

# **365 DAYS OF ADVENTURE. HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED...**

The Blacktoft Beacon District Scout Council annual  
report 12th June 2014 to 11th June 2015 and  
financial review for the period ended 31st March 2015

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**'We challenge our members to experience fun, friendship and everyday adventure to help them reach their potential and have a positive impact on society'**

# WELCOME

## A word from the District Chairman, Scott Millard

It seems like only a moment ago that I was writing the welcome to the 2014 Annual Report, yet here we are already nearly half way through 2015 and at the milestone of our 3rd AGM as the Blacktoft Beacon Scout District.

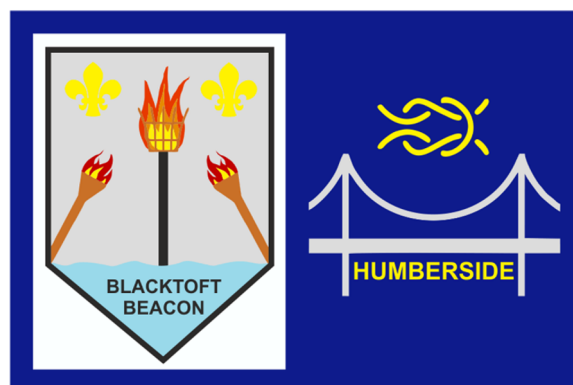
As with previous reports, you will see there are examples of how the Districts Leaders and young people are achieving great things in the area, in the UK and in some cases overseas.

The St. Georges day event at Beverly Racecourse in April was a great opportunity to see many of our groups gathered together and to share in the fellowship with our Beverley and Hornsea Districts.

The recent developments to our District website has meant that this has become an accessible, up to date and exciting tool for communicating between our groups and the wider world. I thank the team that has generated the site and maintain it.

Another part of our district that has undergone significant change since last year is the District Camp site Tablers Wood. There is a small and dedicated group of people that have made significant improvements to the site, and continue to develop the area to make it a great place for scouting and external groups to enjoy.

I would like to thank Linda and all of the leaders that allow our District to provide direction, purpose and fun to so many young people in our communities.



# GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

"I am super proud to see so many young people and adults learning new life skills and achieving personal rewards through Scouting in Blacktoft Beacon District. I am excited to see Scout numbers continue to rise across the UK and the big reasons for this are that more and more young people are realising that Scouting can give them so much - whether it's the opportunity to be involved with some incredible adventures, learn practical life, outdoor and team work skills or helping to improve their local communities. People don't want to miss out and Scouting brings them all together, empowers them and allows them to make a positive impact."

*Chief Scout Bear Grylls*

## DISTRICT MEMEBRSHIP 2015

Group	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	Leaders	Skills	Explorer Leaders	District	S A S	Others	Total
Cottingham	31	36	28	10	10		2				117
1st Skidby		7			3	1					11
2nd Kirk Ella StAndrew	42	41	28	12	16	2	2				143
Anlaby (St Mark's)	15	16	21	1	8	1					62
Elloughton -Cum-Brough	23	41	30	6	16		2				118
Ferriby and Swanland	24	43	14		9	2					92
Hessle	24	63	22	13	15	5	4				146
South Cave	9	22	16	8	10		3			2	70
Willerby	12	23	19	5	7		2				68
Gilberdyke	14	9	10		7	1					41
Howden	13	20	13	3	7		1				57
Goole	22	30	13		10						75
Snaith	31	22	32	3	12	4					104
Hook	9	9	7		4						29
District Network					2						2
District ESU Snaith				7			4				11
Scout Active Support									16		16
<b>Total</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1162</b>

# ROLL OF HONOUR

## Bar to the Award of Merit

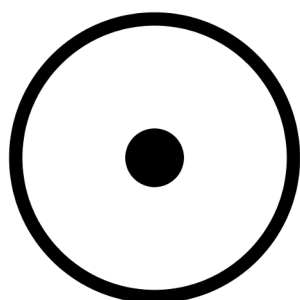
Arthur Harrison	ESL	District
	Tablers Wood Campsite Warden	
David Laud	Fells Marathon	District
Mike Grayson	GSL	Snaitth
June Godfery	CSL	Hessle

## Commissioners Commendation

Margaret Carey	ACSL	Hessle
Val Jenson	Badge Secretary	District

## Meritorious Conduct

Maureen Jolly	GSL	Ferriby & Swanland
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**Maureen Jolly**  
**Farewell to a friend**

We express our thanks to Mo for her dedicated service to Scouting over a period of many years. The leaders and the young members alike will remember her service to Ferriby & Swanland Scout Group with kindness and respect.





# DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS

It would be wrong of me to start this year's report without recognising the challenges we have all faced during the last few months and which we know will continue for some time to come. With Compass offline it has been incredibly frustrating for us to keep our records accurate and make sure we are delivering all activities safely and within the rules of The Scout Association. Overall we have approached this with a 'cup ½ full rather than ½ empty attitude' and I cannot thank you all enough for this. Our membership return reflects this, showing a small % increase in numbers of both our young people and adults.

- The Scout Association announced its Programme Refresh and Network Reboot. The County held an information sharing session in mid-January and I know that all of you are making sure your Group is fully transitioned by the end of September, with all young people working on the new Challenge awards and top awards by 1st October 2015.
- Also in January, Bradley Cowley took control of our Network provision, focusing it on the Network Reboot. The District Network is based out of Willerby Scout HQ but they regularly meet anywhere where they wish to take part in an adventurous activity.
- Our Activity Day and St George's celebration service took place this year on Sunday 19th April. We joined with Beverley and Hornsea District for a day of fun and adventure at Beverley Race Course. Many different activities took place which gave a different twist to the event and with the City of Hull Pipe Band leading the parade and Beverley Brass Band playing the hymns, a real atmosphere was created.
- With the support of dedicated leaders many of our young people have gained top awards in all sections. Explorer Scouts have also completed Young Leader modular training. We collectively celebrated these achievements during our St George's celebration service.
- The District Friendship Challenge has brought nearly all of our Groups together in joint activities, with Hessle Scout Group taking the prize at our St George's celebration service. Well done to Hessle!
- The communications have improved dramatically with our newly designed District Website. The weekly sectional and GSL newsletters come out on a Wednesday. If you have not done so already, please log in and register to receive in order to keep yourself informed. You can do this at <http://www.blacktoftbeacon-scouts.org.uk/>. You can also keep up to date through our District Facebook and twitter accounts.
- All sectional badges both old and new can now be ordered through our website which will hopefully make all your lives a little easier. If you prefer, you can ring the District badge secretary to place an order and either collect or pay the postage to have them delivered.



- Other District led or supported events in the last year have included; Cub and Scout camp craft competition, Beaver Scout Quiz, Cub Swimming Gala, Cub sleepover at the Deep, Cub Packs being involved in their Year of Adventure leading into the Cub Centenary 2016, Fells Marathon, Explorer Scouts representing the District at the Remembrance Service Beverley Minster, Golden Fleece and Wolds Challenge.
- The termly District leaders meetings have been well attended and give us the chance to share good practise, discuss leaders' issues and keep us all up to date with HQ, County and District matters.
- Over forty leaders have continued their personal development through modular training. Fifteen leaders have gained wood badges. Countless long Service awards have been gained, including some that have recorded 25 and 30 years!
- Development continues at Tablers Wood, our District campsite. Buildings have been relocated to make their positions more useful. Work on the site drainage continues. Jayne Bell is now our campsite bookings secretary and Chris Whiteley our campsite warden, with all information available on our District website.

### Goals to achieve in the next year

- District support will be provided to all leaders to help them with implementing the programme refresh and programme ideas for completing the new challenge award.
- Sectional District Activities to be organised and run.
- Grow our membership and reduce our want-to-join lists.
- All Groups to have Beaver, Cub and Scout provision with a GSL in place to manage the provision.
- Support our GSLs and group managers through regular team meetings.
- Continue with the District Friendship Challenge.
- Each Group to have a training adviser who will be responsible for making sure our wood badge training is on track, PLPs in place for all new leaders with First Aid, Safety and Safeguarding up to date for all leaders.
- The District ESYL Unit to receive a minimum of Modular A within the District.
- Develop our Scout Network.
- Continue to maintain and develop Tablers Wood, our District campsite.

I would like to thank all parents for supporting us and allowing us to borrow your family members on a regular basis. To the young people, a big thank you for turning up and having fun. It is you that make it all worthwhile.

None of the above would have happened without the hard work, support and dedication of all leaders and adult helpers within our District. Thank you all very much.

**Linda Thelwell**  
**District Commissioner**

# DISTRICT VISION 2018

## What Scouting will achieve by 2018

Scouting is already one of the greatest movements the world has ever known. Scouts have walked on the moon, rowed across oceans & scaled the highest mountains.

Our former Scouts are also social workers, teachers and foster parents; the people who make society work. We now need to make sure Scouting is available to the next generation of young people, and we have a plan to achieve this by 2018.

This year has seen our tenth year of growth. Thank you for your part in achieving this. By 2018 we want to bring Scouting to at least half a million young people and attract enough volunteers to help us do this. We want to extend our reach so every young person in the UK has the opportunity to experience Scouting and prove we are open to all regardless of faith, gender, sexual orientation, race or social background.

