



Mid Cornwall Scouts

**Annual report
June 2022**

Mid Cornwall Membership

Census January 2022 - Summary - Mid Cornwall							
Name	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	Network	Adults	Total
Mid Cornwall	-	-	-	42	3	35	80
1st Gorran and Mevagissey	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
Lostwithiel	-	-	-	-	-	8	8
1st Newquay Scout Group	29	18	26	-	-	21	94
5th Newquay	10*	28	25	-	-	13	76
1st Par-St Blazey and Fowey	11*	17	9*	-	-	16	53
Polkerris	22	20	12	-	-	16	70
1st St Austell	25	9*	12	-	-	17	63
3rd St Austell	14	6*	15	-	-	9	44
2nd St Austell/Charlestown	20	27	21	-	-	21	89
St Enoder Scout Group	-	10*	6*	-	-	8	21
1st St Eval	14	21	17	-	-	14	66
1st St Stephen	4*	7*	2*	-	-	8	21
Sticker	7*	12	8*	-	-	7	44
The Clays Scout Group	6*	10*	13	-	-	14	43
Totals	162	185	166	42		223	778
Change from previous year	+4	+14	-18	+4		-26	-22

*indicates a small section – 11 young people or less

The overall youth membership in January 2022 was marginally up on the previous year by 4 members. Adult membership is down by 26.

At the time of recording there were 4 less Beaver colonies, 3 less cub packs, 3 less Scouts Troop and 1 less Explorer unit than in 2021. It should be noted however that 1st Gorran and Mevagissey have restarted all 3 sections from their new base at Heligan.

Of the sections that were open at the time of the census, those with 11 or less members, has decreased. There were 19 in 2021 and now 15 in 2022.

Beavers

Number of Sections	11
Number of Young People	162
Change from previous year	+4
Sections with 11 or less young people	5

Cubs

Number of Sections	12
Number of Young People	185
Change from previous year	+14
Sections with 11 or less young people	5

Scouts

Number of Sections	12
Number of Young People	166
Change from previous year	-18
Sections with 11 or less young people	4

Explorers

Number of Sections	2
Number of Young People	42
Change from previous year	+4
Sections with 11 or less young people	0

District Chair's Report

It has been a short year for the District Executive Committee, being formed in September 2021 after a later than usual AGM. Firstly, I would like to recognise the hard work done by District Executive Committee, as it is often behind the scenes and many leaders, parents & young people won't see the impact the committee has. Thank you to the District Scout Council, you as leaders and members, for voting in a fantastic team. From day one your District Executive Committee showed their commitment and enthusiasm for building on the amazing works done by previous committees.

At our first meeting in October 2021, we formed the four subcommittees, who have also worked tirelessly to provide the Executive Committee with recommendations and advice relating to their specialism. The Finance, Appointments Advisory, Safety and Drummers Lodge committees have been chaired by four very experienced Scouters and they continue to steer some brilliant projects.

Supporting our District Treasurer the Finance Subcommittee have helped to consolidate our bank accounts. HSBC recently introduced charges on their charity accounts, resulting in us having to potentially pay over £300 per year. The committee has helped to reduce that fee to just under £100 per year, with further work being done to bring that to as close to £0 as possible!

The Drummers Lodge Subcommittee have helped produce the start of a development plan for the site, including some very exciting new projects which we hope to see in the coming years. The committee has been successful in receiving grant funding for a new washing-up area, so watch this space for that to start coming together.

Working alongside the Drummers Lodge Subcommittee the Safety Subcommittee has assisted with documenting the maintenance schedule for the campsite. This work has ensured we, as a District, are up to date with mandatory inspections and therefore keeping our young people, adults, and visitors safe. The committee have also reached out to all groups offering their support in auditing buildings and meeting places.

You may already be aware, but there is a project ongoing in Scout HQ to revamp the volunteer experience, this includes the experience adults have when they become leaders or take on role, whether they are new to Scouting or already have another role. The Appointments Advisory Committee have been keeping up to date with the latest proposals and changes, updating the District Executive and recommending procedural amendments. Whilst continuing to run appointment panels to welcome new leaders and supporters and continuing to advise on role reviews. We have also signed an agreement with Falmouth District, to support them with their Appointments process.

In addition to all this as a District Executive committee we have introduced Microsoft Office365 to the District, providing branded email accounts, better data protection and options to use other online services. Fingers crossed, all the forms you do online for this AGM have been hosted on Office365. We have agreed to create an assistance fund for capitation, inline with national support applications.

We have started up a regular meeting with Group Chairs to support groups better. We have completed the merger of the Drummers Lodge charity and newly formed Mid Cornwall Scouts charity, ensuring our governance and financial liabilities are best protected.

Finally, I would like to say thank you again to everyone on the District Executive Committee and Subcommittees. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting stuck in and I hope you can see that we have worked hard to continue making Mid Cornwall the best. As I write this, I hope that I will be nominated again, as looking at future developments starting to be discussed at HQ, I am excited to possibly be a part of that.

John Rickard
District Chair

District Commissioner's Report

Well, as we come to the end of the first period between AGM's in what seems like an eternity that has been without major Covid restrictions I wanted to start with a massive thank you for all of the leaders, Executive members and supporters that have made our return to scouting the success that it has been, without all of you we would not be where we are at the moment.

The work that the District Chairman and Executive have done over the last year to improve our management and governance has been second to none and we are in such better position now than we were a year ago and the importance of that should not be underestimated.

At last years AGM I said that there would be decisions to be made over the course of this year in regards to how the district is structured and how the provision is spread out across the district and some of these have been made and some are still in process of being reviewed/appealed, I just want to be absolutely clear that any decisions taken and processes followed have been, and will be taken with the sole intention of growing the number of young people we have undertaking scouting in Mid Cornwall district and that the groups providing this provision have the correct support in place.

