



Scouts

Blacktoft Beacon

2018

Annual Report

&

Financial Review

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Blacktoft Beacon District Scout Council

Registered Charity Number 114803

Welcome

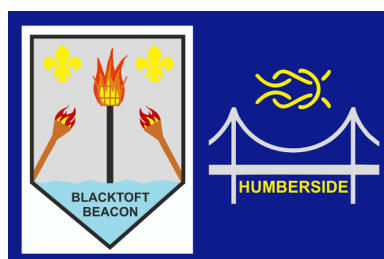
A word from the District Chairman, Scott Millard

Another 365 days of Scouting sees Blacktoft Beacon District reach its 6th birthday. In that past year, the District has continued to develop and adapt. There are new changes to the way The Scout Association looks and works to meet its goal of providing 'Skills for life' through fun, challenge and adventure. Our District has shown it can embrace such change and adopt programmes and activities to inspire and encourage young people.

Our District events are well attended and provide a great opportunity for groups to come together. Notably, our 2018 St George's Day event at Beverley Racecourse was attended by 611 people, our biggest turnout to date.

There have been more challenges up at our District Campsite, Tablers Wood with thefts and trespass. A small group of volunteers keep this site going and it sees good use in the warmer months from Scouts and external organisations. A big thank you to the small team that manage and maintain the site.

As ever, Linda along with Rachael, do an amazing job of leading our District. Their dedication, along with that of the District Executive Committee and all the Blacktoft Beacon leaders and volunteers keeps the District going in a continually positive direction. This is reflected in the text and images inside this report.

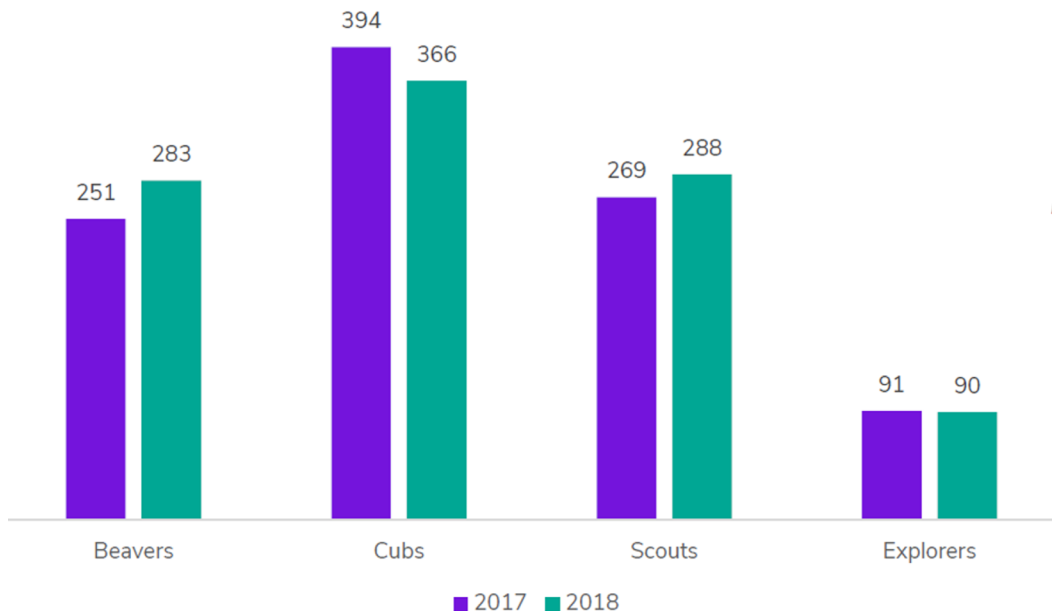


District Growth

2018 Census Figures

Name	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	Network	Young People	Adults
Blacktoft Beacon					53		111
Anlaby (St Mark's)	13	11	16			40	12
Cottingham	28	45	26	8		107	15
Elloughton-Cum-Brough	24	21	39	15		99	16
Ferriby and Swanland	40	29	14			83	24
Gilberdyke (St Stephen's)	19	14	11			44	13
1st Goole	30	23	13	10		76	20
Hessle	19	56	41	17		133	53
1st Hook	15	12	10			37	8
1st Howden - St Peter's	12	19	25	6		62	14
2nd Kirkella (St Andrews)	23	57	20	6		106	24
1st Snaith	26	36	32	14		108	22
South Cave	8	22	13	7		50	17
Willerby	26	21	28	7		82	14