Achieving our vision will take focus on clear goals to make Scouting a movement that is growing, inclusive, shaped by young people and makes a positive impact on our community.

# DISTRICT TRUSTEES

## Members of the District Executive Committee

### Ex Officio:

Linda Thelwell (District Commissioner)  
Scott Millard (Chairman)  
Robert Ludlow (Secretary)  
John Jobling (Treasurer)  
Hannah Lamb (Scout Network Leader)  
Tim Smith (District Explorer Scout Commissioner)

### Elected Members:

Mike Grayson, Jo Cook, Pam Bell, Barbara Simpson & Maureen Jolly

### Nominated Members:

Audrey Harris, Freddy Preston, Rita Barnard, Rachael Macadam &  
David Broughton

### Co-opted Members:

Joy Milestone, Val Jenson & Frank Cook

### Vice-Presidnets:

Andy Eavis & Christian Carver

### Independent Examiner

Alastair Connell, 262 Beverley Road, Anlaby, East Yorkshire HU10 7BG

### Bankers

HSBC Bank PLC, Hesse Merit House, Hull

# DISTRICT CONSTITUTION

## The District Scout Council

The District Scout Council is the electoral body, which supports Scouting in the District. It is the body to which the District Executive Committee is accountable

## The District Executive Committee

The District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and to provide support for Scout Groups, Explorer Scout Units and any District Scout Network in the District.

## The Structure of Blacktoft Beacon District Executive Committee for 2015 - 2016

Ex-officio	Elected Members	Nominated Members	Co-opts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The District Chairman</li> <li>The District Commissioner</li> <li>The District Secretary</li> <li>The District Treasurer</li> <li>The District Scout Network Leader</li> <li>The District Explorer Scout Commissioner</li> </ul>	<p>5 persons elected at the District Annual General Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Persons nominated by the District Commissioner</li> <li>The nominations must be approved at the District Annual General Meeting</li> <li>Persons nominated need not be members of the District Scout Council and their number must not exceed that of the elected members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Persons co-opted annually by the District Executive Committee</li> <li>The number of co-opted members must not exceed the number of members who may be elected</li> </ul>

## A quorum

For a trustees' meeting will be a minimum of one-third of the total number of charity trustees plus one.

## Right of Attendance

The County Commissioner and the County Chairman have the right of attendance at meetings of the District Executive Committee.

# DISTRICT CONSTITUTION

## Sub-Committees

The Committee will utilise sub-committees to deliver informed proposals to the Executive. The District Commissioner and the District Chairman will be ex-officio members of any sub-Committee of the District Executive Committee. Any sub-committee will have at least one member of the Executive committee within it.

They will attend the District Executive for reporting purposes. The sub-committees

will exist as:

- Tablers Wood Management Committee
- District Appointment Advisory Group
- District Finance Sub Committee
- Adult Training Development Group
- District Explorer Scout Finance and Operations Group
- District Network Finance and Operations Group
- Any further as deemed necessary by the District Executive

## Meeting Structures

**The District Scout Council** will have a remit to hold an AGM once a year

The District Executive Committee will have a remit to look at the business and operational matters of the District. The District Executive will meet a minimum of 4 times in a year.

**The District Leaders meeting** will have a remit to look at Programme, activities, sectional and group support issues. It will be chaired by the DC. Those with right of attendance are District Scout Active Support Managers, District Scout Network Leader, the Explorer Scout Commissioner, all Assistant District Commissioners, District Scouters, District Chair, any other District appointees, Group Scout Leaders, Group contacts and Leader who the Group Scout Leader or Group contact feel would add positive input to the meeting's agenda. The District Leaders meeting will meet a minimum of three times a year.

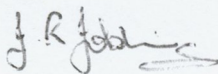
**The District meeting** will have a remit to feedback the outcomes from the Executive and District Leaders meeting to all Groups and units within Blacktoft Beacon District. Those with right of attendance are the Scout Active Support members, Scout Network members, the Explorer Scout Leaders, GSL's, Group Managers, District Chair and any other District appointees. The District meeting will meet a minimum of once a year and this will usually take the form of an AGM.

