

Annual Report

and Accounts 2022-23



Scouts

Blacktoft Beacon

Welcome from the Chair

The past year has presented both challenges and positives across the Blacktoft Beacon District. It has been good to see a year of typical Scouting activities and events, after so much change and disruption brought on by the pandemic.

The District has maintained its numbers and grown in some sections. It is great to see 4 Squirrel Dreys now active in Blacktoft Beacon, introducing an even younger generation into the organisation.

We are lucky to have a fantastic group of creative and hard working leaders within the District. We do have some leadership and governance gaps to fill, both in the District Team and at Group levels. At the moment, we have young people wanting to join us but in some locations are significantly restricted by leader numbers to enable this growth. We are working to find new leaders and adult supporters across our region.

There have been some great events taking place over the past 12 months, at District, Group and Section levels. You will see some of these reflected in the pictures in this report. The pictures of this years St. Georges Day event at Beverley Racecourse probably don't show just how hard everybody worked together to make this an enjoyable day despite the unrelenting rain. The fact that we were able to conduct a service at all is testament to the tenacity and flexibility of everyone involved.

My thanks to everyone that contributes to make Blacktoft Beacon District a great fellowship for our members to learn, have fun and shine.

Scott Millard
District Chairman
Blacktoft Beacon Scouts



District Growth

2023 Census Figures

Name	Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	Young People	Network	Total Adults	Total
Blacktoft Beacon	-	-	-	-	76	76	13	12	101
Anlaby (St Mark's)	-	12	11	20	-	43	-	10	53
Cottingham	-	18	27	20	-	65	-	10	75
Elloughton-Cum-Brough	21	29	35	47	-	132	-	26	158
Ferriby and Swanland	-	17	20	10	-	47	-	10	57
Gilberdyke (St Stephen's)	10	18	22	12	-	62	-	14	76
1st Goole	9	15	22	11	-	57	-	7	64
Hessle	-	24	45	40	-	109	-	27	136
1st Hook	-	3	5	9	-	17	-	4	21
1st Howden - St Peter's	14	22	26	20	-	82	-	6	88
2nd Kirkella (St Andrews)	-	13	37	29	-	79	-	18	97
1st Snaith	-	24	44	30	-	98	-	15	113
South Cave	-	18	22	21	-	61	-	16	77
Willerby	-	17	28	25	-	70	-	14	84
Totals	54	230	344	294	76	998	32	189	1200

2023 Trends

It's fantastic to see the continue to bounce back after the COVID-19 pandemic, with many groups returning to their pre-pandemic levels.

We have seen the opening of an additional 3 Squirrel Dreys alongside 2 Explorer Scout units too.

Membership numbers continue to grow, with many groups continuing to recruit new volunteers and young people since the census.

Looking Forward...

2024 is a big year of change with The Scouts rolling out the volunteer transformation program that will transform the way we volunteer.

We will continue to offer the fantastic programme that provide young people with #SkillsForlife.

Roll of Honour



Silver Wolf

Jo Cook

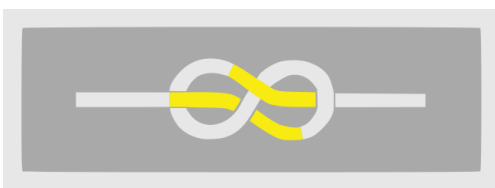


The Award for Merit

Chris Back

Adam Stephenson

Tom Turner



Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Lizette Boyle

Paul Cairns

Scott Daddy

Amy Fairclough

Jeff Luxford

Patti Pittock

Graeme Redman

Paula Reed

Neville Reed

Mark Rothery

**Paul Stephenson
Martin Sykes
Rachael Turner
Rhian Unwin
Andy Wales
Simon Winter**



Commissioner's Commendation

**Beth Bridgwater
Darren Burgess
Tom Harrison
Denise Suggitt
Louise Stayner
Richard Whomsley**

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

District Achievements

By way of introduction, for those who don't know me I'm Alan Hayward and I was asked to take on the role of Acting District Commissioner for Blacktoft Beacon earlier this year when Linda's tenure of the post came to an end under Scout Association rules.

Linda did a great job in her 10 plus years beginning with the amalgamation and moving the District steadily forward and she continues to be a key member of the District's management team, for which I thank her and to Scott, John J and the Trustee Board for their diligent governance

But my tenure is only a temporary, short term, appointment to ensure that the 13 Groups in the District are supported as they work to ensure that all sections have a great, varied and safe programme of activities.

I've met many highly competent, experienced adults, who are committed to their Groups and sections and to an exciting and varied programme of events. So I would urge members to again seriously think about whether they would wish to be considered as Lead Volunteer either individually or as part of a team.