TOTALS	283	366	288	90	53	1,027	363
Change from 2017	+32	-28	+19	-1	+10	+22	+64
% change from 2017	+13%	-7%	+7%	-1%	23%	+2%	+21%



It is great to see another year of growth in the District and another MiniFig to add to our collection!

The Beaver and Scout Sections have seen the biggest increases, which have contributed to our overall 2% increase in Young People this year. We have also seen lots of new adults join Scouting too, particularly in our SAS Units.

Roll Of Honour

The Award for Merit

Gavin Cowley	SL	Willerby
Michael Croft	GSL	Elloughton-cum-Brough

Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Sean Bell	SL	Hessle
David Gill	AESL	Snaith Tomahawk ESU
Claire Moverley	ASL	South Cave & Fells Marathon SAS
Caroline Nicholls	ASL	Elloughton-cum-Brough
Joshua Railton	GSL	Ferriby & Swanland

We would also like to congratulate all those who have received their Wood Beads or Length of Service Awards this year too.

"Like me I'm sure you fit your volunteering around a very busy lifestyle, but my mum used to say if you want something doing ask a busy person. I'd really like to say a massive thank you to you on behalf of all the young people who benefit from Scouting. It's basically because of what you do.

Together you make the adventure possible."

Bear Grylls - Chief Scout

District Achievements

Linda Thewell, District Commissioner

This last year has seen another increase in our membership numbers of both young people and adults, which just goes to show what a great job you are all doing in Scouting. Success however also creates challenges! Across the District, we have a huge number of young people on 'want to join' lists. The District team has compared these lists and the bottom line is we need to open new Sections in many of our Groups. We looked at the possibility of opening a totally new Group but feel that using our existing Groups and trustees will give the new Sections more support and stability. To move this forward we need to encourage more adults to come along and 'lend a hand'. There will also need to be some creative timetabling to allow so many different Sections to meet within the headquarters and venues we use!

Deputy DC Rachael Macadam and I have focussed our time and effort on supporting both our adults and the programme we deliver to our young people. We have held regular District Leaders meetings and hopefully you feel we have taken on board suggestions made during these meetings and have implemented them. Rachael developed the County initiative 'Programme Sparks' which has done exactly what its title suggests; sparked all your imaginations to get involved, have great fun and adventure, whilst working towards your challenge awards and the balanced programme! Our DESC Shaun Wilson and DESCYL Lucy Carne have held regular meetings with Explorer Scout Leaders. District Explorer Scouting is stronger than it has ever been and Young Leader training is happening at District and County level. Our Network is getting out and about. However, I do recognise the need for someone to drive this section forward. They have been supported by the Hull University Student Scout and Guide Organisation which is great and I thank Hull Uni SSAGO for the friendship they have with our local Network members, plus the help and support they have provided to the District.

We constantly strive to expand and develop our District events. These give all leaders within the District the chance to 'share the load' whilst allowing our adults and young people the opportunity to experience the wider family of Scouting. These include: Explorers, Network and leaders representing us at the Beverley Remembrance service and parade, the Activity Day and St George's celebration service, Cub and Scout Camp Craft, Young Leader training, Beaver and Cub sleepovers at William's Den, Cub sleepovers at the Deep, Beaver Experiment badge day, YouShape events, Wolds Challenge and Fells Marathon. Groups within the District have also supported many County and nationally run activities such as County Cub camp, County Beaver Challenge 2018, Scout Wintercamp

and Gilwell 24. The District Friendship award this year was presented to 1st Snaith Scout Group including their satellite sections at Rawcliffe Bridge.

We have a full and complete Executive Committee which meets regularly. These meetings are well attended and I would like to record my thanks to all for the help, support and guidance they offer to me and the District. We can always do with volunteers to bring new ideas and suggestions so please make yourself known to Scott, our District Chairman, if you would like to be considered.

