

SUFFOLK COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

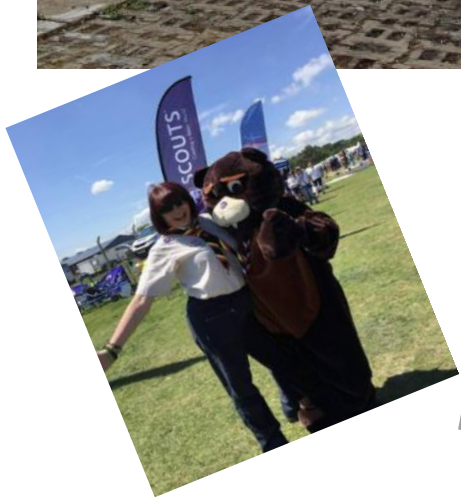


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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT,
ANNUAL REVIEW and
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
for 2017/2018**



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Suffolk County Scout Council Annual General Meeting

The Priory School, Mount Road, Bury St Edmunds

Thursday 27th September 2018 at 8.00pm

AGENDA

1. Prayers
2. Welcome by the Chair
3. Apologies for absence
4. To approve the Minutes of the AGM held on 28^h September 2017 (pages 2 to 5)
5. To receive and consider the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for 2017/18
6. To approve the County Commissioner's nomination of County Chair
7. To elect:

County Secretary - Carl Gloess
County Treasurer - Keven Mulley
8. To approve the County Commissioner's nominated members of the County Executive Committee
9. To confirm the elected members of the County Executive Committee
10. To confirm as co-opted members of the County Executive Committee
11. To elect the County representative to serve as a member of the Council of the Scout Association
12. To elect a County representative to serve as a Youth Member of the Council of the Scout Association
13. To appoint Ian Brookman as Independent Examiner
14. County Commissioner
15. The Regional Commissioner
16. Presentations
17. Closing remarks

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL
Stowmarket Scout Centre
Thursday 28th September 2017**

PRESENT:

Matt Mills, Regional Commissioner, Mathew Burrell, County Commissioner Norfolk, Dom Belcher, Norfolk Youth Commissioner, Vice Presidents, County Chairman, County Commissioner, County Treasurer, County Secretary, Deputy County Commissioners, Assistant County Commissioners, County Scouters, Local Training Managers and County Executive members.

Bury St. Edmunds District Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioners and Group Representatives.

Deben Assistant District Commissioners and Group Representatives.

Lowestoft Assistant District Commissioners, Scout Active Support Members and Group Representatives.

Orwell District Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioner, Group Representatives.

Stowmarket District Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioners, Scout Active Support Members and Group Representatives.

Sudbury District Commissioner, Deputy District Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioners and Group Representatives.

Waveney Valley Deputy District Commissioner and Group Representatives.

Wolsey Assistant District Commissioners, Scout Active Support Members and Group Representative.

1. The meeting opened with prayers led by the County Commissioner Jane Dickinson.
2. Peter Jones, County Chair welcomed everyone to the AGM.
3. Apologies for absence had been received from – Lady Euston, County President, Sir Conrad Swan, Sudbury District President, Peter Richardson, Community Action Suffolk, Mel Buck, District Commissioner Lowestoft, Steve Leach, District Commissioner Wolsey, Hilary Prior, District Commissioner Waveney Valley, Roger Holloway, District Chair Sudbury, Jan and Aubrey Webb, Robin Farrar, District Treasurer Waveney Valley, Rob and Carl Gloess, Lisa Hicks and Jan Jennings, District Secretary Sudbury.
4. The minutes of the previous County Annual General Meeting held at the 1st Kesgrave Scout HQ, Kesgrave, on the 29th September 2016, were approved and signed by Peter Jones.
5. The former County Commissioner Mrs Jenny Mullan informed the meeting that 2016 had been an amazing year for Suffolk Scouts. The only disappointment was the decline in numbers. Jenny was pleased to see so many young people at the AGM, she

complemented Brian Harvey on the 'Pig in Blanket' which was Suffolk Beaver Scouts painted pig used to promote Scouting and which generated interest as far away as Canada. Jenny closed by saying that she is proud to be a part of Suffolk Scouts history and she wished Jane every success in her new role as County Commissioner, she then proposed the adoption of the annual report and accounts.

The County Treasurer, Keven Mulley, before seconding the proposal, summarized the accounts. He informed the meeting that it had been another satisfactory year and that he would not mention the fact that the accounts are skewed by the large events that have taken place over the past year. The surplus of £16,980 is largely due to the influx of Restricted Funds. The monies from the Africa and County Mountain Activity Team's expeditions have matched income with expenditure and have been carried forward in the year that those activities took place. The Tangible Assets relate to Bradfield and boats. The fees for activities are up because of the Africa trip and Note 7 (Income in Advance) relates to the Africa expedition. Keven went on to thank all the District Treasurers for their help during the year, in particular for getting the Membership fees in on time, the treasurers of the large expeditions, MOOT 6, the County Training Team. Keven closed by pointing out the Suffolk Scouts turnover for the past year was £230,000 which reflects what a fantastic year the County has had and seconded the adoption of the annual report and accounts.

Adoption of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts was unanimous.

6. Approval by the County Scout Council of the County Commissioner's nomination for County Chair, Peter Jones, was unanimous.
7. (a) The Honorary County Secretary – Angie Bowen – unanimously elected.
(b) The Honorary County Treasurer – Keven Mulley – unanimously elected.
8. The County Commissioner's nominated members of the County Executive were approved unanimously. They are:
Rodney Turner Andy Tucker Peter Jarvis
9. The following people were elected to sit on the County Executive Committee.
They are: Colin Winter Matthew Gilbert
10. The following Youth Members of the Executive were elected to sit on the County Executive Committee.
They are: Ollie Smith Emma Scholey Katrin Arnkels-Webb
11. John Mullan and Brian Clampin were confirmed as Co-opted Members of the County Executive Committee.
12. County Representative to serve as a member of the Council of the Scout Association
Peter Jarvis – Elected

13. County Representative to serve as a Youth Member of the Council of the Scout Association

Ollie Smith – Elected

It was confirmed that Peter Jarvis, as Suffolk's National Council Representative and Debbie Evans – Area Growth and Development Manager are 'invited to attend' County Executive meetings

14. Keven Mulley proposed the appointment of Ian Brookman as Independent Examiner - Agreed

15. The County Commissioner thanked everyone for attending, she went on to say that she is honoured and excited to have taken on the role of County Commissioner. Though they were not doing a presentation at the end of the AGM, the County Commissioner complemented the County Mountain Activity Team (CMAT) on taking 90 young people to Kandersteg. In the coming year the main focus will be on Youth Programme and how to offer the best Programme to young people. During the last 6 months the County Commissioner has put together her County Team and she introduced them to the meeting. They are:

Peter Jarvis and Keith Barber (Deputy County Commissioners), Karen Pettitt (International), Alfie Green (County Training Manager), Leigh Foster (Manager of Activity Permits and Water Activities), Brian Harvey (6 to 11 years), Peter Gibbs (11 to 18 years), Neil Bolger (Land Activities), Bruce Scott (Awards 14 to 25 years), Jackie Jones (International Liaison), Ollie Smith (Youth Commissioner) and Keith Gleen (Development Support). The County Commissioner went on to inform the meeting that the next census will include 'Top Awards' (Queens Scout Awards) and that during the past year there has only been one Queens Scout Award presented.