District numbers are good and stand at 988 young people an increase of 7.5% on 2022 including 82 squirrels and 263 adults. Well done to the squirrel leaders for accurately counting them as when I see Squirrels they never stand still long enough to count them.

I am slowly getting around Groups to meet folk and I'll attend your Group AGM's if I can, otherwise I'll ask members of the District team to attend in my place. So I would ask that you let me know when it is.

The team has been strengthened by the appointment of Josh Morablanco as District Explorer Scout Commissioner and Charlotte Rymer as District Young Leader Leader.

Blacktoft is in a very good place managerially as all Groups have a GSL in place, either appointed or in process and the AAC works well under the stewardship of Colin Fitch.

My priorities for the year ahead are.

Safety.

Ratios.

Permits.

Compliance.

Its great to see the adults recognised for their service and I know that there were many adults given their awards at the last St Georges Day in Beverley.

Service awards continue to be issued and there are awards for leaders in

Elloughton Cum Borugh, Hessle, Gilberdyke, South Cave, Snaith & Kirkella at our AGM. My con gratulations to all recipients

There is one award that I would like to present, however.

It's a truly remarkable feat of dedication and commitment over many, many years. So it gives me immense pleasure to award Jean Butler with her 50 year service award. Many congratulations to Jean.

Alan Hayward
Acting District Commissioner



District Explorers

It has been all change within the Blacktoft Beacon Explorer Scout team with Shaun Wilson stepping down as District Explorer Scout Commissioner last Summer and Lucy Carne moved on from her role as District Young Leader Leader in March. I feel its only right to recognise service and commitment they have given in their roles and the positive inspiration they have had on our Explorers.

On that note we have seen even more young people complete their Young Leader training, with plenty of young people taking their module A training as they begin the scheme and number completing their missions to earn the Young Leader Belt. It has been inspiring to see so many of our Young Leaders take on adult volunteer roles within their groups as they turned 18.

Over the past year I am pleased to report that we have opened two new units as we expand continue to expand our membership. Bears Explorer Scout Unit opened in partnership with South Cave and meet every other Sunday around the district with the intention of providing an opportunity for those who can't make evening meetings or, in some cases, when the young people want to get more involved and attend multiple sections. Otters Explorer Scout Unit opened in Anlaby and provides an opportunity for their growing number of Young Leaders and older Scouts to meet and work towards their top awards whilst continuing to learn skills for life.

Top awards are a great way to demonstrate the commitment, skills and challenge Explorers face, and I'm so proud to see more sections than ever working towards both Platinum & Diamond Awards. And we saw a number of Explorers earn their Chief Scout Diamond in the past 12 months. This has also prompted many Explorers to work towards their Duke of Edinburgh awards, and we're even seeing some of our amazing adult leadership working towards earning their DofE Assessor qualifications to accommodate this.

Last Summer 26 Explorers from Blacktoft Beacon alongside Pocklington District made their way down to Lincoln Showground for Poacher '22, a whole week full of fun and activities, making new friends with Scouts within the District, County, UK and the World.

Since then, we have seen each section take part in lots of fun and adventurous activities including a number of nights and hikes away, time on water and learning new skills; alongside this they have served the community and developed themselves. We had a number of teams take part in both the Fells Marathon and Wolds Challenge, congratulations to all the Explorer teams that took part.

It has also been great to see our sections come together, sharing their program and taking part in joint activities. Whether this be having playing at Big Fun or working at Tablers Wood, bringing our section

together and building the young people's network of friends remains a priority for the new District Explorer team.

Our membership continues to grow year on year as we are almost back to pre-pandemic levels which is testament to the amazing programme our section leaders make happen. And with the addition of our two new units I don't think it will be long before we will surpass the 100 figure!

Looking forward to the next year, we begin with attending the Explorer Festival at Tablers Wood in August, this will be followed by visits and joint events in the Autumn months. Activities will be planned for next Spring and Summer by the Explorers as we continue to build Youth Shaped Scouting into the programme at

all levels. Our objectives as a district is to enable the members to grow and develop and facilitate opportunities for plenty of joint activities, camps and events.

Finally, I want to end my update to pay tribute to the hard work, dedication and passion of the Explorer Leaders. I have enjoyed the past three months getting out visiting the sections and seeing the support and fun they offer to our Young People – the Young People I have met and spoken to cannot speak highly enough of the positive influence you have had on them. This is what helps them build friendships and tackle the obstacles of life. So, Thank You!

