

Annual Report

and Accounts 2018-19



Scouts
Blacktoft Beacon

Welcome from the Chair

Since the last Blacktoft Beacon District Annual General Meeting, the district has continued to work through changes to the Scout organisation. The groups within the district are providing events, challenges and activities that are providing genuine 'Skills for life'. Based upon the number of members, the fun, challenge and the adventure on offer, Scouting is clearly enticing and exciting to young people in our region.

The District is also inspiring our members to spread their wings to find adventure further afield with many young people heading to activities, Jamborees and events around the world. This is great to see and something that the district team has always encouraged.

There continues to be a strong schedule of varied Blacktoft Beacon events throughout the year. These are typically well attended and provide a great opportunity for groups to come together. The St George's Day event at Beverley Racecourse has become a regular fixture in the calendar that brings the fellowship together.

Maintaining the District Campsite at Tablers Wood seems to deliver an almost unending number of challenges, however our volunteers have continued to make the site safer, easier to maintain and attractive to use. A big thank you to the small team that manage and maintain Tablers Wood and to those that have helped through the year.

The level of commitment from Linda and Rachael in leading our District remains both astounding and inspirational. Coupled with the dedication of the wider Executive and Scout Group leader and volunteer teams, our district continues its positive journey.

Scott Millard

District Chairman

Blacktoft Beacon Scouts



District Growth

2019 Census Figures

Name	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	Young People	Network	Total Adults	Total
Blacktoft Beacon	-	-	-	88	88	28	94	182
Anlaby (St Mark's)	11	12	9	-	32	-	11	43
Cottingham	29	35	20	-	84	-	14	98
Elloughton-Cum-Brough	24	22	30	-	76	-	18	94
Ferriby and Swanland	42	28	15	-	85	-	23	108
Gilberdyke (St Stephen's)	19	21	15	-	55	-	20	75
1st Goole	25	27	12	-	64	-	28	92
Hessle	22	50	48	-	120	-	42	162
1st Hook	9	17	10	-	36	-	10	46
1st Howden - St Peter's	17	29	22	-	68	-	11	79
2nd Kirkella (St Andrews)	24	51	12	-	87	-	23	110
1st Snaith	30	41	26	-	97	-	23	120
South Cave	9	22	15	-	46	-	14	60
Willerby	21	24	21	-	66	-	15	81
Totals	282	379	255	88	1004	28	346	1350
Change from 2018	-1	+13	-33	-2	-23	-25	-17	-40
% change from 2018	-0%	+4%	-11%	-2%	-2%	-47%	-5%	-3%
Change from 2014	+28	-12	+12	+21	+49	+25	+148	+197
% change from 2014	+11%	-3%	+5%	+31%	+5%	+833%	+75%	+17%

2019 Trends

It's fantastic to see another year of growth for 6 Groups within the District!

All our Groups have Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, with some even having multiple Colonies, Packs and Troops.

Our Explorer and Adult volunteer numbers continue to be high too.

Over the past 5 years as a whole District we have grown by 17% which is brilliant!

Looking Forward...

We can see this year that our Scout Sections have seen the biggest loss in numbers. This is in line with the National trend and we look forward to seeing the products of some pieces of work they have been doing to understand why this is.

We want to ensure our Scouts have the opportunity to take part in a variety of exciting District events and have some in the planning stages already, so watch this space!

Roll of Honour



Gallantry Silver Cross

The Silver Cross is awarded for gallantry in circumstances of considerable risk.

Neil Counter
ABSL
Elloughton-cum-Brough

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



Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Lucy Carne
DYLL
Blacktoft Beacon

Neal Ingram
SAS Manager
Fells Marathon SASU

Wendy Macadam
BSL & LTM
Hessle & Blacktoft Beacon

Scott Millard
District Chair
Blacktoft Beacon



District Achievements

A busy year for Blacktoft Beacon District, with us attending many National, County, District and Group events. Our census return for the past year shows a small decrease in overall membership numbers. We are looking at the figures and identifying ways to address the situation. The Scout section shows the greatest loss and we wonder if a District Scout 'section only' event, over the next year, may make them feel supported. The idea is to run a weekend camp at a Scout water centre and invite the troops to attend and cater for themselves whilst enjoying a pre-arranged programme of water activities. Please canvas your Scouts and let us know if this is something they would like and if they have any other suggestions for things they would like to include in their programme? Working with our colleagues in the Regional Service Team, our development plan launches in September with us running taster evening within Elloughton-cum-Brough Group and Ferriby & Swanland (Beech Tree) Group to start with. We will be using a tried and tested method over a four-week period where young people and parents are invited to attend and stay for the evening's activities. At the end of the four weeks the section will only open fully if there are enough adults to help.

