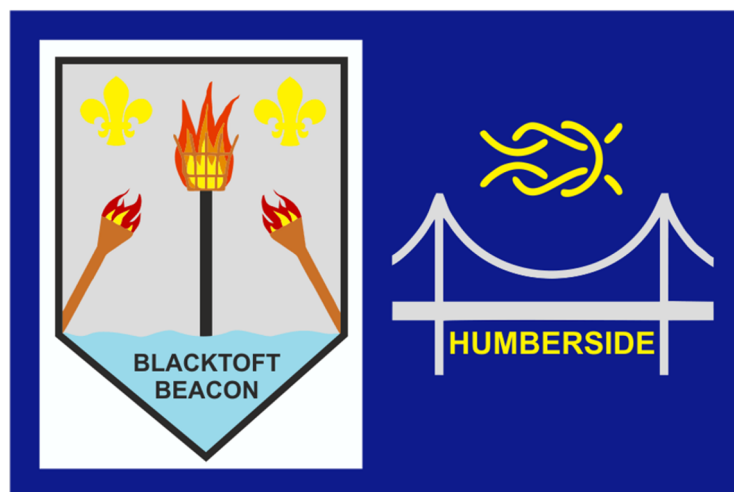


# THIS IS WHAT TEAMWORK LOOKS LIKE...

Blacktoft Beacon District Scout Council Annual Report  
for 15th July 2016 to 13th July 2017 and Financial  
Review for the period ending 31st March 2017.



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**"Two things matter in life: following your dreams and looking after your friends. This is what I love about Scouting. It's about doing great things, loving and enjoying the great adventures and helping others to do the same.'  
*Bear Grylls - Chief Scout***



# WELCOME

## A word from the District Chairman, Scott Millard

Wow! This report celebrates five years since Blacktoft Beacon Scout District was born. Where did the time go? This is a time for us to reflect on what has been achieved so far and to look forward to the next chapter in this Districts history.

How many thousand individual Beaver, Cub, Scout, Explorer & Network meetings have taken place in these five years? How many amazing experiences have been had by our young people and the Leaders and volunteers in Blacktoft Beacon District? How many friends have been made and lives changed through the Scouting fellowship in our area? Based upon my experiences in Scouting, the answers to these questions will be too many to calculate, but just considering this positive impact on our community is heartwarming.

Since the birth of the District it has grown and developed through the hard work of Linda, our Leaders and volunteers. We have established fantastic annual District events, created a District Website which is a benchmark for others, and our District Campsite has continued to develop through a dedicated team of volunteers.