The County Commissioner introduced Jack Dickinson, who subsequently introduced the presentation on the South Africa Expedition, she then informed the meeting that Suffolk Scouts is now in partnership with Mafeking Scouts in South Africa. This partnership will be a great PR opportunity for Suffolk Scouts, it will offer young people the chance to complete Explorer Belt expeditions to a safe area in South Africa and home hospitality experiences for the young people from Mafeking. A solidarity fund has been set up to aid the young people from Africa and will be project managed by Jackie Jones. The County Commissioner closed by thanking Jenny Mullan and Keith Barber for their support.

16. The following awards were presented:

Long Service Awards

5 Year Long Service Award: Alfie Green

30 Year Long Service Award: Peter Buckle

50 Year Long Service Award: Keven Mulley

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

Clare Pickering

Award for Merit

Matt Meyrick

Bar to the Silver Acorn

Tina Vickers

Peter Jarvis

Peter Buckle

Peter Buckle was also presented with a gift as a thank you for his time as County Secretary, his wife Chris was presented with flowers in appreciation of her supporting Peter in his role.

17. Matt Mills the Regional Commissioner thanked the chair for the opportunity to say a few words. He complimented Jenny Mullan on her term as County Commissioner and her excellent lunches, which he will miss. He went on to say that although we live in troubled times Scouting has a role to play in helping young people cope and aiding them in developing skills for life, he thanked the meeting for their contribution to Scouting, Jenny Mullan for her term as County Commissioner and Jane for taking up the challenge as the new County Commissioner.
18. Peter Jones, the County Chair, thanked Barbara Cutting (District Commissioner for Stowmarket) and her team for their hospitality.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

With the close of the formal meeting, the following presentations took place:

- * The World Scout Jamboree 2019 Team gave a promotional talk on the Jamboree to be held in America and requested that the meeting encouraged young people to apply to be part of the contingents that will be going.
- * Jack Dickinson introduced a video of Explorer Belt trip to Africa.
- * David Clements introduced a video on MOOT 6.

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PRESIDENT	Clare Countess of Euston, HM Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk
VICE PRESIDENTS	John P Ineson Gordon K Biden Colin D Elsdon Richard Freeman
TRUSTEES	
Ex-officio Trustees	Peter Jones, County Chair Jane Dickinson, County Commissioner Keven Mulley, County Treasurer Carl Gloess, County Secretary
Elected Trustees	Matt Gilbert Colin Winter Ollie Smith (Youth Member) Emma Scholey (Youth Member) Katrin Arnkels-Webb (Youth Member)
Nominated Trustees	Rodney Turner Peter Jarvis Andy Tucker
Co-opted Trustees	John Mullan Brian Clampin
Bankers	Barclays Bank 18 Hamilton Road Felixstowe
Independent Examiner	I.C. Brookman F.C.A. Pakenham Accounting & Consultancy Chartered Accountants Bury St Edmunds
Charity Registration No	305682
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

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.

CONSTITUTION

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

TRUSTEE SELECTION

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

The County Scout 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 of proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The County Scout Executive Committee exists to support the Districts and Groups within the Scout County.

RISK MANAGEMENT

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

- ◆ reputation
- ◆ buildings
- ◆ property
- ◆ equipment

The County has sufficient Personal, Buildings and Contents Insurance in place to mitigate against loss.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the County Scout Council are to support Districts and Leaders within the Scout County.

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of balanced training based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

The County Executive Committee appoints uniformed and lay members including Assistant County Commissioners and Advisers in support of Scouting within the County of Suffolk.

The Council is indebted to the Development Grants Board of the Scout Association and individuals for their continued financial support.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

A full programme of scouting activities was implemented at Group, District and County level.

The Annual Review 2017 – 2018 on pages 9 to 21 form part of this report

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The County's current policy on reserves is to hold a total of two years of membership fees, which total some £82,980 or £50,000, whichever is the greater.

MATERIAL ASSETS

Capital assets are as detailed in the Accounts. Material assets include:

Bradfield Park Camp Site

The County has joint ownership of the Camp Site with Bury St. Edmunds and Sudbury Districts in accordance with the Bradfield Park constitution.

Hardwick Park Camp Site

Although the legal ownership is with Bury St. Edmunds District, in the event of any future sale, the proceeds are to be divided equally between the County Scout Council and Bury St. Edmunds District.

Other Assets

Training and camping equipment is stored at Hallowtree Camp Site and Bradfield Park.

STAFF

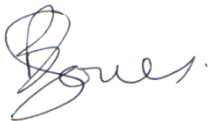
The County has a part-time administrative Secretary. All other Commissioners, Leaders, Helpers, and administrators are unpaid volunteers.

BENEFIT STATEMENT MADE BY THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.



Peter Jones, County Chair



Keven Mulley, County Treasurer

6th September 2018

ANNUAL REVIEW 2017-2018

Youth Programme 6-11 Years (Beaver Scouts & Cub Scouts)

Another year has flown by and Suffolk Scouts' 6-11 year olds haven't stopped. The Beavers went dotty with the County Challenge by eating Smarties and refilling their tubes by collecting 20p coins. This was a great success as we were able to donate £1000 to local charities and made a difference. We were in the local papers which was great publicity for the youngsters.

Lowestoft held their first ever District Group Camp which was a great success; well done to Mel and his team. Lowestoft Beavers donated to Top Cats, a fantastic centre committed to providing supported activities for young people with disabilities and additional needs. With their donation they were able to complete their sensory room which Gemma was able to attend the special opening event. Magic and laughter filled the air at their Christingle service, which saw the debut of a certain "Mr Chris Tingle" (aka Gemma) and many Beavers ventured out for a WILD time at Africa Alive.

Orwell District saw donations to EACH which published in the paper and they also received a letter from HRH Duchess of Cambridge. The new year saw them whisked off to Old Peking to watch Aladdin at the Spa in Felixstowe.

I was honoured to join Deben District at their St Georges Day parade in Woodbridge, a very enjoyable service incorporating a Lego version of St George and the Dragon story. Everyone looked smart and I was honoured to present some Scouting Awards. Both the Beavers and Cubs of Kesgrave ventured out for a 8km hike around the countryside.