I would like to congratulate all of the young people that have achieved their top awards in their sections this year, quite a few of which I have been invited to attend, in addition to this I would like to also congratulate all of the adult volunteers who have been awarded service and certificates and good service awards.

Finally. I would like to say the following, we are all here for the best of the young people, whether we are section leaders, Managers or supporters, as we move forward through the next 12 months there will be many changes that we see but they are all about making it easier to volunteer to give the young people a great scouting experience.

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James McIntyre
District Commissioner

Campsite Report

Ongoing site maintenance/repairs.

Several work days have been held, in addition to the usual ongoing site maintenance - new concrete bases have been laid for the storage units, the 'wendy house' has been re located, one of the camping areas has been destoned and reseeded and the marquee has been repaired and erected.

Site Health & Safety

Risks assessments have been reviewed and remain ongoing. Local fire officer has been involved and has recommended specific improvements. Gas safety certification has been obtained.

Budgeting

An annual budget is being prepared for the ongoing site costs/expenditure. Any major expenditure is to be authorised by executive committee prior to any commitment.

I thank everyone who has contributed during the year to the Drummers lodge campsite– these thanks extend to the Drummers sub committee members, the group executive members and Drummers volunteers.

Ross Geach
Drummers Lodge Committee Chair

District Appointments

It does not seem that long ago I was asked to be the appointment committee chair however it was close to 7 months ago. I'm not really sure where the time has gone but I seem to be getting my head around what I'm supposed to be doing and then I read it all again and think is that right.

In this time we have spoken to and put forward 15 volunteers within Mid Cornwall district to proceed with their training to become sectional assistants and leaders. 15 new people who are prepared to give their time to help support and teach new things to the youth members of the scout association. In 2021 all meetings were done via zoom which posed a lot of challenges. We have now resumed with face-to-face meetings which make the whole process a lot friendlier and easier.

As a committee we have also assisted with around 10 members from Falmouth district in the absence of them having a committee. This has subsequently come to an end following some changes at county level.

As a committee we have been looking at the proposed incoming changes from the scout association and how it will affect us as a committee. The changes are looking to be coming into force in 2023 so for the time being we can carry on as we are however I hope that we can hit the ground running when they do come in.

I would like to thank all the appointments committee for all the hard work they put in to help and assist the district and also the members of the other committees and the leaders that turn up week after week wind, rain or shine to help support what is one of the best youth organisations to be involved with.

Many thanks for your time and support.

Luke Smith
District Appointment Committee Chair

District Accounts

Financial accounts for the year ending 31st March 2022 audited by Peter Williams.

We have consolidated a number of accounts this year to reduce the bank charges which we are now having to pay due to HSBC changes in their terms and conditions of small business accounts.

Notes on the District accounts.

There was £150 added to the Brownsea fund which was left over money from pre covid events still held in the events account. As no Brownsea trip took place again this year, the money was moved back to the district account.

The events account is still being used to administer the group funds for The Clays – they are in the process of opening their own account but not completed by the year end. The cash in hand of £1 is The Clays.

Notes on Drummers Lodge accounts

Grant receipts was from the Government COVID schemes for small businesses, plus £950 from Southwest Water towards a washing up station.

Notes on Scout Shop account

Sales are much higher then previous year with the return to Scouting. £2000 from the profits of Scout Shop has been transferred back to the district to be used as part of the hardship fund.

Mary Fisher
District Treasurer

Minutes from 2021 AGM

1. Welcome given by James McIntyre
2. Apologies received from Cyril Poad, Gill Poad
3. Minutes from 2020 AGM accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting
4. The Annual Report and Accounts for the 2020/21 financial year including reports on the Districts Activities were circulated prior to the AGM. No matters arising
5. *The outgoing District Executive recommends to the District Scout Council that the quorum for District Council meetings should be 20 members of the Council and that District Executive Meetings to follow the Charity Commission recommendation of one third of members plus 1.*
There are approx. 50 people notified as attending this years AGM so the Scout Council quorum is met for the purposes of elections and agreement of the executive committee.
- 6a. The District Commissioners nomination for the role of District Chair is **John Rickard**
- 6b. **Julie Rickard** has been appointed to the role of District Secretary.
- 6c. **Mary Fisher** has been proposed and will continue in the role of District Treasurer.
- 6d. *The outgoing District Executive recommends to the District Scout Council that there should be 3 elected members on the District Executive*
- 6e. The following members have put themselves forward for election onto the District Executive
 - Ross Geach**
 - Pete Volkner**
 - Matthew Jenkin**
- 6f. Nominated Members are: *persons nominated by the District Commissioner; the nominations must be approved at the Group Annual General Meeting; the number of nominated members must not exceed the number of elected members.* The District Commissioners nominations to the Executive Committee are:
 - Ben Powlesland**
 - Victoria Bramhall**
7. In addition to the District Chair, District Secretary and the District Treasurer, the following are ex-officio members of the District Executive:
 - District commissioner – **James McIntyre**
 - Deputy District Commissioner – **Shaun Wakeham**
 - District youth commissioner – Vacant
 - District Scout network commissioner – Vacant
 - District Explorer Scout Commissioner – Vacant
8. Charity accounts must be subject to external examination, within rules identified by The Scout Association and the Charity Commission. Peter Williams was the examiner for this year's accounts and agreed to continue to use them for 2022

9. There has been no requests for any other business

Other notes:

- a. The District Executive Committee may co-opt additional members. The number of co-opted members must not exceed the number of elected members. There are no co-options planned at this time, but the Executive will make such appointments if appropriate.
- b. The County Commissioner and the County Chair have the right of attendance at meetings of the Executive Committee.



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