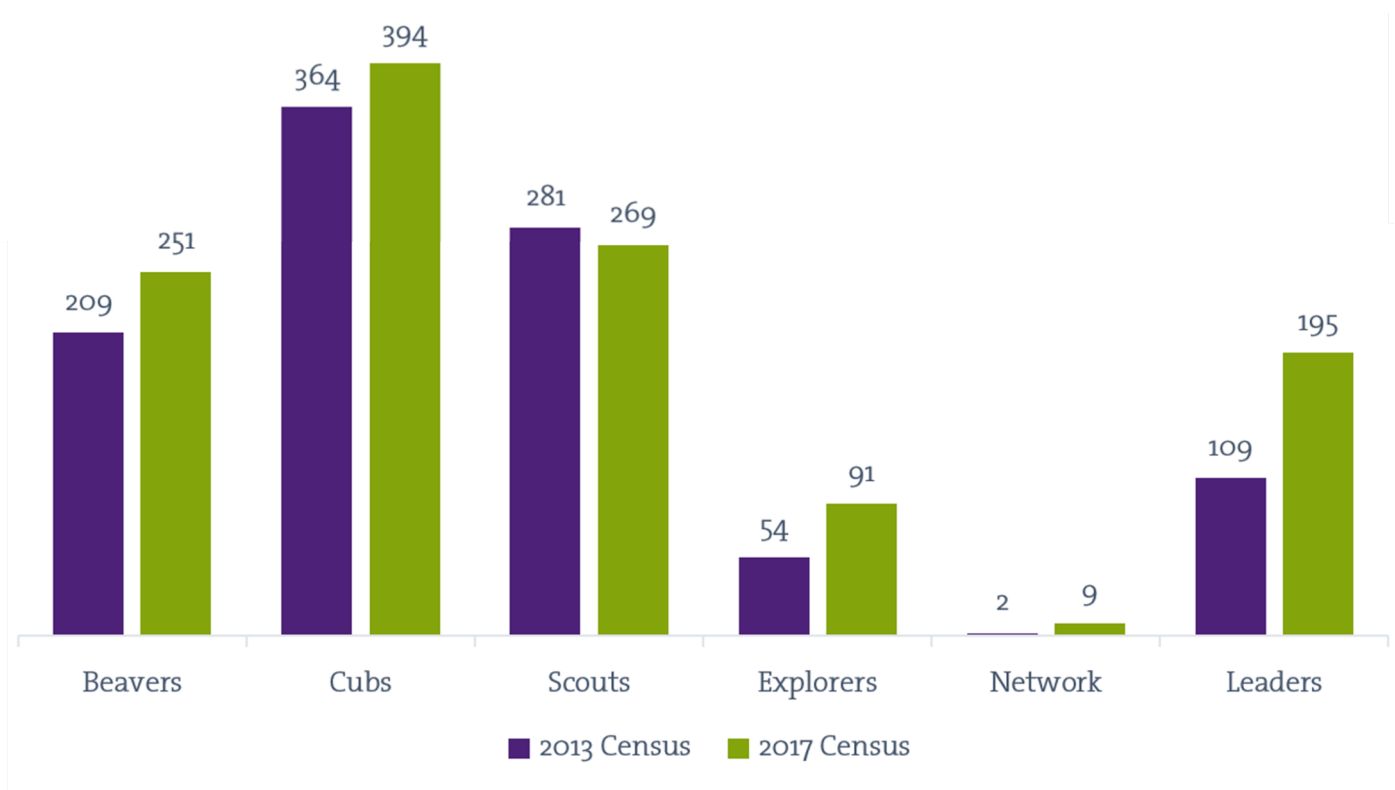
In a world where we see so many awful acts and negative messages, it is great to see the positive images and articles within this District report. My thanks to all of the Blacktoft Beacon team for your continued hard work and dedication in creating something to be truly proud of.

# DISTRICT GROWTH

## 2017 Census Figures

Name	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	Network	Young People	Leaders	Total
Blacktoft Beacon				91	9	91	34	125
Anlaby (St Mark's)	11	20	13			44	8	52
Cottingham	26	48	22			96	12	108
Elloughton-Cum-Brough	24	27	33			84	17	101
Ferriby and Swanland	17	22	16			55	9	64
Gilberdyke (St Stephen's)	19	19	9			47	9	56
1st Goole	21	19	15			55	10	65
Hessle	19	49	43			111	22	133
1st Hook	16	9	9			34	5	39
1st Howden - St Peter's	12	27	17			56	8	64
2nd Kirkella (St Andrews)	27	72	21			120	20	140
1st Snaith	21	42	37			100	20	120
South Cave	19	23	17			59	12	71
Willerby	19	17	17			53	9	62

It is amazing to see another year of **growth for 6 Groups** within the District! The Explorer Section has seen another **increase of 13%** in the number of young people and our Network continues to gain members.



You can clearly see the growth of the District over the past 5 years, particularly in the Beaver, Cub and Explorer Sections. The number of Leaders has also greatly increased, allowing us to provide everyday adventure to more young people than ever.

# ROLL OF HONOUR

## Bar to the Silver Acorn

Jo Cook	Blacktoft Beacon Scout Active Support
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## Bar to the Award for Merit

John Jobling	District Treasurer
Barbara Simpson	GSL      Gilberdyke
Peter Lamb	GSL      Howden

## The Award for Merit

Joy Milestone	District Appointment Secretary
Charles Holmes	CSL      Snaith
Kim Granger	CSL      Cottingham
Kate Moverley	GSL      Cottingham
Alex MacLachlan	SL      Cottingham
Pete Colley	SL      Gilberdyke
Emma Taylor	GSL      South Cave
Laurie Cartledge	SL      South Cave
Andy Daddy	CSL      Kirk Ella
Chris Fenton	SL      Willerby

## Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Tom Turner	CSL      Howden
Phil Thornton	CSL      Goole
Chris Back	SL      Goole

## Commissioner's Commendation Award

Jayne Bell	Bookings Secretary - Tablers Wood
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# DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS

## Linda Thewell, District Commissioner

At the beginning of April 2017, Blacktoft Beacon celebrated its 5th birthday. During this period, we have worked hard to build and improve on our foundations and have seen many changes take place. As Baden Powell once said; "We are a movement and as a movement we can move forward or backward but we cannot stand still." How true this statement still is today. The District team has worked extremely hard over the past five years and will continue to work on moving Blacktoft Beacon District forward.