Stowmarket Beavers joined their Cubs at Athelington for an international themed camp, Well done to Annita and her team for putting on this fab event. I look forward to joining you this year for a touch of Christmas. Two colonies from Stowmarket collected their 20ps and donated to Ataxia UK, another charity that supports children of all ages with additional support.

Wolsey District have been busy as usual with many events and one colony donated £100 Smartie money to EACH in memory of an ex-Beaver.

I was able to drop in on a Roman inspired sleepover in Sudbury and see a dotty cheque for £120 awarded to a representative of Combat Stress.

I have been unfortunate not to attend any events within Waveney District but managed to catch up at the AGM. Bury St Edmunds must be doing something good as I am inundated with requests to join. Their district camp was held at Hallowtree and was a success and the Cubs travelled to Legoland with the Brownies.

September was the start of my new role of overseeing both sections of the movement when I was appointed ACC Youth Programme 6-11yrs.

We had an amazing meeting at the Guide HQ at Stoke Ash. It was an opportunity to meet up as a County to speed date and "magpie ideas" from one another.

October saw me travel to Canada to visit my family but it was made more memorable as I was able to spend some time visiting Canadian Scouts. This included Jacob, who I made contact with last year through Pig In Camp Blanket and the pig trail. He is up and down with

his Leukaemia but we are in regular contact and this will continue in the future months.

Pig In Camp Blanket now has a “STYlish” new home at Hallowtree and my thanks to the Scouters in Sudbury who are preparing to receive the newest member of the family “Elmer the Elephant” in 2019. He will be painted in “A Patchwork of Programme”. I look forward to seeing the results of this year’s County Competition entitled “If I could talk to the animals” which was opened to both sections.

Overall a very productive year for the Beavers and Cubs of Suffolk, and I would like to thank everyone involved for making 2017-18 such a success.

Thank you to all the Leaders, Assistant Leaders, and Helpers for doing what you do on a weekly basis and continue to do for Suffolk’s 6-11 year olds. Thank you also to my County Team Margaret, Ann and Gemma for all your assistance. Thank you also to my team of ADCs for liaising with me and helping bring fantastic opportunities to have “Fun and Friends” whilst “Being Prepared” within your Districts.

Finally, at County Level, I would like to thank all my colleagues for their help and support.

Brian Harvey

ACC Suffolk Youth Programme 6-11 yrs

Youth Programme 11-18 Years (Scout and Explorer Scouts)

Following the decrease in Scout numbers, it has been good to see a 6.4% increase this year which equates to 103 new Scouts and giving a total of 1720 Scouts in Suffolk. That is counter balanced with a 10.1% decrease in Explorer numbers with a loss of 61 Explorers to give a total of 541. A common story in a number of Districts is the reported difficulty in recruiting Leaders to support the Explorer sections and this can lead to Explorer meetings with a single leader present and difficulty supporting a balanced programme. Another key factor, which has emerged during my visits to troops and units, is a lack of communication between the two sections in some areas which leads to a significant loss of Young People from Scouting at 14.

2017/2018 has seen a number of Events and Expeditions for Scouts and Explorers, with a significant number of group and district camps, Moot and the Umphakathi Expedition to South Africa in August 2017 with Explorer Belts run and in the process of planning.

It has been identified nationally that many Scout troops struggle with the Expedition Challenge and guidance is available on using exploration as an alternative means to achieve this. There are a significant number of troops in Suffolk who have no difficulty in this area and are very experienced in meeting the Expedition Challenge. I would encourage troops who are organising camps and expeditions to explore how they can support those troops who are struggling or only have a small number of Scouts interested. It has been fantastic to be able to visit troops and see the progress of so many Scouts and to be able present a number of Gold Chief Scout Awards. There have also been a number of fantastic opportunities enabled by the CMAT and Water Activities teams and we have a number of young people and leaders actively fundraising and preparing to attend the next World Scout Jamboree in America.

Given the close links between The Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award Scheme and Explorer Chief Scout Awards, there has been an increased focus on support for the DofE Scheme and we have successfully run training for 12 new Expedition Assessors in a range of modes of travel (land and water) at all three levels of the award. Once they have carried out supported assessments, they will help to alleviate some of the pressure on the few assessors who have provided this valuable support until now. We are also planning to run training which will be available to all leaders supporting Explorer Expeditions and will not only look at the DofE requirements but the supervision of expeditions and nights away passport scheme. It has been fantastic to present a number of Bronze, Silver and Gold awards and to be able to help a number of Explorers complete the few extra steps to convert the DofE to the relevant Chief Scout Award. We have also been working with the Water Activity Team to be able to offer Bell-Boats as an option for expeditions and are planning a Bronze DofE Expedition shortly.

Young Leaders provide valuable support to many sections across the County and the Young Leader Training Scheme is a valuable tool in providing them with the resources they need to help them grow and develop. Provision of the scheme is varied across the County and we have started to explore how we can provide a consistent approach regardless of where a Young Leader is based. A number of Districts have already started to open their training to Explorers from other Districts and it will be great to see this grow.

Programme is at the core of the Scouting we provide and if we get the programme right, the badges and awards will follow but more importantly, young people will stay engaged and continue to grow and develop. All sections are being encouraged to use the Balanced Programme Checker as a self-audit tool and to ask for support where needed. The programme and badges continue to evolve and it is important that we explore new programme ideas to reflect the changes in Young People today.

It has been fantastic to see leaders achieve permits to run adventurous activities but even more so, the growing number of Young people who are demonstrating the competence to hold not only Personal permits but also Leadership permits to run these activities. Whilst many of the permits are restricted to require the presence of an adult permit holder initially, they are a valuable step in growing our future leaders and activity instructors and I look forward so seeing this trend grow.

I look forward to continuing to meet as many Scouts, Explorers and Leaders as possible for the coming year.

Peter Gibbs
ACC Youth Programme (11-18 years)

Network

Census has reported a significant increase once again in numbers for this section and plans are in place to split the county in half to manage it better. Many members have been taking on leadership roles in both groups and for expeditions both at home and abroad. Thanks go to the District Network Commissioners who are ensuring the section continues to grow and provide the scouting Suffolk enjoys.

Matt Gilbert
ACC Network

Scout Active Support

This year has seen Scout Active Support units throughout the County have another busy year by giving their time, skills and support to numerous events to their Groups and Districts with helping on Camps, Gang Shows, St Georges Day Parades, Swimming Galas, Fireworks, and troop, pack and colony nights. They also have a social calendar in which some join with other SAS units for varied events such as visits, walks, BBQs and many more events. I would like to thank the SAS for their dedication.