Tablers Wood, our District campsite, is open and as busy as ever for summer camping. The management team have worked hard with general maintenance but desperately need more willing helpers. We have secured a grant for hedging, fencing and new gates to make our boundary as secure as possible. We would still like to develop the old brick toilet block into an activity room but this would only be possible with more help and support. If you have a trade or a willing pair of helping hands please let me know and hopefully we could co-ordinate getting the work on the go. I personally think Tablers Wood is a fantastic resource which we are lucky to own. There is plenty of space to get back to basics, run around and have fun without upsetting the neighbours. We need to make sure we improve and take care of our District campsite to secure its future.

As a District we are thrilled to record young people and adults working towards top awards and personal development. We have evidence of many Bronze, Silver and Gold Chief Scout Awards, Platinum and Diamond awards, Wood Badges and DofE awards being achieved and presented locally. This year we are also thrilled to record Rachael Palmer completing her Queen's Scout Award and Gold DofE award. Well done to everyone. By the time this report is being read you should all have experienced our Top Award celebration hosted by William's Den and I am sure we will have had a great time.

Blacktoft Beacon has a website, newsletter, Facebook and Twitter page to be proud of. We know from the number of people using it that it is looked at by people far beyond just our own District. We do however still hear from leaders that they are unaware of what is going on, so we would ask that people please register for the weekly newsletter, keep their eye on the Website and, if you communicate in this way, please look at our Facebook page and Twitter.

In a year that has seen The Scout Association rebrand and set its vision for 2018 to 2023, we in Blacktoft Beacon strive to equip our young people with 'Skills for Life'. My thanks go to all our 6 to 25 year old members for joining in and enjoying scouting, to parents who support them making sure they turn up at the correct time and in the correct place and lastly to all of our leaders and adult helpers; without you none of the above would happen.

District Explorers

Shaun Wilson, District Explorer Scout Commissioner & Lucy Carne, District Explorer Leader (Young Leaders)

We currently have 90 Explorers in Blacktoft Beacon across 8 Units. This last year each Unit provided a varied, exciting and well balanced programme. Explorers entered the Fells and Wolds competitions. Several Explorer Units participated in Winter on the Hills, DofE, First Aid Training and Young Leader Training. Explorers across the District have also been busy completing the County's Programme Sparks.

Some Units have adventured near and far this year. Last summer 23 Explorers from 4 Units attended Poacher International Jamboree in Lincolnshire, taking part in many activities including canoeing, gliding, climbing and quad bikes to name just a few. They also attempted the Knights' Trail around Lincoln. The District tepee stood out from afar, providing home for the week for the girls. Other Units travelled down to Gilwell and many Explorers attended summer camps with their groups. 30 Explorers attended the Camp Craft weekend, helping run bases, digging ditches and planting trees.

Many Explorers have been involved in community activities, helping at church groups, supporting local charities and packing bags at supermarkets across the District! Explorers attended Remembrance Sunday at Beverley Minster and local churches to pay their respects.

Explorer Scout Leaders are holding regular, termly meetings and sharing information. Several Units met up with members from Hull University SSAGO at a social and information evening.

The number of Young leaders has also grown, with many attending the County training weekends. Many are busy writing up their Missions to complete their Young Leader Training, hopefully to become adult leaders when they leave Explorers.

We are looking forward to 2018 and beyond when many District activities will be arranged, supported by even more Explorer Units. There has been good support for the Canada Expedition taking place in summer 2019 and many Explorers will be able to complete their Explorer Belt. Another 4 Explorers will be representing the District at the World Scout Jamboree in USA.

Explorer Units in the District continue to provide skills for life not just for Scouting.

Skills for Life

Our plan to prepare better futures 2018 - 2023

By 2023 we will have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme. We will be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

Our plan is to continue to build on the incredible progress we've made over the last four years and we want to continue to focus on these goals:

Growth

Inclusivity

Youth Shaped

Community Impact

Our plan for the next five years is simple. We will support amazing leaders to deliver an inspiring programme and prepare more young people with skills for life. We will do this by focusing on these three pillars of work:

Programme

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

People

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

Perception

Scouting is understood, more visible, trusted, respected and widely seen as playing a key role in society today.