Deputy DC Rachael Macadam and I have once again spent the year 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 seen them implemented. Our DESC Shaun Wilson and DYLL Lucy Carne have held regular meetings with Explorer Scout Leaders and both District Explorer Scouting and Young Leader training continues to be successful locally (see Shaun's report for full details). Our Network has been quiet with no one driving this section forward. We did hold a successful gathering at Raywell one evening in January, when some of Hull University SSAGO also joined in. However, since this very few Network only events have taken place.

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: Top Award celebration hosted by William's Den in July, JOTI / JOTA Day in October, 3 training weekends for our Humber Lumberjacks white water rafting expedition to Canada, Explorers, Network and leaders representing us at the Beverley Remembrance service and parade in November, Wolds Challenge in March, Beaver sleepovers at the Deep in April, the Activity Day and St Georges celebration service in April, Cub and Scout Camp craft competition in May with the Explorer Scouts joining us for the weekend completing team building activities as well as some training on holding nights away passports, Young Leader training throughout the year, Cub sleepovers at

William's Den in June and Beaver day out to Yorkshire Wildlife Park in June. Groups within the District have also supported many County and nationally run activities such as County Scout camp, County Beaver Fun Day, National Scout Winter Camp and Explorer Gilwell 24.

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.

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. The grant which we secured last year for hedging, fencing and new gates (to make our boundary as secure as possible) has been, in part, used (with the work ongoing). In 2019 we have been fortunate to secure a TK Maxx and Homesense Environmental Grant which again we are using to improve the site and make it more environmentally friendly. All the buildings need a lick of paint and along with our desire to develop the old brick toilet block into an activity room, we put out a further plea for 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 & Gold Chief Scout Awards, Platinum and Diamond awards, Wood Badges and DofE awards being achieved and presented locally. This year we are also very proud of Neil Counter, Beaver Scout Leader from Elloughton Cum Brough, who was presented with The Scout Association Silver Cross for his act of bravery. Well done to everyone.

Blacktoft Beacon has a website, newsletter, Facebook & 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 line with The Scout Association 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 by making sure they turn up at the correct time and in the correct place and lastly to all our leaders and adult helpers; without you none of the above would happen.

Linda Thelwell
District Commissioner



District Explorers

The Explorer section has remained stable over the last year; we have 88 Explorers in Blacktoft Beacon across 8 groups. This last year groups have continued to provide varied, exciting and well balanced programmes. Explorers entered the Wolds competition, with the Fells competition being cancelled due to bad weather. Several Explorer Units continued to participate in the Winter on the Hills skills training, DofE, First Aid Training and Young Leader training.

Once again our Explorer Groups have spent many nights away, with their units, Groups, the District and on County events. Last summer 3 mini buses full of Explorers from 6 Units attended Gilwell 24, taking part in many activities across 24 hours at the home of Scouting. This included many of them cheering on England. Explorers attended the Camp Craft weekend, taking part in team building exercises with Steve from the RAF and learning how to use the Event Passport expanding their Scouting horizons.

Many Explorers have been involved in community activities, fundraising and sponsored events; including cycle rides, sky dive, supporting local charities and packing bags at supermarkets across the District! Explorers attended church parades several times a year and especially to pay their respects on the special Remembrance Sunday, to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1, at Beverley Minster, local churches and memorials.

District Explorer Scout Leaders hold regular, termly meetings to share information. We continue to arrange a variety of District events. Some Explorers enjoyed a movie marathon and social night.

The number of Young leaders has remained steady, with more of them attending the County training weekends. Several have written up their Missions, obtaining their buckle after completing their Young Leader Training, a couple have become adult leaders since leaving Explorers.

Looking forward to the next Scouting year, this summer Explorers are off to the World Scout Jamboree in the USA, Explorer Belt Expedition to Canada and other international camps and experiences. Many others will be attending camps in their units and groups. Hopefully some will attend the County Explorer camp again this year.