Graham Baker
Scout Active Support Manager

Communications

The website and other linked systems that the county IT team have provided are now all running via charitable offerings from Microsoft which has allowed significant cost-saving, increased security and better connectivity. Three new Facebook groups (6-11; 11-18; Leader Support) for the county have evolved for adult members to join in with after being approved by the group administrators (closed groups). The County News continued to be published bi-monthly during the year - thanks to Richard Peace for layouts.

Rob Gloess / Carl Gloess
County IT Team

County Quartermaster

The County Stores have been busy over the past few months. Groups and sections from all over the County have been using the County Camp equipment and after a few minor hiccups things have been running pretty smoothly. The Hallowtree stores had a good sort and we provided Bradfield Park with equipment that can be borrowed by members in that part of the County. A full list of what is available will be available on the County website. I am working on gathering a list of Skilled Instructors within the County who will be members of the SAS Unit - Suffolk Skills Team.

Jayne Vaughan
SAS Unit Manager (Suffolk Skills Team)

Development

On request I have provided growth and development support across the County to Groups and Districts. A number of school assembly presentations have been delivered and the script and associated material provided to local Scouters for local delivery. In my absence the County Team co-ordinated the Suffolk representation at the Suffolk Show which was organised by Julie Lovett and her team from Deben District.

In the longer term, some projects have been proposed as part of the work of the Growth and Development Officer recruited during the year and shared across three East of England Region counties.

As in previous years the overall Census results for Suffolk were very positive with an overall growth of 4.6% which was made up of a growth in young people of 3.3% (6218) and adults of 8.2% (2365). However, there was a small decline in Cub Scouts, down 1.5% , and a larger drop in Explorer Scouts of just over 10%. I suspect the Cub decline follows on from last year's

decline in Beaver Scouts. The fall in Explorer Scout numbers is possibly due to the different way the Census was recorded this year.

Despite such high numbers of adult volunteers, the waiting list for young people who want to join the Scouts in Suffolk has grown again which potentially results in over 600 young people missing out on being equipped with Skills For Life.

Keith Gleen
ACC (Growth & Development Support)

Duke of Edinburgh Scheme

A good positive year with a lot of young people signing up and receiving their awards. We are working towards the provision of assessor and supervisor training in the County so that more universal expeditions can be offered to young people moving forwards, including bellboating.

Matt Gilbert
Scheme Administrator

Youth Shaped Scouting

Suffolk Scouts profile has been raised with so many exciting events and activities such as the Suffolk Show, Group fundraisers and District events reaching the press, raising and changing the perception of scouting.

It was sad news when Beth Farnell stepped down from the role as joint County Youth Commissioner due to other commitments. Her work has been so valuable in laying the foundations of Youth Shaped Scouting across the county. Thank you, Beth, for all that you have done!

This year Youth Shaped Scouting has been bigger than ever. I know with support it will grow and with young people shaping and influencing their Scouting in as many way as possible that will become the norm.

We have had Emma and Katrin join the County Executive and it is exciting to see this trend across the County. Getting more Network (18-25 year olds) as trustees on different committees and executives influencing policies, accounts, safety and more working behind the scenes as part of the team will be effective in making scouting work.

Youth programme is at the heart of what we do. Young people from all sections and ages should be influencing and deciding their programme working in partnership with the adult leaders, as it is what they do on a weekly basis being inclusive to all. Getting rid of a structured programme is not what we want! Allowing the young people to choose, influence and decide on their programme, getting the young people more enthused and enjoying what they do, and in doing this reaching for these Top Awards!

More Young Leaders are completing their modules and missions and gaining their Young Leader Belts. This award is recognised on UCAS when applying for universities or similar.

Young leaders across the county are having a true impact at sectional level as leaders of the future as well as going through an enormous amount self-development gaining new skills. We have had Wolsey's Cub council (made up of the District cubs peer leaders) taking action and celebrating success by adding a new activity at Hallowtree Campsite (laser tag).

Similar things are happening in other sections across the County with Scouts planning their camps, Explorers gaining leadership and personal permits. We really are enabling more young people with skills for life!

Peer leaders are a wonderful way to give young people responsibilities and leadership opportunities and is available in Beavers with Lodge leaders/friends; Cubs have Sixers and Seconders and Scouts have Patrol Leaders and assistants. These are all great opportunities and in the older sections, it can reduce workload by delegating jobs to the peer leaders. As long as they are looked after and supported, they will be an asset and develop so much more as a person.

February 2017 was #YouShape month where we celebrated (more than normal) everything Youth Shaped Scouting, primarily looking at forums and different ways for young people to shape their programme.

In South Africa we had Explorers and Network reaching for top awards doing their Explorer Belt. The main expedition used older Networkers taking on leadership responsibilities. From this adventure and work / friendships from years past the Suffolk Scouts / North West South African partnership has formed. We are now sharing our programme ideas and strategies for Youth-Shaped Scouting to be embedded in South Africa as well as their programme being replicated over here, enabling the difficult programme element of 'International'

3 out of 8 District Youth Commissioners are now in post. These are such vital roles to champion youth shaped scouting in the Districts. My thanks and gratitude go to these people and those who support them.

Ollie Smith
County Youth Commissioner

International

Last year Suffolk had a total of 99 Explorers, 62 Network and 60 Leaders taking part in international camps.

Orwell District Explorers went to the Denmark Jamboree, held in Sonderborg, which was the largest jamboree ever held in Denmark with approximately 37,000 participants attending. It was quite a different experience for a lot of our Explorers as they had to build from scratch (testing their pioneering skills) all their dining shelters and cooking areas. The weather was a bit damp – but it didn't seem to dampen their spirits and having seen some of the photos, they all had a fantastic time.

The CMAT team organised an epic adventure for 91 scouts, explorers and leaders who travelled by car, van, coach and train to Kandersteg, Switzerland. They spent a week enjoying plenty of walking, some white water rafting, high ropes, zip wires and a ride on the Oeschinensee luge. Please have a look at the Nov/Dec 2017 issue of County News to see more of the details and some fabulous photos of the trip.

The Umphakathi Expedition, travelled to South Africa and Lesotho in August 2017, where our young people, together with scouters from Mafikeng, Wiltshire, Hertfordshire and Newcastle-Under-Lyme, worked on various community projects. New long drops were built (toilets), crop gardens were revamped and improved, children's activity areas were given a new lease of life with repairs and a huge amount of painting was done. A fantastic day was held for

local children, starting with a football tournament and then a whole range of craft activities were run by our young people. There was also the chance to visit a game reserve and to relax a little at Malealea Lodge, and visit the local community in rural Lesotho. We also had 24 Explorers and Network undertaking their Explorer Belt, which was a huge challenge. Independently traveling in 3 groups, they cooked, camped, explored life and culture in Mafeking and took part in a home hospitality experience in Malealea village with local families.

All these experiences have enriched the lives of those that participated – so I would encourage other groups, units and districts to challenge themselves by taking a trip abroad.