Josh Morablanco

District Explorer Scout Commissioner



District Trustees

Ex Officio:

Alan Hayward (Acting DC)

Scott Millard (Chairman)

Jayne Bell (Secretary)

John Jobling (Treasurer)

Shaun Wilson (DESC)
since March 2023 Josh Morablanco

Rory Kershaw (DYC)

Elected Members:

Jo Cook

Pam Bell

Barbara Simpson

Wendy Macadam

Colin Fitch

Nominated Members:

Rachael Macadam

Paul Daniel

Neil Begbie

Lucy Carne

Liz Fraser

Co-opted Members:

Shaun Wilson
from Sep 2022

Joy Milestone

Frank Cook

Michelle Nobbs

Vice-Presidents:

Andy Eavis

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
<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	5 persons elected at the District Annual General Meeting
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
- 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 Leaders, 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

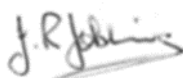
Financial Review

for the year ended 31st March 2023

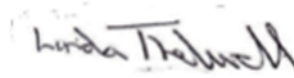
BLACKTOFT BEACON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MARCH 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank and in hand	46,955.04	39,636.33
	<u>46,955.04</u>	<u>39,636.33</u>
GENERAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT		
Balance Brought Forward	36,918.37	19,101.83
Surplus (-deficit) for year	7,974.58	17,816.54
	<u>44,892.95</u>	<u>36,918.37</u>
TABLERS WOOD		
Balance Brought Forward	2,717.96	2,952.37
Surplus (-deficit) for year	-655.87	-234.41
	<u>2,062.09</u>	<u>2,717.96</u>
JAMBOREE FUND		
Balance Brought Forward	0.00	3,111.13
Surplus (-deficit) for year	0.00	-3,111.13
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
SCOUT BADGE FUND		
Balance Brought Forward	0.00	5,944.30
Surplus (-deficit) for year	0.00	-5,944.30
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT		
Balance Brought Forward	0.00	412.02
Surplus (-deficit) for year	0.00	-412.02
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
ITS ACCOUNT		
Balance Brought Forward	0.00	814.54
Surplus (-deficit) for year	0.00	-814.54
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
SKIDBY/DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT		
Balance Brought Forward	0.00	4,963.31
Surplus (-deficit) for year	0.00	-4,963.31
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
FELLS ACCOUNT		
Balance Brought Forward	0.00	2,995.00
Surplus (-deficit) for year	0.00	-2,995.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>46,955.04</u>	<u>39,636.33</u>



District 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 scrutinised 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 2023

GENERAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT

INCOME	2023	2022
	£	£
Subscriptions		
Gross Collected	48,535.75	37,826.75
Less Collected on Behalf of Others	42,484.00	39,495.50
Net Collected	6,051.75	-1,668.75
Building Society Dividend	0.00	6.19
Refund of Capitataion	946.00	682.00
Bank interest	0.00	12.27
Surplus on Sale of Shares	0.00	516.67
Scout Group Support Repayment	1,395.00	0.00
Tablers Wood Grants/Donations	358.60	3,400.00
Amazon Smile	20.00	19.44
Sale of Badges	400.47	378.35
St Georges Day Income	4,321.00	0.00
Explorer/Network		
Poacher	653.00	5,645.00
Scouts/Cubs/Beavers		
Deep Sleepover	7,808.05	13,967.40
JOTI	0.00	100.00
Camp Craft	225.00	0.00
Earmarked Income		
Jamboree	1,482.00	1,419.00
Fells	5,303.00	1,880.00
Tablers Wood	351.15	0.00
BBITS	258.00	240.00
Closure of Bank A/Cs Amalgamated	0.00	8,658.44
Closure of Bank A/Cs Earmarked	0.00	9,057.20
	29,573.02	44,313.21
 EXPENDITURE		
Insurance	250.61	208.06
Postage	67.70	112.75
Mileage	15.30	0.00
Stationery	196.99	237.28
St Georges Day Expenses	4,041.79	180.00
Badges/Neckers	421.02	0.00
Hall Hire	140.00	155.00
Bank Charges	70.40	15.80
Video Licence	423.20	410.88
Sundry Expenses	195.00	201.68
Jamboree Fund Capitation	1,482.00	0.00
Tablers Wood (CCTV)	2,182.70	1,228.85
Support for Scout Group	0.00	1,395.00
Scouts/Cubs/Beavers Expenditure		
Deep Sleepover	7,065.76	14,668.05
JOTI	0.00	80.00
Camp Craft	22.78	0.00
Explorers/Network Expenditure		
Poacher	1,773.46	4,315.00
OSM	12.50	22.50
Earmarked Expenditure		
Jamboree	0.00	2,000.00
Fells	1,976.77	1,133.98
Tablers Wood	1,023.84	0.00
BBITS	236.62	131.84
	21,598.44	26,496.67
 SURPLUS (-DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	7,974.58	17,816.54