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

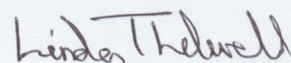
## BLACKTOFT BEACON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

### BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MARCH 2015

	2015	2014
	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Stock of badges	2942.50	2464.82
Building Society Investment	136.00	136.00
Cash at bank and in hand	29206.68	25150.62
	<u>£32,285.18</u>	<u>£27,751.44</u>
<b>GENERAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT</b>		
Balance brought forward	15369.71	14139.39
Surplus(-deficit) for year	1723.46	1230.32
	<u>17093.17</u>	<u>15369.71</u>
<b>JAMBOREE FUND</b>		
Balance brought forward	5620.58	5042.58
Surplus(-deficit) for year	-1000.00	578.00
	<u>4620.58</u>	<u>5620.58</u>
<b>SCOUT BADGE FUND</b>		
Balance brought forward	5054.43	5511.51
Surplus(-deficit) for year	786.61	-457.08
	<u>5841.04</u>	<u>5054.43</u>
<b>ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT</b>		
Balance brought forward	395.15	394.88
Surplus(-deficit) for year	-39.75	0.27
	<u>355.40</u>	<u>395.15</u>
<b>TABLERS WOOD</b>		
Balance brought forward	1311.57	1128.60
Surplus(-deficit) for year	3063.42	182.97
	<u>4374.99</u>	<u>1311.57</u>
	<u>£ 32,285.18</u>	<u>£ 27,751.44</u>



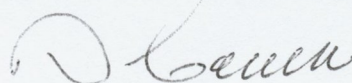
Treasurer



District Commissioner

Report of the Auditor to the members of the Blacktoft Beacon District Scout Council.

The above Balance Sheet and the attached Income and Expenditure Accounts have been prepared from the records and information supplied by the Blacktoft Beacon District Scout Council and are in accordance therewith.



A.M. Connell

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

## BLACKTOFT BEACON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2015

#### GENERAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT

INCOME	2015	2014
	£	£
District levy	2234.50	1588.00
CAF	0.00	500.00
Building society dividend	14.15	5.74
Refund of capitation (County)	1153.00	0.00
Willerby Group Loan Repayment	1600.00	1600.00
Use of Tablers Wood (Donation)	38.00	0.00
St Georges Day	1025.40	529.00
	<u>6065.05</u>	<u>4222.74</u>
EXPENDITURE		
County Capitation	177.00	206.50
Mileage	145.24	121.68
Postage	199.36	154.71
Stationery	314.05	139.41
AGM Expenses	241.00	0.00
Refreshments	48.45	0.00
St Georges Day Expenses	802.37	902.54
Friendship Challenge	50.00	50.00
Training	50.00	482.48
Hall Hire	368.00	206.00
Equipment	1160.22	205.00
Video Licence	296.64	288.00
Sundry Expenses	157.28	72.50
Scout Section net cost	44.00	0.00
Cub Section net cost	287.98	163.60
	<u>4341.59</u>	<u>2992.42</u>
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	<u>£ 1,723.46</u>	<u>£ 1,230.32</u>

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

## BLACKTOFT BEACON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2015

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#### DISTRICT LEVY

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Received from Groups	36130.00	35973.00
Remitted to County	33895.50	33807.00
Allocated to Jamboree Account		578.00
	<u>33895.50</u>	<u>34385.00</u>
DISTRICT LEVY FOR YEAR	<u>2234.50</u>	<u>1588.00</u>

#### JAMBOREE ACCOUNT

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INCOME			
District levy		578.00	
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>578.00</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Donation (C Taylor)	1000.00	0.00	
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	<u>-£ 1,000.00</u>	<u>£ 578.00</u>	

#### BLACKTOFT BEACON BADGE ACCOUNT

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	2015	2014
	£	£
Sale of Badges	4352.61	3872.46
Cost of sales	3481.28	4295.46
Gross profit (-loss)	<u>871.33</u>	<u>-423.00</u>
Postage	74.72	24.10
Telephone	0.00	5.43
Stationery	0.00	4.55
Bank Charges	10.00	0.00
	<u>84.72</u>	<u>34.08</u>
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	<u>£786.61</u>	<u>-£457.08</u>



# FINANCIAL REVIEW

## BLACKTOFT BEACON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2015

#### ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT

Interest Received	0.25	0.27
Social Evening	40.00	0.00
<b>SURPLUS (-Defidit) FOR YEAR</b>	<b>-£39.75</b>	<b>£0.27</b>

#### TABLERS WOOD

##### INCOME

Lettings	3605.43	3468.50
Donations	3141.38	217.46
Rent	0.00	110.00
Fund Raising	0.00	601.52
	<u>6746.81</u>	<u>4397.48</u>

##### EXPENDITURE

###### Site Expenses

Sewerage	336.00	486.00
Water Rates	262.00	332.00
Electricity	867.79	804.45
Calor Gas	0.00	55.00
Cleaning Materials	71.67	0.00
Site Insurance	364.17	359.26
Repairs Renewals	1503.04	1307.10
Sundries	78.72	20.70
Grass Cutting	200.00	250.00
	<u>3683.39</u>	<u>3614.51</u>

Equipment (container)

600.00

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE**

**3683.39**      **4214.51**

**SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)**

**3063.42**      **£182.97**

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