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

[Shaun Wilson](#)

[District Explorer Scout Commissioner](#)

[Lucy Carne](#)

[District Young Leader Leader](#)

District Trustees

Ex Officio:

Linda Thelwell (DC)
Scott Millard (Chairman)
Steve Howarth (Secretary)
John Jobling (Treasurer)
Shaun Wilson (DESC)

Co-opted Members:

Joy Milestone
Josh Railton
Frank Cook
Wendy Macadam
A Tablers Wood Committee
Member

Elected Members:

Jo Cook
Pam Bell
Barbara Simpson
Audrey Harris
Freddy Preston

Vice-Presidents:

Andy Eavis
Christian Carver

Nominated Members:

Kelvin Breen
Paul Daniel
Rachael Macadam
Michelle Nobbs
Neil Begbie

Independent Examiner:

Alastair Connell
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Anlaby
East Yorkshire
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HSBC Bank PLC
Hessle Merit House
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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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District Chairman • The District Commissioner • The District Secretary • The District Treasurer • The District Explorer Scout Commissioner • The District Youth Commissioner • The District Scout Network Commissioner 	<p>5 persons elected at the District Annual General Meeting</p>
Nominated Members	Co-opts
<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.



Blacktoft Beacon District Scout Council

Financial Review


for the year ended 31st March 2019

BLACKTOFT BEACON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2019

	2019	2018
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock of badges	2,560.55	2,555.25
Building Society Investment	136.00	136.00
Cash at bank and in hand	62,632.25	40,096.99
	<u>65,328.80</u>	<u>42,788.24</u>
GENERAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT		
Balance brought forward	15,108.71	19,839.75
Surplus(-deficit) for year	833.97 -	4,731.04
	<u>15,942.68</u>	<u>15,108.71</u>
JAMBOREE FUND		
Balance brought forward	4,980.08	4,233.08
Surplus(-deficit) for year	24,397.24	747.00
	<u>29,377.32</u>	<u>4,980.08</u>
SCOUT BADGE FUND		
Balance brought forward	6,539.82	6,934.13
Surplus(-deficit) for year	- 505.57 -	394.31
	<u>6,034.25</u>	<u>6,539.82</u>
ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT		
Balance brought forward	280.91	305.77
Surplus(-deficit) for year	110.38 -	24.86
	<u>391.29</u>	<u>280.91</u>
TABLERS WOOD		
Balance brought forward	6,387.29	4,477.00
Surplus(-deficit) for year	- 1,357.68	1,910.29
	<u>5,029.61</u>	<u>6,387.29</u>
ITS ACCOUNT		
Balance brought forward	217.83	
Surplus(-deficit) for year	1,567.03	217.83
	<u>1,804.86</u>	<u>217.83</u>
SKIDBY ACCOUNT		
Balance brought forward	6,685.18	7,375.18
Surplus(-deficit) for year	- 1,272.52 -	690.00
	<u>5,412.66</u>	<u>6,685.18</u>
FELLS ACCOUNT		
Balance brought forward	2,588.42	2,326.10
Surplus(-deficit) for year	- 1,252.29	262.32
	<u>1,336.13</u>	<u>2,588.42</u>
	<u>65,328.80</u>	<u>42,788.24</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.

BLACKTOFT BEACON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2019

GENERAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT

INCOME	2019	2018
	£	£
District levy	1,506.00	1,350.50
Building society dividend	33.57	54.80
Refund of capitation (County)	1,027.00	972.00
Willerby Group Loan Repayment	-	-
District Branded Clothing	30.00	1,123.00
Bank Interest	43.15	38.17
St Georges Day	2,545.00	1,490.05
Tablers Wood Insurance Settlement	1,486.89	-
Grant ERYC Tablers Wood	2,215.00	-
Yorkshire Bank (St Georges Day)	500.00	-
	<u>9,386.81</u>	<u>5,028.52</u>

EXPENDITURE

Mileage	98.00	80.10
Insurance	195.22	203.28
Postage	130.36	131.46
Stationery	838.49	129.01
AGM Expenses	334.09	117.00
St Georges Day Expenses	4,349.44	1,933.27
Friendship Challenge	50.00	-
Training	-	200.00
Hall Hire	100.00	140.00
Equipment	527.80	1,551.48
Video Licence	333.88	324.14
Tablers Wood Usage	504.00	1,927.47
District Support to Goole	-	425.00
District Clothing	-	1,222.74
Sundry Expenses	83.39	57.80
Cub/Beaver Section net cost	282.48	542.38
Scout/Explorer Section net cost	725.49	774.43
	<u>8,552.84</u>	<u>9,759.56</u>