TABLERS WOOD

INCOME			
Lettings		1,342.10	950.60
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		1,342.10	950.60
EXPENDITURE			
Site Expenses			
Water Rates		739.68	522.00
Electricity		399.36	65.02
Site Insurance		413.33	454.34
Repairs Renewals		0.00	143.65
Grass Cutting		400.00	0.00
Other		45.60	0.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE		1,997.97	1,185.01
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SURPLUS (-DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		-655.87	-234.41

JAMBOREE ACCOUNT

INCOME			
District Levy 2020/2021		0.00	852.50
Other Income		0.00	750.00
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		0.00	1,602.50
EXPENDITURE			
Closure of Bank Account		0.00	4,713.63
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SURPLUS (-DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		0.00	-3,111.13

BLACKTOFT BEACON BADGE ACCOUNT

Sale of Badges		0.00	1,453.85
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Cost of Sales		0.00	321.29
Stock Write Off		0.00	2,106.07
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		0.00	2,427.36
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Gross Profit (-loss)		0.00	-973.51
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Postage		0.00	70.00
Bank Charges		0.00	5.00
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		0.00	75.00
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Closure of Bank Account		0.00	4,895.79
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SURPLUS (-DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		0.00	-5,944.30

ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT

Interest Received		0.00	0.02
Donation		0.00	0.00
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		0.00	0.02
Expenses		0.00	0.00
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Closure of Bank Account			412.04
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SURPLUS (-DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		0.00	-412.02

ITS ACCOUNT

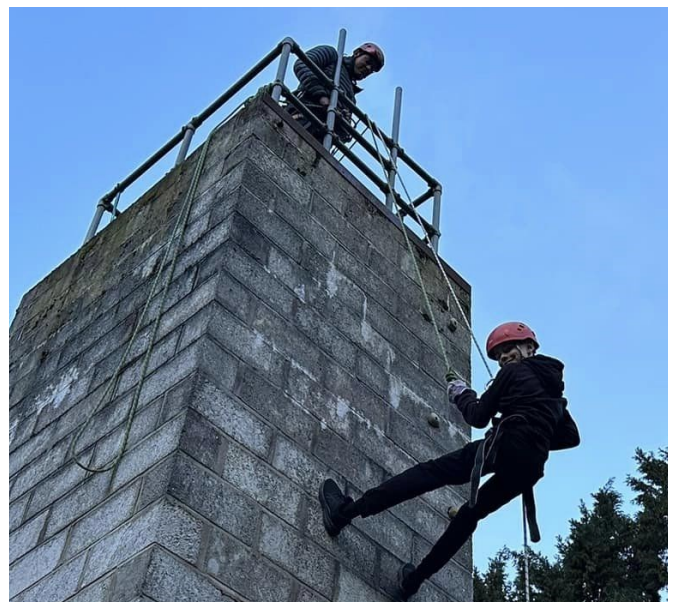
INCOME			
	Donations	0.00	459.44
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		0.00	459.44
EXPENDITURE			
	Equipment	0.00	0.00
	Consumables	0.00	130.23
	Clothing & Badges	0.00	0.00
	Donations	0.00	500.00
	Bank Charges	0.00	5.00
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	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0.00	635.23
	Closure of Bank Account	0.00	638.75
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	SURPLUS (-DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	0.00	-814.54

SKIDBY ACCOUNT

INCOME			
	Donation	0.00	0.00
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		0.00	0.00
EXPENDITURE			
	Covid Support	0.00	852.50
	Tablers Wood Support	0.00	760.20
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	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0.00	1,612.70
	Closure of Bank Account	0.00	3,350.61
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	SURPLUS (-DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	0.00	-4,963.31

FELLS ACCOUNT

INCOME			
	Fells	0.00	0.00
	Wolds	0.00	1,110.00
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		0.00	1,110.00
EXPENDITURE			
	Fells		
	Other	0.00	0.00
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		0.00	0.00
	Wolds		
	Badges	0.00	0.00
	Food	0.00	103.91
	Transport	0.00	216.17
	Donations	0.00	0.00
	Stationery	0.00	80.10
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		0.00	400.18
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<hr/>	<hr/>
		0.00	400.18
	Closure of Bank Account	0.00	3,704.82
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	SURPLUS (-DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	0.00	-2,995.00



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Wendy Macadam - Local Training Manager
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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!

If you have anything you wish to be added, please send it in to:
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