In the 2016 report, I set several goals for us to achieve over the coming year and as a team we have made amazing progress in all areas. I have introduced DC's Surgeries, the dates for which are advertised through our newsletters. These take place on a Saturday morning and move around the District. We can help process DBS applications, work through PLPs, in fact we are available to assist with anything that you require some help with. Our Deputy DC, Rachael Macadam, has held Sectional Leaders meetings for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts which have allowed Leaders to share good practice and continue their own on-going learning. Our DESC Shaun Wilson and DESL (YL) 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 locally - see Shaun's report for full details. Our DSNC Brad Cowley continues to motivate our Network. They assist at our District events, with many holding leader appointments and attending Section meetings. They also arrange their own programme of activities and in May they held a BBQ social evening inviting the older Explorer Scouts to join them. This has led to new members linking from Explorers to Network as they turn 18 and an overnight camp at Givendale has taken place for them to get to know each other better.

District events have proved to be a fantastic way of developing our Scouting friendship. These include: Cubs 100 party, St Georges Activity Day and celebration service, Cub and Scout Camp Craft, Young Leader training, Beaver sleepovers at the Deep, #Youshape month, Golden Fleece, Wolds Challenge and Fells Marathon. Groups within the District have also supported many County and Nationally run activities such as County Scout camp and Gilwell 24. The District Friendship award this year was presented to Ferriby and Swanland Group and, in particular, their Scout Troop as they targeted entering as many District, County and National events as they could. I have spoken with some of the Scouts involved and they all found it a very positive experience and they wish to continue.

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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 thriving, with every weekend during the summer months being booked. The management team have worked hard with general maintenance and are still looking for funding to develop the old brick toilet block into an activity room. Thanks to all those who have helped at working weekends. Please look out for future dates.

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 D of E awards being achieved and presented locally. 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.

On 1st June, Humberside County appointed a new County Commissioner in Gary McCune. Gary is now looking at the county development plan to make it fit for purpose and to take us beyond 2018. Rachael and I will support the County on this and align our District Development plan accordingly.

My final words in this year's report are firstly to our 6 to 25 year old members, to thank you for joining in and enjoying your Scouting, to parents who support them 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.

# DISTRICT EXPLORERS

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

The Explorer Section has continued to grow this year; we now have 91 Explorers in Blacktoft Beacon across 9 Groups. This last year each group provided a varied, exciting and well balanced programme. Explorers entered the Fells, Wolds and Apex Challenge competitions. Several Units participated in a social and information evening to find out more about District Explorer activities, D of E, Young Leaders and the launch of the District Explorer Facebook group. In February, Explorers took part in #YouShape Month.

Some Groups have adventured near and far this year; Explorers have been to Switzerland, Finland to attend Finjam, Gilwell 24, Scarefest, plus many other themed camps. Nearer to home activities include the Big Fun Invasion, bike rides, canoeing, climbing and many miles hiked, including the Beverley 20 and the Yorkshire 3 Peaks.

Many Explorers have been involved in community activities, helping local hospitals, church groups, charities and our own working weekends at Tablers Wood. Explorers attend church parades several times a year and especially to pay their respects on Remembrance Sunday at Beverley and Howden Minsters and local churches.

Explorer Scout Leaders are holding regular, termly meetings and sharing information. The number of Young leaders has also grown. The District is now responsible for delivering Module A training for Young Leaders. This year we have had 2 sessions with 16 Young Leaders completing this Module. Two Young Leaders have completed all their Modules after attending training at Raywell.

Looking ahead, we have 23 Young People attending Poacher from 5 different Units this summer which will be a fantastic experience for all.