SURPLUS (-DEFICIT) FOR YEAR

833.97 - 4,731.04

DISTRICT LEVY

Received from Groups	<u>39,156.00</u>	<u>38,836.00</u>
Remitted to County	36,646.00	36,458.50
Allocated to Jamboree Account	1,004.00	1,027.00
	<u>37,650.00</u>	<u>37,485.50</u>
DISTRICT LEVY FOR YEAR	<u>1,506.00</u>	<u>1,350.50</u>

JAMBOREE ACCOUNT

INCOME		
District Levy 2018/2019	1,004.00	1,027.00
Other Income	0.34	-
Refund World Jamboree	224.73	-
Canada Jamboree	80,728.81	810.00
	<u>81,957.88</u>	<u>1,837.00</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Donations World Jamboree	1,000.00	1,000.00
Canada Jamboree	56,560.64	90.00
	<u>57,560.64</u>	<u>1,090.00</u>
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	<u>24,397.24</u>	<u>747.00</u>

BLACKTOFT BEACON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2019

BLACKTOFT BEACON BADGE ACCOUNT

	2019	2018
	£	£
Sale of Badges	<u>3,623.53</u>	<u>4,124.79</u>
Cost of sales	<u>3,995.98</u>	<u>4,057.40</u>
Gross profit (-loss)	-	<u>67.39</u>
Postage	95.02	79.50
Flags	-	363.50
Stationery	<u>36.10</u>	<u>16.70</u>
	133.12	461.70
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	- 505.57	- 394.31

ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT

Interest Received	0.38	0.14
Donation	<u>110.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	110.38	100.14
Donation	-	125.00
SURPLUS (-Deficit) FOR YEAR	110.38	- 24.86

TABLERS WOOD

INCOME		
Lettings	3,772.40	4,026.50
Donations	-	1,000.00
Insurance Settlement	-	1,440.55
Loan from Blacktoft Beacon	-	1,486.89
	<u>3,772.40</u>	<u>7,955.94</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Site Expenses		
Sewerage	150.00	710.00
Water Rates	319.50	312.00
Electricity	715.23	948.25
Color gas	60.80	-
Site Insurance	413.02	405.10
Repairs Renewals	984.64	519.53
Insurance Works	-	1,540.55
Repayment of loan to Blacktoft Beacon for insurance	1,486.89	-
Sundries	-	50.22
Grass Cutting	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,560.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,130.08	6,045.65
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	- 1,357.68	1,910.29

ITS ACCOUNT

INCOME		
Donations	2,748.63	454.66
JOTI	<u>125.00</u>	<u>-</u>
	2,873.63	454.66
EXPENDITURE		
Sundry Expenses	39.92	0.01
Consumables	1,179.82	236.82
JOTI	20.70	-
Donation St Georges Day	<u>46.16</u>	<u>-</u>
	1,286.60	236.83
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	1,587.03	217.83

BLACKTOFT BEACON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2019

	2019	2018
	£	£
SKIDBY ACCOUNT		
INCOME		
EXPENDITURE		
Room Hire	1,260.00	690.00
Badges	12.52	-
	<u>1,272.52</u>	<u>690.00</u>
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	<u>- 1,272.52</u>	<u>- 690.00</u>
FELLS ACCOUNT		
INCOME		
Fells	145.00	2,409.26
Wolds	1,447.00	2,625.00
Money to Refund	-	8.00
Contributions to 1 st Aid Training	-	400.00
	<u>1,592.00</u>	<u>5,442.26</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Fells		
Centre Hire	800.00	550.00
Overnight Site	-	200.00
Food	-	443.99
Mini Bus	-	591.51
Stationery	47.00	118.64
Trophies	-	127.04
Portaloos	276.00	120.00
1 st Aid Training	-	750.00
Donations	200.00	-
Equipment	-	107.98
Badges	-	462.00
	<u>1,323.00</u>	<u>3,471.16</u>
Wolds		
Hall Hire	300.00	150.00
Badges	327.00	580.80
Food	83.72	242.78
Transport	410.77	631.26
Donations	350.00	-
Stationery	49.80	103.94
	<u>1,521.29</u>	<u>1,708.76</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>2,844.29</u>	<u>5,179.94</u>
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	<u>- 1,252.29</u>	<u>262.32</u>



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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.