Karen Pettitt
ACC International

Training

The Training Academies ran in October 2017 and March 2018 were well attended, with attendance hovering around 60 participants per weekend. At the October 2017 Academy, Suffolk was lucky enough to run the first regionally-led skills course, Skills of Management, for new Managers and Supporters. We had people from all over the East of England Region both delivering the course and attending. Feedback from this was very positive and we are looking forward to running the other two skills courses, Achieving Growth and Meeting the Challenges, alongside the October 2018 Training Academy.

Getting Started (Modules 1 and 3), Safety and Safeguarding continue to be run regularly in Districts by local training teams and Advising on Adult Appointments (Module 37) and Executive Committee training is run in Districts on a request-basis. Local Learning Month in November was once again successful for the Districts who chose to run local evening modules- it is vital that we provide opportunities for training to adults who cannot attend weekend training due to other commitments.

The Skills for Residential Experiences (Module 38) weekend in May was hosted at Hallowtree for those leaders wishing to gain sufficient knowledge to go on and be assessed for their Nights Away Permits. This was a very well attended event and participants thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learned a lot.

There is a continuing focus on recruiting new presenters, facilitators and course directors from a variety of age groups and backgrounds so that the training team truly reflects the Scouting community in Suffolk. We are particularly proud of the increasing numbers of talented 18-25-year-old Wood-badge holders who are getting involved with training. We hosted a Facilitating course in November 2017 with the participants coming to facilitate at the March 2018 Academy. It's great to have new people joining the team and bringing fresh ideas as well.

Many thanks to the Local Training Managers and Administrators for looking after training in your Districts, Trainers involved in the delivery of fantastic learning experiences for our adults in Suffolk and the Training Advisers across the County helping leaders get their Woodbadge.

Alfie Green
County Training Manager

County Executive Committee

Angie Bowen was not able to take up the role of County Secretary and so Peter Buckle continued in the role until Carl Gloess was appointed and took over in December 2017. The role was shared during the hand-over period.

Rosemary Stratton, one of our dedicated Vice Presidents also stood down during the year. The County Executive Committee continues to support the County and we are fortunate in having such a strong committee to look after the County. This year the Executive voted not to increase the membership fees but this would be subject to review. The Youth Representatives have taken an active part in decision making and their contribution is welcomed.

Archives

Barry Thomas has continued to collect and sort material for deposit at the County Council's Record Offices.

THE ACTIVITY TEAMS

County Mountain Activities Team (CMAT)

CMAT events continue to be very well supported, with many groups from around the County getting out into the wilds of the UK and the Swiss Alps. The number of permitted leaders in Suffolk for hillwalking and climbing continues to grow and it has been brilliant to see so many of our Explorers and Scouts improving their mountain skills and even gaining permits to help run climbing activities.

Our trip to Kandersteg was epic in every way, with 91 Scouts, Explorers and Leaders taking part. We bravely fended off Celery the cow and swam in the picturesque Oeschinensee lake, a UNESCO heritage site. Then we enjoyed white water rafting, via ferrata, glaciers, high ropes, zip wires, tubing, mountain huts and eating Suffolk salami at 3,000 metres above sea level with a backdrop of the Weisshorn and Matterhorn.

We headed for Ilkley in Yorkshire in September for climbing, abseiling, hillwalking and Yorkshire curd tart. Then to Derbyshire in February for some navigation training in preparation for our permit assessment weekend, which was based at Yr Hafod in Snowdonia this year. This year 30 of us enjoyed some amazing weather as the mini-beast stalked the UK. We opened this event to experienced Explorers for the first time and they all did a brilliant job navigating their way through cwms to Carnedd y Filiast, returning to Yr Hafod to avoid the bad weather along with our Terrain 1 assessment group. Our hardy Terrain 2 assessment group headed around to Cwm Caseg to get shelter from the winds. However, the gastroenteritis after-effects of a bubonic Bethesda burger required a mountain rescue call out early on Sunday morning – we like to do things the easy way!

April saw around 85 of us back in Derbyshire for more rock climbing, abseiling and mountain biking. The mountain biking, which was run through Derbyshire Scouts, was fantastic and definitely an activity we'll offer again.

Our last trip took us to Esk Dale in the Lake District, where 42 of us pitched tents, grabbed some food and then climbed Scafell Pike in the evening sun. The weather was incredibly hot and we all enjoyed a swim/paddle in one of the 'fairy pools' on the way back to the

minibuses.

Water Activities Team

Once again a very active year with an ever-increasing number and breadth of water activities being offered to our young people aged 6-25.

Sudbury District continues to build on its existing strengths both in terms of paddlesports and sailing. The first white-water kayaking trip to Wales in August 2017 was a great success and looks to be the first of many for Julian, Mark and Dee who, as moderate water leaders, organised and ran the trip. Wolsey and Bury St Edmunds District continue to run paddlesports courses through the year and groups in Deben District are very active across a wide range of activities, including pulling. Stowmarket are slowly developing their paddlesports with Elmwell Scouts, Shackleton ESU and Oculus ESU leading the way- the latter through canoe DofE expeditions from Bronze to Gold level.

Links with Alton Water are developing slowly and we hope to be running more activities out of the centre soon. Likewise, Lowestoft and Waveney Valley lost the use of Oulton Broad Water Activity centre when it closed in November 2017. Thankfully it has now reopened and we are currently negotiating usage with the new management.

Five Foundation Safety and Rescue courses have been run in the County over the last year, as well as two Level 1 British Canoeing Paddlesports Coach courses. As well as these, numbers on county-run paddling skills or permit courses have been high, with training provided for British Canoeing 2*, 3* kayak and canoe, bell boat helm courses and traditional rafting training courses. This has enabled the new county bell boats to be well used, not just at the Lackford Lake centre which is their 'home' but also by being towed around the County and used by groups and District who now have qualified helms.

The annual Wet Weekend and Thorpeness Mere Day continue to be well attended- many thanks to Jo Saagi, Tony Campbell and Andy Carr who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make these large-scale events such a success.

We have once again been fortunate to receive grant money to buy eight new kayaks and associated kit, along with the new trailer. We have also purchased as a County a further six open canoes to support the demand for canoe expeditions.

It has been another busy year for Suffolk Scouts sailing on the Adventures Offshore sail training yachts 'Offshore Scout' & 'Ocean Scout'. These yachts are owned by the Scout Association and operate as a Scout District in Essex. Based in Ipswich Haven Marina they are available for any Scout or Guide group to book from April through to Oct. <http://www.adventuresoffshore.co.uk/>. During 2017 Suffolk County ran four weekends sailing out of Ipswich along the UK East Coast with Scouts, Explorers, Network & Leaders taking part. The crew undertake all the tasks needed for life afloat and learn new skills as well as having fun in a challenging environment.

