the hard work, commitment and enthusiasm of so many Leaders, Supporters and Managers across the District. The pure scope and variety of activities and residential events undertaken in Groups and across District, despite Covid restrictions, has been truly inspiring to see, with so many young people experiencing very different opportunities and adventures and making memories for a lifetime. The quality of Scouting in Medway Towns is a credit to each, and everyone involved. Thank you all.

Finally, a massive extra thanks to the District Team, District Exec and all involved at Buckmore Park, virtually all of whom hold other roles. Without this extra commitment and enthusiasm, the District would be a very different place. There are still plenty of opportunities for anyone who wishes to give a little extra to ensure the next year is even more successful.

District Executive Committee.

Proposed Graeme Pryke, Seconded Claire Barnes

6. To receive and consider the Annual Statement of Account

Tracy knight gave a brief resume of the accounts following a few digital problems, there being no questions or concerns these were then proposed by Graham Hancock and seconded by Michelle Kagan

7. To receive the District Commissioners' Report

Medway Towns District Commissioner Annual Review - April 2020 to March 2021

This AGM will be tainted with the biggest disappointments that Medway Towns scouting have probably ever had to endure. But hand in hand with that it will also reflect the very best scouting spirit ever seen.

The digital team were instrumental in forging ahead with brilliant new ideas to help keep us all connected. They developed the new '1st Virtual Medway Towns' face book page. They brought loads of us together from our individual homes in a brilliantly choreographed St George's day event. Later in the year we also called on their skills to bring the annual Remembrance Day event to everyone.

National Scouting HQ provided all groups and districts with zoom packages and we used this resource to keep up regular meetings official and casual. Both extremely important in keeping everyone informed and connected.

Most of our groups offered virtual scouting to their members via zoom.

The Growth and Development team were proactive as lockdown seemed to be drawing to an end. Thousands of promotional leaflets were ordered along with stickers. Local schools were sent packs of leaflets to welcome children 'back to the great outdoors!' They also attended a few events in the community as restrictions allowed. These were also crucial in keeping scouting visible in the community.

All sections are starting to look forward to larger district events but we must continue to follow the current guidance.

Whilst Scouting as we know it was somewhat curtailed support to Groups and all our Leaders remained as important as ever.

O365 is well established within the District, and we now have the long-promised Section distribution lists ensuring we can now reach everyone within the District. These will rely on keeping Compass updated with role changes and informing the appointments team via the Change of role e-form to ensure leaders get the correct emails for their role.

Digital Team also took the enforced time at home to further develop the Website which now boasts an exciting, intuitive and informative Member's area with all the information Leaders need to help them in their roles. This includes Training info, local e-forms, info for exec committees, nights away, awards and so much more. Please have a look and spread the word.

We have also developed a District Vacancy board where both Group and district vacancies can be advertised to ensure potential volunteers have all the info they need when applying for roles and we can potentially point them towards those positions most in need of filling. We are also actively advertising on several volunteer websites and have received many enquiries, one even from Nairobi, and have had some success in finding suitable roles for many of these new volunteers. Some positions sadly, as will become apparent still prove very difficult to fill.

The Appointments team has continued throughout lockdown as new leaders, volunteers and YL's turning 18 benefited from online appointment panels and training to complete the Appointments process and their Getting Started Training

I'm sure it will come as no surprise that training featured heavily over this period as we attempted the mammoth task of getting our training compliance under control, literally thousands of modules have been completed since Apr last year and it is pleasing to see the results.

Non-compliance for Getting Started is now just 3%, Wood badge and First Aid approx 10%, much work is still to be done, but a huge thanks to all our training advisers, GSL's and all involved with achieving this.

Much work was also done, and continues with awards to ensure our Leaders are deservedly recognised, hundreds of Certificates and awards were delivered over the last Christmas period as we had no idea when we would get a chance to present these in person, and we now have another huge pile to award. We are slowly working through these and attempting to get to sections and AGMs to award these.

We are continually looking to improve and expand the District Team(s), and particularly with the amount of work going on at Buckmore Park, the Service crew. Many hands make light work and teamwork makes the dream work so if you would like to help in any area, please speak to us.

A massive thanks to all our District Team for their extra work on top of their other roles and to all managers, Leaders, Helpers and Supporters across the District for their enthusiasm and commitment to make Scouting in Medway Towns what it is today, keep up the good work, you are all awesome. Thank you

The Report was Proposed by Del King, Seconded Paul Randell

8. To approve the District Commissioner's nominations to the following appointments:
 - o District Chairman
 - o Nominated members of the District Executive

The post of Chairman remains vacant and every attempt continues to be made to fill the position.