# EXPLORERS

# BEYOND 2018

## Developing the next strategic plan

In April 2017, Commissioners and Line Managers were invited to attend Summit 17. This was a National conference to discuss the next strategic plan after 2018.

At the event, the following areas were proposed for the next strategic plan:

- Programme** A high quality, impactful programme consistently delivered, aided by simple (digital) tools.
- People** More, well trained, supported, motivated adult volunteers from different backgrounds to deliver Scouting.
- Perception** Scouting to be trusted, respected (reputation) and seen as playing an important role in the 21st Century (relevance) by more people (reach).

From consultation over the weekend, the following conclusions were made:

- Almost universal support for focusing our efforts on the three areas, with strong support for the existing four strategic objectives to continue.
- 'Skills for Life' was well supported as a public facing proposition.
- There was debate over whether Growth should continue to focus on creating new provisions, or if it should focus on the retention and support of existing provisions.
- There was significant focus on increasing the quality of section leaders via additional training.
- The presence of digital within the strategic plan was very well received and impacts on all we do.
- A lot of discussion focussed on the 6-25 Programme, including accessing it digitally, revamping Explorers and Network, increasing how Youth Shaped it is and gaining external recognition for the top awards.

Counties and Districts will also be involved in the consultation by taking part in their own Summit 17 style events in the Autumn, so watch this space to be involved!







# DISTRICT TRUSTEES

## Members of the District Executive Commitee

### Ex Officio:

Linda Thelwell (District Commissioner)  
Scott Millard (Chairman)  
Steve Howarth (Secretary)  
John Jobling (Treasurer)  
Bradley Cowley (District Scout Network Commissioner)  
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, David Broughton

### 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"><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>	5 persons elected at the District Annual General Meeting	<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 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

## BLACKTOFT BEACON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

### BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MARCH 2017


	2017 £	2016 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Stock of badges	3037.80	2489.50
Building Society Investment	136.00	136.00
Cash at bank and in hand	42317.21	42735.24
	<u>£45,491.01</u>	<u>£45,360.74</u>
<b>GENERAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT</b>		
Balance brought forward	18422.18	17093.17
Surplus(-deficit) for year	1417.57	1329.01
	<u>19839.75</u>	<u>18422.18</u>
<b>JAMBOREE FUND</b>		
Balance brought forward	4730.58	4620.58
Surplus(-deficit) for year	-497.50	110.00
	<u>4233.08</u>	<u>4730.58</u>
<b>SCOUT BADGE FUND</b>		
Balance brought forward	5928.30	5841.04
Surplus(-deficit) for year	1005.83	87.26
	<u>6934.13</u>	<u>5928.30</u>
<b>ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT</b>		
Balance brought forward	305.61	355.40
Surplus(-deficit) for year	0.16	-49.79
	<u>305.77</u>	<u>305.61</u>
<b>TABLERS WOOD</b>		
Balance brought forward	4311.71	4374.99
Surplus(-deficit) for year	165.29	-63.28
	<u>4477.00</u>	<u>4311.71</u>
<b>SKIDBY ACCOUNT</b>		
Balance brought forward	8336.43	10118.94
Surplus(-deficit) for year	-961.25	-1782.51
	<u>7375.18</u>	<u>8336.43</u>
<b>FELLS ACCOUNT</b>		
Balance brought forward	3325.93	4529.26
Surplus(-deficit) for year	-999.83	-1203.33
	<u>2326.10</u>	<u>3325.93</u>
	<u>£ 45,491.01</u>	<u>£ 45,360.74</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  
19/6/17