Suffolk also entered an Explorer crew in the ASTO Tall Ships Race sailing in The Baltic. These international youth events are very popular and the crew had great fun meeting other young people from around the globe. Flying from Turku (Finland) the crew then sailed 'Ocean Scout' to Klaipeda (Lithuania) where they joined thousands of other young sailors in races

and shore based events before flying back to the UK.

A number of Suffolk Scout Groups also booked weekend & evening sails directly with Adventures Offshore. Suffolk Scout leaders are also supporting Adventures Offshore directly in various capacities (skippers, mates, maintenance team etc.) and new volunteers will always be welcome. A Watch Leader training programme has been started encouraging Explorer & Network Scouts to become trainees & 2nd mates.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

It has been another amazing year for Suffolk Scouts, in which you, our adult volunteers, have provided over 6000 young people with incredible opportunities for personal development and skills for life, both in those so important section meetings and in terms of life changing adventures on our own shores and internationally.

On the International front, adventures included the Orwell Explorers' visit to the Danish Jamboree, the CMAT trip to Kandersteg, the County Expedition and Explorer Belt to Southern Africa and the multiple practice camps preparing for the Explorer Belt expedition to Poland, the Bury St Edmunds Cub International to Rotterdam and of course the 24th World Scout Jamboree in 2019. I am sure that these latter events will be successful and I look forward to hearing all about them on their return.

On the domestic front, districts and groups continued to offer an incredibly rich and varied set of programme opportunities for our young people to develop skills for life. 14th Lowestoft Scouts enjoyed a wonderful summer camp in Cornwall; the CMAT crew ran a successful rock-climbing event in Quarnford, Staffordshire, as well as a hill walking event in Yr Hafod, Snowdonia. They also ran, under the leadership of Malcolm Bell, an adventurous activities first aid course to enable our adult volunteers to gain a qualification for ensuring the safety of our young people whilst undertaking adventurous activities.

On the water, the water activities team provided so many young people and adult volunteers the opportunity to develop skills, confidence, qualifications and permits on the water. Many young people descended on Ramsholt for two days of fun and adventure in July, where they had the opportunity to try their hand at sailing, yachting, canoeing, kayaking, bell boating, rafting and thanks to the tides, getting a tad muddy in the process! Offshore, Keith Trevorrow led a Scout sailing weekend along eastern coasts and rivers.

In December, there were a plethora of carol concerts, many of which were celebrated around a camp fire, which always carries a wonderful atmosphere and a great sense of nostalgia. Simultaneously of course, Ipswich and Felixstowe Scout groups were busy giving up even more hours, volunteering to run the Christmas Scout Post, in which they delivered an astonishing 111,265 Cards, an increase on the previous year of almost 7000! This mammoth feat resulted in a collective fundraised total of approximately £27,800 across the 11 Scout groups that took part. An amazing result, I am sure you will agree.

In February, it was of course Youshape month, during which Ollie Smith, the CYC tirelessly promoted youth shaped scouting for every section as well as ideas for leaders to enable them to facilitate leadership potential in the young members of their sections. I am always

in awe of the work that Ollie does, his dedication to all things youth shaped and to building his team of DYC's, as well as to scouting in its wider context is inspirational.

The St. Georges Day parades and celebrations across the county were nothing short of inspirational and my particular thanks go to Wolsey District, who showed a true scouting spirit when despite losing their venue at the last minute were able to formulate a plan to ensure that the St. Georges Day celebrations were able to continue successfully. I always love seeing the pictures that come out of the St. George's Day celebrations, the pride on our young people faces serves as a testament to the way they feel about this glorious movement.

Ipswich Gang Show put on yet another amazing display of talent, in which many young people and adult volunteers gave up so many hours. This year, the gang show will celebrate their 80th birthday and I wish them all the very best for their birthday celebrations.

The Suffolk Training Team, as well as running the quality Training Academies, were the first in the region to run the new regional managers training and they really set the bar for quality in training provision for new managers. I am so very grateful to the training team for their excellent provision and for their inclusive approach to all things training. They really are the foundations of our quality leadership and provision for young people.

On the back of the successful expedition to South Africa and Lesotho, was the successful signing of a partnership agreement between Suffolk Scouts and the North West Province Scouts, in South Africa. The North West region includes and centres around the district of Mafikeng, where of course our wonderful movement started. The partnership is such an exciting opportunity for Suffolk Scouts, in developing the global element of the scouting programme, whilst having the opportunity to travel to South Africa in a safe, risk managed way. Suffolk Scouts are supporting the development of the North West Province by supporting annual initiatives such as providing 'start up packs' for rural groups. An example of the cost of this provision for 10 new groups is £300. We are very excited about this opportunity for both regions and I encourage you to keep an eye on County News for updates in the future.

In April of this year, we said farewell to Matt Mills, the Regional Commissioner for the East of England, who has moved into a new role with HQ. I would like to thank Matt for all of his support and wish him all the very best in his new role. Graham Woolley who was the DCC for Hertfordshire was appointed as the new RC and has really hit the ground running. Graham has quickly become a great support to me as CC in driving Suffolk forward and I am looking forward to working with him in the future.

I am delighted to report that the County saw a growth of 4.6%, with a particular increase in adult volunteers. Unfortunately, we saw a significant drop in Explorer numbers, and this is something that my team are focusing on, as Explorers are a crucial section in securing the leaders of the future. The County Team, which of course include the District Commissioners have developed a collaborative model of working and this has proven very successful. A particular focus of the team over the last year, which continues in earnest, is the quality of our programme provision and its effect on growth. I would like to thank my team for all of their hard work over the last year in supporting adult volunteers and for their committed approach to moving Suffolk forward.

This year, we sadly said goodbye to several wonderful people who went home. Peter Reynolds, from Stowmarket District who was a huge influence on the success of the Bradfield Campsite, as well as a wonderful leader, sadly passed away just after receiving his 60 Years Long Service Award at his home in Haughley Green.

Ivan Whitmore, a huge supporter of the 4th Ipswich Scout Group sadly passed away peacefully on Christmas Eve. He held the roles of both Chairman and then Treasurer with the group and established the Scout Christmas post service for the group in 1987.

Gemma Robertson, a wonderful leader with Sudbury District sadly passed away in September at a very young age following illness. Gemma's impact on young people was huge and all those who knew her sorely miss her.

Jackie Green, from Deben District went home in April. Jackie played a pivotal role in the formation of 1st Rendlesham Scouts and was very highly regarded by all those who had the pleasure of working with her.

Ken Strong, the president of 14th Lowestoft went home in February after a short illness. Ken was an active member of the Lowestoft SAS unit and is sorely missed.