Dan Martin

David Kight

A general consensus is needed, and these nominations were agreed and accepted.

The meeting was asked to note the following are ex-officio members of the District Executive Committee

DESC - Steven Slater

DSNC – Currently Vacant

Youth Commissioner - Henry Brackley

9. To elect a District Secretary

No nominations from the floor and the position will remain vacant.

10. To elect a District Treasurer

There were no nominations from the floor but Tracy Knight was prepared to continue in the role.

Proposed John Brisley Seconded Claire Barnes

11. To elect members of the District Executive Committee

At the annual meeting in 2014 by resolution it was agreed that the number of elected members should be 4.

Open to floor and nominations

Graham Hancock proposed by Sverre Sverresonn, seconded by Steven Slater

Paul Randall proposed by Rob Martin, seconded by Del King

Graeme Pryke proposed by Dan Martin, Seconded by Steven Slater

Sverre Sverresonn proposed by David Knight, seconded by Kim Ward

Any contrary views? Floor was silent

12. To nominate a Representative of the Medway Towns Scouts onto the Kent County Scout Council

Henry Brackley was proposed, and no contrary views were given

13. To appoint an independent Examiner

Call for nominations from the floor. Helen Shepherd has been put forward and proposed by Graham Hancock and seconded by Sverre Sverresonn
Any other nominations and floor was silent.

14. To receive an address by the representative of Kent Scouts

David Wraight gave a brief speech, and thanking everyone on behalf of the County Commissioner

15. To receive an address by the representative of Medway Council.

Mayoress Cllr Jan Aldous gave a brief speech, expressing her delight at being invited along and seeing such support for Scouting in Medway Towns, thanking everyone for everything they do.

16. DC Update & Presentations

John and David gave a brief presentation on future and what to look forward too as the District continued to move forward post Covid.

Darren Hopson was presented with his 10 year service award.

17. Any other business which should be directly related to the business of the AGM

No more AOB was declared.

The meeting was closed, and thanks passed to our VIP's and all present.

Trustee's report

Welcome to the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Medway Towns District Scout Council.

The reporting year 21/22 proved to be another difficult year as Scouting continued initially, in and out of covid restrictions and slowly progressed to somewhere near back to normal as we knew it.

Whilst just outside the reporting period, the District Camp, celebrating St Georges Day and 70 Years of Buckmore Park earlier this year, was a phenomenal success, with around 1000 members camping or attending for the day it was just what was needed to show Scouting was truly back, and back to its best.

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The District Executive Committee must act collectively, and in the best interests of its members, ensuring compliance with the Associations rules, along with management of finances, property, equipment and insurance. Focus has been on supporting struggling Groups to get back to full strength with Leaders and Young people alike and it was great to see Groups working together and helping each other out. Disappointingly we have put one Group in hibernation, the Leaders are working with another Group and it is hoped to restart the Group in the future. Despite this Census figures for January 2022 showed our numbers very close to Pre Covid levels.

The Governance Sub Committee continues to ensure everything is above board and safeguard all our members, trustees and property. The Appointments Advisory Committee manages the process of inducting new leaders and is also responsible for training compliance, probably the two most loathed words in the District over the last couple of years, however it is pleasing to report we now have one of the best compliance records in the County. The Finance Sub Committee have continued to keep on top of the finances & budgets, and introducing online banking and modernising processes.

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District Executive Committee.

Medway Towns District Scout Council

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2021		To	31/03/2022
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Receipts and payments

	2021/22				2020/21	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds MAST	Restricted/ Designated funds overseas trips	Buckmore Park Holding Trustees	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations, legacies and similar income						
Membership subscriptions	66,881	340	-	-	67,221	51,473
Donations	469	370	-	-	839	-
EJ 2020 Refunds	-	-	-	-	-	11,496
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-	8,984
Capitation rebates	484	-	-	-	484	733
Sub total	67,833	710	-	-	68,543	72,686
Grants						
Maintenance grant	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)						
Badge sales	5,391	-	-	-	5,391	1,409
Equipment hire	-	-	-	-	-	10
Jamboree receipts	-	-	200	-	200	-
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,391	-	200	-	5,591	1,419
District Activities						
Beavers	2,978	-	-	-	2,978	-
Mast	220	-	-	-	220	-
District Activities	800	-	-	-	800	-
Sub total	3,998	-	-	-	3,998	-
Investment income						
Bank interest	14	-	-	2	16	354
Interest on Group Loan	166	-	-	-	166	260
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	21	-	-	21	-
Group Loan Repayments	10,177	-	-	-	10,177	3,333
Sub total	10,357	21	-	2	10,380	3,947
Total Gross Income	87,579	731	200	2	88,512	78,052
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	87,579	731	200	2	88,512	78,052