District Trustees

Members of the District Executive Committee

Ex Officio:

Linda Thelwell (District Commissioner)
Scott Millard (Chairman)
Steve Howarth (Secretary)
John Jobling (Treasurer)
Shaun Wilson (District Explorer Scout Commissioner)

Elected Members:

Jo Cook, Pam Bell, Barbara Simpson, Audrey Harris and Freddy Preston

Nominated Members:

Josh Railton, Kelvin Breen, Paul Daniel, Rachael Macadam and
Michelle Nobbs

Co-opted Members:

Jayne Bell, Chris Whiteley, Joy Milestone, Frank Cook and Neil Begbie

Vice-Presidents:

Andy Eavis and Christian Carver

Independent Examiner

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

Bankers

HSBC Bank PLC, Hessle 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

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

A Quorum

For a trustees' meeting there 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.

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 four 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 Leaders 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, GSLs, 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

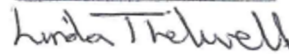
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2018

	2018 £	2017 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock of badges	2555.25	3037.80
Building Society Investment	136.00	136.00
Cash at bank and in hand	40096.99	42317.21
	<u>£42,788.24</u>	<u>£45,491.01</u>
GENERAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT		
Balance brought forward	19839.75	18422.18
Surplus(-deficit) for year	-4731.04	1417.57
	<u>15108.71</u>	<u>19839.75</u>
JAMBOREE FUND		
Balance brought forward	4233.08	4730.58
Surplus(-deficit) for year	747.00	-497.50
	<u>4980.08</u>	<u>4233.08</u>
SCOUT BADGE FUND		
Balance brought forward	6934.13	5928.30
Surplus(-deficit) for year	-394.31	1005.83
	<u>6539.82</u>	<u>6934.13</u>
ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT		
Balance brought forward	305.77	305.61
Surplus(-deficit) for year	-24.86	0.16
	<u>280.91</u>	<u>305.77</u>
TABLERS WOOD		
Balance brought forward	4477.00	4311.71
Surplus(-deficit) for year	1910.29	165.29
	<u>6387.29</u>	<u>4477.00</u>
ITS ACCOUNT		
Surplus for year	<u>217.83</u>	
SKIDBY ACCOUNT		
Balance brought forward	7375.18	8336.43
Surplus(-deficit) for year	-690.00	-961.25
	<u>6685.18</u>	<u>7375.18</u>
FELLS ACCOUNT		
Balance brought forward	2326.10	3325.93
Surplus(-deficit) for year	262.32	-999.83
	<u>2588.42</u>	<u>2326.10</u>
	<u>£42,788.24</u>	<u>£45,491.01</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
8/6/18

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BLACKTOFT BEACON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2018

GENERAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT

INCOME	2018 £	2017 £
District levy	1350.50	1375.50
Building society dividend	54.80	29.39
Refund of capitation (County)	972.00	1058.00
Willerby Group Loan Repayment	0.00	1600.00
District Branded Clothing	1123.00	0.00
Bank Interest	38.17	66.15
Cub/Beaver Section net income	0.00	0.00
Scout/Explorer Section net income	0.00	422.00
St Georges Day	1490.05	1760.50
	<u>5028.52</u>	<u>6311.54</u>

EXPENDITURE

County Capitation	0.00	0.00
Mileage	80.10	121.70
Insurance	203.28	41.25
Postage	131.46	235.64
Stationery	129.01	305.78
AGM Expenses	117.00	160.70
St Georges Day Expenses	1933.27	1970.30
Friendship Challenge	0.00	50.00
Training	200.00	300.00
Hall Hire	140.00	160.00
Equipment	1551.48	533.99
Video Licence	324.14	314.71
Tablers Wood Usage	1927.47	30.00
District Support to Goole	425.00	326.65
District Clothing	1222.74	0.00
Sundry Expenses	57.80	184.51
Cub/Beaver Section net cost	542.38	158.74
Scout/Explorer Section net cost	774.43	0.00
	<u>9759.56</u>	<u>4893.97</u>