On a happier note, we had a young Explorer Scout from Bury St Edmunds District who showed true courage in the face of a very challenging situation. Victoria Campbell, a member of the Discovery ESU was witness to a car accident in Ixworth, in which the driver of the vehicle suffered an epileptic seizure and lost control of the wheel. Victoria, who was with her friend Charlotte rushed to the gentleman's aid and supported him, whilst calling for the emergency services. Victoria's approach to the incident was calm, measured and made a very real difference to the injured man's prognosis. Victoria was praised by the emergency services and by the injured man. Because of her heroic efforts, Victoria has been awarded the Chief Scouts Commendation for Meritorious Conduct.

I would like to finish my report by saying a huge thank you. We say thank you at every Annual Review, but I don't think perhaps you folks as volunteers will know just how thankful I am for all that you do.

You....The Leaders; You...The Managers; You.....The Executives; You....The Special Active Service; You....The Skills Instructors; You...The Occasional Helpers; You....The Training Teams; You...The Administrators; You...The Commissioners; You....The Young Leaders; You...The Supporters; You are all the absolute cornerstone of our movement and are all responsible for making a difference in thousands of young peoples' lives. You should feel so very proud of the part you play in the lives of our young people.

We must never forget they are our future, how wonderful is it that we all play such an enormous role in developing those all-important skills for life.

Thank you folks.

Jane Dickinson
County Commissioner

MEMBERSHIP

This is the summary of Suffolk's membership recorded at the 2018 Census in January 2018 with the historical figures for previous years.

	2018			2017	2016
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
YOUTH MEMBERSHIP					
Beaver Scouts	1,390	302	1,692	1,621	1,646
Cub Scouts	1,614	441	2,055	2,087	2,031
Scouts	1,324	396	1,720	1,617	1,761
Explorer Scouts	381	160	541	602	581
Network members	140	70	210	90	62
TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	4,849	1,369	6,218	6,017	6,081
LEADERSHIP					
Sections leaders	491	362	853	840	860
Sectional Assistants & Skills Instructors	164	145	309	300	267
Group Scout Leaders	69	26	95	92	94
District Skills Instructors	11	2	13	10	6
District Advisers	8	2	10	8	4
District Scouters	17	11	28	14	21
District Commissioners	30	20	50	45	44
County+ Skills Instructors	4	2	6	7	7
County+ Advisers	5	1	6	7	7
County+ Scouters	14	10	24	22	22
County+ Commissioners	13	3	16	14	13
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	826	584	1,410	1,359	1,345
ORGANISATIONAL SUPPORT					
Group Exec	187	243	430	0	0
District Administrators	19	12	31	26	16
District Office Bearers/Exec	26	10	36	21	23
County+ Administrators	1	0	1	3	3
County+ Office Bearers/Exec	4	2	6	3	3
Active Support	95	70	165	137	131
Individual Members & Associate Members	152	134	286	637	190
TOTAL ORGANISATIONAL SUPPORT	484	471	955	827	366
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	6,159	2,424	8,583	8,203	7,792

SUFFOLK COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL - STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**For the year ended 31 March 2018**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Total</u>
<u>INCOME</u>					
Donations and similar income		798	-	798	2,244
Income from Charitable Activities:					
Membership Subscriptions	2	41,490	-	41,490	39,725
Fees for Activities	3	275,264	82,066	357,330	146,907
Grants	3	4,000	13,659	17,659	41,447
Bank Interest		432	-	432	469
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Total Incoming Resources		321,984	95,725	417,709	230,792
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<u>EXPENDITURE</u>					
Scouting Activities	4	300,704	103,843	404,547	213,812
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Total Resources Expended		300,704	103,843	404,547	213,812
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Net Income before Transfers		21,280	(8,118)	13,162	16,980
Transfers		4,185	(4,185)	-	-
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Net Income and net movement in funds for the year		25,465	(12,303)	13,162	16,980
Reconciliation of Funds 8 & 9					
Total Funds brought forward		204,403	127,767	332,170	315,190
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Total Funds carried forward		£229,868	£115,464	£345,332	£332,170
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The Notes on pages 24 to 31 form part of these accounts

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2018

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<u>Fixed Assets</u>			
Tangible Assets	6	189,892	205,280
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<u>Current Assets</u>			
Badge Stock		776	219
Loans (due in more than one year - £1,251 (2017-£1,667))		1,667	5,083
Debtors and Prepayments		43,075	1,407
Bank and Cash Balances		267,247	327,147
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		312,765	333,856
<u>Current liabilities</u>			
Creditors falling due within 1 year	7	127,325	171,966
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<u>Net current assets</u>			
		185,440	161,890
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Total assets less current liabilities			
		375,332	367,170
Creditors: falling due in more than 1 year	11	30,000	35,000
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<u>Net assets</u>			
		£345,332	£332,170
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The funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds	8	115,464	127,767
Unrestricted funds			
Designated	9	99,460	108,873
General	9	130,408	95,530
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		£345,332	£332,170
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Approved by the trustees on 9th August 2018 and signed on their behalf by:



Peter Jones, County Chair



Keven Mulley, County Treasurer

The notes on pages 24 to 31 form part of these accounts

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 March 2018

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Ireland FRS 102 issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s).

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities or income and expenses unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

The trustees have prepared the accounts on a going concern basis based on the budgets and forecasts for 2018/19.

Funds structure

- Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.
- Restricted income funds are funds which the donor has specified are to be used solely for particular areas of work or specific projects being undertaken by the County Scout Council.

Incoming Recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is more likely than not the charity will receive the income; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to services are recognised as the income is earned from the provision of services and disclosed as income from charitable activities.

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Support costs have been allocated between governance and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Other support costs include central function and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it is incurred.

Fixed Assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost. Depreciation is charged from the year of acquisition on a straight line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset as follows:

Freehold property additions (excluding land)	10 years
Other fixed assets	5 years

Debtors

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

2. MEMBERSHIP FEES

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total Membership Fees Collected	198,556	193,209
National Membership Fees	(154,102)	(150,475)
District Refunds	(2,964)	(3,009)
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	£41,490	£39,725
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3. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Fees for activities</u>				
Activities	253,328	-	253,328	121,216
East of England Region	-	-	-	2,000
Bradfield Campsite	21,936	-	21,936	19,665
Moot	-	82,066	82,066	4,026
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	£275,264	£82,066	£357,330	£146,907
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<u>Grants</u>				
General	4,000	-	4,000	-
Bradfield Campsite	-	1,300	1,300	22,014
Water Activities	-	12,359	12,359	14,433
Region	-	-	-	4,000
Climbing	-	-	-	1,000
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	£4,000	£13,659	£17,659	£41,447
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4. DIRECT CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Activities	240,273	2,795	243,068	149,874
Moot	-	80,420	80,420	-
Training	7,781	-	7,781	9,568
Development activities	5,277	-	5,277	1,813
East of England Region	-	3,216	3,216	2,706
Campsites - Bradfield	20,286	-	20,286	14,039
- Bradfield Depreciation	-	17,412	17,412	19,419
Support costs - County Team	22,199	-	22,199	12,925
Governance costs	4,888	-	4,888	3,468
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	£300,704	£103,843	£404,547	£213,812
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The County Team includes the cost of two part-time employees £4,135 (2017 - £4,746, one part-time employee).