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Payments						
Charitable Payments						
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-	-	-	-	-	41,624
Youth programme and activities	2,704	238	88	-	3,029	-
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-	-	-
Admin	350	-	-	-	350	-
Jamboree 2023 & Eurojam refunds	-	-	8,551	-	8,551	-
Electricity and Gas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	334	-	-	-	334	327
Repairs and Renewals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	1,555	298	-	44,730	46,583	44,730
Printing and photocopying	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional fees	-	-	-	21	21	150
Bank charges	-	-	-	25	25	-
AGM and trustee expenses	-	-	-	-	-	57
Donations and Grants	-	355	-	-	355	250
Film licence	-	-	-	-	-	473
Capitation rebates paid to Groups	741	-	-	-	741	-
Sub total	5,684	891	8,639	44,776	59,990	87,611
Fundraising expenses						
Badge purchases	5,190	-	-	-	5,190	1,902
Detail 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Detail 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,190	-	-	-	5,190	1,902
Total Gross Expenditure	10,874	891	8,639	44,776	65,180	89,513
Asset and investment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	10,874	891	8,639	44,776	65,180	89,513
Net of receipts/(payments)	76,704	- 160	- 8,439	- 44,774	23,332	- 11,461
Transfers between funds	- 5,769		5,769	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	102,340	12,540	23,147	58,644	196,671	208,439
Cash funds this year end	173,276	12,380	20,477	13,870	220,003	196,978

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2022				31st March 2021	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds MAST	Restricted/ Designated funds overseas trips	Holding Trustees funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds						
Bank current account - Badge Account	601	-	-	-	601	1,649
Bank current account -General Account	75,792	1,970	20,477		98,239	94,804
Bank deposit account General Account	21,880	-	-	-	21,880	21,878
Bank current account - B/park		-	-	916	916	19,492
Bank deposit account B/park		-	-	12,954	12,954	39,152
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	75,000	10,410			85,410	20,000
Cash Float	3	-	-	-	3	3
	173,276	12,380	20,477	13,870	220,003	196,978
Total cash funds	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok
(agree balances with receipts and payments a/c)						
Other monetary assets						
Group loan	-	-	-	-	-	10,603
Group /Unit Subscriptions not yet paid	6,497	-	-	-	6,497	9,685
	6,497	-	-	-	6,497	20,288
Sub total						
Investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total						
Non monetary assets for	-	-	-	-	-	-
Badge stock	-	-	-	-	-	3,262
Shop stock	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings B/Park	-	-	-	328,730	328,730	284,000
Maintenance equipment B/park	-	-	-	70,650	70,650	70,650
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	6,721	-	-		6,721	6,721
	6,721	-	-	399,380	406,101	364,633
Sub total						
Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capitation rebates	484	-	-		484	909
EJ 2020 Participants refunds	-	-	-	-	-	5,362
Subscriptions not yet paid to County	56,848	-	-		56,848	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities						
Sub total	57,332	-	-	-	57,332	6,271
Total net assets	129,162	12,380	20,477	413,250	575,269	575,628

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

<i>J Brisley</i>
<i>Tracy Knight</i>

J Brisley	Chair
Tracy Knight	Treasurer

Medway Towns District Scout Council

Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2022

1 Restricted / Designated Funds

Restricted / designated funds are made up as follows:-

	Balance at	Transactions in year		Transfer from	Balance at
	<u>01/04/2021</u>	<u>Funds received</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>main account</u>	<u>31/03/2022</u>
Donation from ex Mayor for the Explorers Section	£ 4,969.00				£ 4,969.00
International overseas trips	£ 13,359.00	£ 5,551.00		£ 1,500.00	£ 9,308.00
World Jamborees	£ 4,500.00	£ 2,800.00		£ 4,500.00	£ 6,200.00
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Donation for 12/17 Explorers	£ 319.00	£ 87.75		-£ 231.25	£ -
	£ 23,147.00	£ -	£ 8,438.75	£ 5,768.75	£ 20,477.00

2 Loans to Groups

In July 2018 the District made a loan of £18,000.00 to the 6th Medway (North Dane) to assist with the purchase of its Freehold. This Loan has now been fully paid off in this year.