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

## BLACKTOFT BEACON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2017

#### GENERAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT

INCOME	2017 £	2016 £
District levy	1375.50	1042.30
Building society dividend	29.39	16.29
Refund of capitation (County)	1058.00	1157.00
Willerby Group Loan Repayment	1600.00	1600.00
Bank Interest	66.15	58.67
Cub/Beaver Section net income	0.00	100.43
Scout/Explorer Section net income	422.00	0.00
St Georges Day	1760.50	823.50
	<u>6311.54</u>	<u>4798.19</u>
EXPENDITURE		
County Capitation	0.00	0.00
Mileage	121.70	20.15
Insurance	41.25	41.06
Postage	235.64	111.20
Stationery	305.78	103.24
AGM Expenses	160.70	208.56
St Georges Day Expenses	1970.30	1785.59
Friendship Challenge	50.00	50.00
Training	300.00	58.15
Hall Hire	160.00	200.00
Equipment	533.99	358.97
Video Licence	314.71	305.54
Tablers Wood Usage	30.00	0.00
District Support to Goole	326.65	0.00
Sundry Expenses	184.51	73.50
Cub/Beaver Section net cost	158.74	0.00
Scout Section net cost	0.00	153.22
	<u>4893.97</u>	<u>3469.18</u>
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	<u>1417.57</u>	<u>£ 1,329.01</u>

#### DISTRICT LEVY

Received from Groups	35956.50	38124.30
Remitted to County	34581.00	35972.00
Allocated to Jamboree Account		1110.00
	<u>34581.00</u>	<u>37082.00</u>
DISTRICT LEVY FOR YEAR	<u>1375.50</u>	<u>1042.30</u>

#### JAMBOREE ACCOUNT

INCOME		
District levy 2015		581.00
District levy 2016		529.00
District Levy 2017	502.50	
	<u>502.50</u>	<u>1110.00</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Donations	1000.00	1000.00
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	<u>-£ 497.50</u>	<u>£ 110.00</u>

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

## BLACKTOFT BEACON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2017

#### BLACKTOFT BEACON BADGE ACCOUNT

	2017 £	2016 £
Sale of Badges	4971.16	4843.54
Cost of sales	3838.40	4679.89
Gross profit (-loss)	1132.76	163.65
Postage	107.78	59.40
Stationery	19.15	16.99
	126.93	76.39
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	£1,005.83	£87.26

#### ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT

Interest Received	0.16	0.21
Social Evening	0.00	0.00
Donation	0.00	50.00
SURPLUS (-Deficit) FOR YEAR	£0.16	-£49.79

#### TABLERS WOOD

INCOME		
Lettings	4681.15	4347.80
Donations	450.00	0.00
	5131.15	4347.80
EXPENDITURE		
Site Expenses		
Sewerage	150.00	1320.00
Water Rates	252.00	380.00
Electricity	330.77	760.03
Site Insurance	389.49	370.06
Repairs Renewals	1793.61	1498.35
Sundries		82.64
Grass Cutting	1560.00	0.00
	4475.87	4411.08
Equipment	489.99	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4965.86	4411.08
SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)	£ 165.29	-£ 63.28

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

## BLACKTOFT BEACON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2017

	2017 £	2016 £
<b>SKIDBY ACCOUNT</b>		
<b>INCOME</b>		
Capitation	118.75	0.00
	<u>118.75</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Printing & Stationery		78.26
Uniform		80.10
Furniture & Fittings		485.00
Capitation		619.15
Beaver Set-up Costs		100.00
Room Hire	1080.00	420.00
	<u>1080.00</u>	<u>1782.51</u>
<b>SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)</b>	<u><u>-£ 961.25</u></u>	<u><u>-£1,782.51</u></u>

<b>FELLS ACCOUNT</b>		
<b>INCOME</b>		
Fells	2059.00	1916.31
Wolds	325.00	1532.00
	<u>2384.00</u>	<u>3448.31</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Fells		
Centre Hire	1274.00	800.00
Overnight Site	327.00	350.00
Food	408.45	327.47
Mini Bus	200.00	220.34
Stationery	58.45	188.60
Commemoration Buffs	0.00	1409.23
Website	0.00	83.72
Donations	375.00	600.00
Equipment	332.76	244.97
Badges	194.00	0.00
	<u>3169.66</u>	<u>4224.33</u>
Wolds		
Hall Hire	161.00	20.00
Badges	0.00	240.96
Food	0.00	121.25
Equipment	0.00	45.10
Stationery	53.17	
	<u>214.17</u>	<u>427.31</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>3383.83</u>	<u>4651.64</u>
<b>SURPLUS (-DEFICIT)</b>	<u><u>-£ 999.83</u></u>	<u><u>-£1,203.33</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.



Thank you to all the young  
people and leaders who have  
made this year another fantastic  
one for Blacktoft Beacon!



**Blacktoft Beacon  
District**