The cost of the County Team and governance includes £4,135 (2017 - £2,468), Bradfield campsite £614 (2017 - £nil) and restricted activities £2,795 (2017 - £1,380) in respect of depreciation of equipment.

4. DIRECT CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (continued)

The breakdown of support costs and how these were allocated between governance and other support costs is shown in the table below.

Cost type	Total allocated	Governance costs	Other support costs	Basis of apportionment
	£	£	£	
Staff costs	4,902	1,226	3,676	Staff time
Office rental and administration	3,022	755	2,267	Staff time
County team expenses	13,928	1,393	12,535	County team time
Depreciation	4,135	414	3,721	County team time
Independent examiners	1,100	1,100	-	Actual
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	£27,087	£4,888	£22,199	
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5. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION & RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The trustees all give freely of their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (2017 - £Nil).

No trustee during the year had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the council this year or the previous year.

£1,807 (2017 - £3,205) was reimbursed to 7 trustees (2017 - 5) of the County Scout Council during the year.

6. FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Freehold Property</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Cost</u>			
As at 1 April	359,471	87,004	446,475
Additions	-	9,568	9,568
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As at 31 March	359,471	96,572	456,043
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<u>Depreciation</u>			
As at 1 April	170,387	70,808	241,195
Depreciation	17,412	7,544	24,956
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As at 31 March	187,799	78,352	266,151
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<u>Net Book Value</u>			
As at 31 March 2018	£171,672	£18,220	£189,892
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As at 31 March 2017	£189,084	£16,196	£205,280
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The Bradfield Campsite is a joint project by the County Scout Council with Bury St Edmunds and Sudbury Scout Districts, who would share equally in any surplus realised on a disposal of the site after payments made by the County Scout Council are deducted and paid.

The County Scout Council have invested directly and through loan repayments £103,507 in the Bradfield campsite to date.

The Hardwick Park Campsite, Bury St Edmunds is a joint project with Bury St Edmunds Scout District and any surplus realised on a disposal of the site are shared equally.

7. CREDITORS

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Sundry Creditors	13,619	1,052
Income in Advance	107,406	164,814
Loan	5,000	5,000
Accrued Expenses	1,300	1,100
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	£127,325	£171,966
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8. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Current year

	<u>Balance</u> <u>1 April</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>31 March</u> <u>2018</u>
Moot	16,760	82,066	(80,420)	-	18,406
Jamboree 2019	2,885	-	-	(2,885)	-
Bradfield Campsite	34,161	1,300	-	(1,300)	34,161
Bradfield Building	51,881	-	(17,412)	-	34,469
Water activities	12,415	12,359	(2,795)	-	21,979
East of England Region Fund	9,665	-	(3,216)	-	6,449
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	£127,767	£95,725	£(103,843)	£(4,185)	£115,464
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Previous year

	<u>Balance</u> <u>1 April</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>31 March</u> <u>2017</u>
Moot	12,734	4,026	-	-	16,760
Jamboree 2019	2,885	-	-	-	2,885
Bradfield Campsite	35,461	-	-1,300	-	34,161
Bradfield Building	47,979	22,021	-18,119	-	51,881
Water activities	-	14,433	-2,018	-	12,415
East of England Region Fund	5,371	6,000	-2,706	1,000	9,665
Climbing Team	-	1,000	-1,000	-	-
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	£104,430	£47,480	£(25,143)	£1,000	£127,767
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The Bradfield Campsite Fund represents the proceeds of an appeal to purchase and construct a new facility in Suffolk and the fund balance is represented by the element of the site purchased with appeal funds.

The Bradfield Building Fund is funds raised towards the cost of a new building on the Bradfield campsite and is represented by the net book value of the building.

The Moot Fund is the surplus on the Moot and is restricted to use for joint scout and guide activities. The fund is represented by bank balances.

The 2019 Jamboree Fund represents funds held over from the 2015 Jamboree towards future events and has been transferred to the 2019 Jamboree designated fund.

The East of England Region Fund represents funds received and expended in connection with the Scout Association's regional activities and is represented by bank balances.

8. RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

The Water Activities fund is restricted grants for these activities and is represented by the net book value of water activity equipment and bank balances in respect of unspent funds.

9. GENERAL AND DESIGNATED FUNDS

Current Year

	<u>Balance</u> <u>1 April</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>31 March</u> <u>2018</u>
General	95,530	315,956	(288,378)	7,300	130,408
Bradfield Campsite	57,507	-	-	-	57,507
Assistance with Campsites	3,650	-	-	-	3,650
Jamboree	5,452	-	-	2,885	8,337
Explorer Belt Expedition	16,519	6,028	(12,326)	-	10,221
Water Activities	25,745	-	-	(6,000)	19,745
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	£204,403	£321,984	£(300,704)	£4,185	£229,868
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Previous year

	<u>Balance</u> <u>1 April</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>31 March</u> <u>2017</u>
General	136,313	172,696	(181,479)	(32,000)	95,530
Bradfield Campsite	57,507	-	-	-	57,507
Assistance with Campsites	3,650	-	-	-	3,650
Jamboree	4,452	-	-	1,000	5,452
Explorer Belt Expedition	8,838	10,616	(2,935)	-	16,519
Water Activities	-	-	(4,255)	30,000	25,745
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	£210,760	£183,312	£(188,669)	£(1,000)	£204,403
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The Council has decided to transfer funds into the Jamboree Fund to provide a fund from which it can make interest free loans or grants to participants of future Jamborees.

The Water Activities Fund has been designated for the development of water activities in the County.

9. GENERAL AND DESIGNATED FUNDS (continued)

The Explorer Belt Expeditions Fund represents the funds held in respect of these expeditions

The Assistance with Campsites Fund is to help with the development of group and district campsites.

The Jamboree, Assistance with Campsites, Explorer Belt and Water Activities Funds are all represented by bank balances.

The Bradfield Campsite designated fund represents the council's contribution towards the purchase and construction of the site and is represented by the assets of the site.

10. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At the year end, the County Scout Council had authorised expenditure of £Nil (2017 - £NIL).

11. CREDITORS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The loan is due to The Scout Association and was to assist with the development of the Bradfield Campsite. The loan is repayable over 10 years from 1 December 2015 and the loan bears interest at 2% over base.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER’S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL (Charity No. 305682)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2018, which are set out on pages 22 to 31.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity’s trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity’s trustees 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)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner’s Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the 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; and
- 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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