Interest was charged at 2.00% above Bank base rate.

3 Explorer Scout Units

All Explorer Scout Units are partnershiped with Groups and their funds are examined as part of their Group Accounts.

Medway Towns District Scouts. - DC Report

2021 /22 saw a welcome return to face-to-face Scouting with the obvious multitude of precautions and measures in place to avoid returning to the dark days of lockdown again.

This did limit the District Team with regards to larger activities and events and the focus was therefore very much on supporting Groups and Leaders to get back up and running, including growth, recruitment, and training.

The Jan 21 census had shown a significant drop in numbers and it was pleasing to see numbers increasing as the year went on proving Scouting was as popular as ever. Circumstances had changed for many adults and leaders, hence our recruitment of new adults and support from across the District was vital to fill gaps and helping Groups in keeping sections running.

Training has been a hot potato for everyone involved in Scouting over the past two years and after a lot of perseverance it is pleasing to see the District in a very healthy position now with regards to training compliance.

Nights away were very limited but a few Groups held smaller, local camps as well as expeditions to complete Chief Scout Awards for those that were restricted or moved Sections during lockdown.

Buckmore Park, the Districts campsite was key for many Groups as we came out of lockdown, utilising the vast open spaces and open air for weekly meetings and activities.

Buckmore Park itself continued to progress with the rebuild of its infrastructure with the focus over the last year on the installation of spacious, shiny new toilets and showers. This has been a monumental effort with extensive groundworks and installation of a new water main.

January this year saw the introduction of our first Squirrel Dreys and these are proving very popular.

2021 into 22 was indeed a challenging year but the ingenuity and resourcefulness of everyone involved in the District has been outstanding to see.

Covid wiped out a District Camp planned for June 20, and we promised as soon as it was safe to do so, we would restage it, no one anticipated waiting as long as we did, but it was well worth the wait. April this year saw over a 1000 young people and adults descend on Buckmore for a fantastic weekend that exceeded all our expectations, lots of fun was had by all as we celebrated St Georges Day, 70 Years of Buckmore Park and of course getting back to normality.

Our sincere thanks go to everyone involved with Scouting in Medway Towns and Buckmore Park.

Buckmore Park Scout Campsite Annual Report 2021/2022

Phew,,, and time to breathe.

The reporting year was yet another hectic one for the Park and impacted yet again by the Covid Pandemic. We continued to operate as the rules would allow us adapting how best we could.



We started the period with preparations for the arrival of the three new toilet block. These were delivered onto their locating blocks at the end of June. The work then started on 'plumbing them in'. This involved moving our electrical switch

equipment, installing a boiler room, running through a water system and connecting to the sewer system. We were assisted with some sponsorship with the supply of



the boiler and by free labour by a team of engineers from British Gas.



The summer camping season was again different from usual with limited Scout camping but we recognised a need to open camping to our scout families. This worked well with a good take up.

We had planned for a forth container to close off the square and this was delivered in the autumn. This contain will be fitted out to provide some small room accommodation for crew or leaders who for physical reason cannot camp but still want to be on site with their

group. It also gives access to the inner space, another work in progress.

Planning started in the autumn for the reindeer workshop. This involved the crew in a lot of preparation in cutting the various components that go to make up the finished item. The workshop took place towards the end of November and again was very successful with full take up of the available build slots.

Planning started for the District St Georges camp in the autumn. We realised that we would need to seek the support of



our neighbours, KICC, who agreed to us using their access, car park and their field (our old E field camping area).

Buckmore Park is covered with a crop in the way of sweet chestnut trees and this year we decided to start to access a source of income by harvesting these trees



through a coppicing programme. This was fully managed by a forestry company. Work commenced at the beginning of January with an expected three month duration. Like a lot of plans there was an over run which caused us some problems. It was well worth doing as it

brought in a good income. Coppicing will happen again the current year and is now on a rolling annual programme.

Having got the new toilets functional our attention turned to our water supply. We discovered that our supply main was very old and not adequate, so we started the process of replacing it which has involved a lot of excavation (at the time of writing this work is now complete).

The Park is run by a small number of people who dedicate many hours of their time to ensure it continues to operate in support of young people in Scouting. We would love to see you join us. You all have skills to offer to support it work.



www.buckmorepark.org.uk