SURPLUS (-DEFICIT) FOR YEAR

-4731.04 1417.57

DISTRICT LEVY

Received from Groups	<u>38836.00</u>	<u>35956.50</u>
Remitted to County	36458.5	34581.00
Allocated to Jamboree Account	1027.00	
	<u>37485.50</u>	<u>34581.00</u>
DISTRICT LEVY FOR YEAR	<u>1350.50</u>	<u>1375.50</u>

JAMBOREE ACCOUNT

INCOME		
District Levy 2017	0	502.50
District Levy 2018	1027.00	
	<u>1027.00</u>	<u>502.50</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Donations	280.00	1000.00
	<u>280.00</u>	<u>1000.00</u>
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	<u>£ 747.00</u>	<u>-£ 497.50</u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2018

BLACKTOFT BEACON BADGE ACCOUNT

	2018 £	2017 £
Sale of Badges	4124.79	4971.16
Cost of sales	4057.40	3838.40
Gross profit (-loss)	67.39	1132.76
Postage	79.50	107.78
Flags	363.50	0.00
Stationery	18.70	19.15
	461.70	126.93
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	-£394.31	£1,005.83

ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT

Interest Received	0.14	0.16
Donation	100.00	0.00
	100.14	0.16
Donation	125.00	0.00
SURPLUS (-Deficit) FOR YEAR	-£24.86	£0.16

TABLERS WOOD

INCOME		
Lettings	4028.50	4681.15
Donations	1000.00	450.00
Insurance Settlement	1440.55	0.00
Loan from Blacktoft Beacon	1486.89	0.00
	7955.94	5131.15
EXPENDITURE		
Site Expenses		
Sewerage	710.00	150.00
Water Rates	312.00	252.00
Electricity	948.25	330.77
Site Insurance	405.10	389.49
Repairs Renewals	519.53	1793.61
Insurance Works	1540.55	0.00
Sundries	50.22	0.00
Grass Cutting	1560.00	1560.00
	6045.65	4475.87
Equipment	0.00	489.99
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6045.65	4965.86
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	1910.29	£ 165.29

ITS ACCOUNT

INCOME	
Income	454.66
EXPENDITURE	
Sundry Expenses	0.01
Consumables	236.82
	236.83
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	217.83

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2018

	2018 £	2017 £
SKIDBY ACCOUNT		
INCOME		
Capitation	0.00	118.75
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>118.75</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Room Hire	690.00	1080.00
	<u>690.00</u>	<u>1080.00</u>
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	<u><u>-£ 690.00</u></u>	<u><u>-£ 961.25</u></u>
FELLS ACCOUNT		
INCOME		
Fells	2409.26	2059.00
Wolds	2625.00	325.00
Money to Refund	8.00	0.00
Contributions to 1 st Aid Training	400.00	0.00
	<u>5442.26</u>	<u>2384.00</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Fells		
Centre Hire	550.00	1274.00
Overnight Site	200.00	327.00
Food	443.99	408.45
Mini Bus	591.51	200.00
Stationery	118.64	58.45
Trophies	127.04	0.00
Portaloos	120.00	0.00
1 st Aid Training	750.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	375.00
Equipment	107.98	332.76
Badges	462.00	194.00
	<u>3471.16</u>	<u>3169.66</u>
Wolds		
Hall Hire	150.00	161.00
Badges	580.80	0.00
Food	242.78	0.00
Transport	631.26	0.00
Stationery	103.94	53.17
	<u>1708.78</u>	<u>214.17</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u><u>5179.94</u></u>	<u><u>3383.83</u></u>
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	<u><u>£ 262.32</u></u>	<u><u>-£ 999.83</u></u>

Useful Contacts

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Information about District events, training courses, meetings and anything else you could think of, is put on our website and distributed via the newsletters. Please ensure you are signed up to receive them or you could be missing out on vital information!

Badges are also sold through the website at competitive prices, with all profits going to support Scouting in Blacktoft Beacon.



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