



# Mid Cornwall Scouts

**Annual report  
June 2023**

# Mid Cornwall Membership

Census January 2023 - Summary - Mid Cornwall								
Name	Squirrel	Beaver	Cub	Scout	Explorer	Network	Adults	Total
Mid Cornwall					42		47	89
1st Gorran and Mevagissey	Provision closed and moved to other groups						1	1
Lostwithiel	Provision closed						3	3
1st Newquay Scout Group		23	20	17			26	86
5th Newquay		17	29	22			12	80
1st Par-St Blazey and Fowey		11*	15	14			16	56
Polkerris	14	25	18	20			21	99
1st St Austell		26	17	9*			14	66
3rd St Austell	Provision closed and moved to other groups						1	1
2nd St Austell/Charlestown	12	21	29	27			20	108
St Enoder Scout Group			12	12			9	33
1st St Eval		13	16	10*			12	51
1st St Stephen		11*	8*	5*			7	31
Sticker		17	13	16			20	66
The Clays Scout Group		5*	8*	20			10	43
Heligan			20	15			8	43
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>856</b>
<b>2022 figures</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>778</b>
<b>Change from previous year</b>	<b>+26</b>	<b>+7</b>	<b>+20</b>	<b>+21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>+4</b>	<b>+78</b>

\*indicates a small section – 11 young people or less

The overall youth membership in January 2023 was up on the previous year by 74 members. Adult membership is up 4.

At the time of recording there are 2 new squirrels dreys, the first time the district has returned a census on squirrels. 2 less beaver and 2 less cub packs than in 2022. This is accounted for by the district provision review which took place last year. As you will see though, overall youth membership has increased by 74 (+13%)

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, 15 in 2022 and now 8 in 2023.

# Squirrels

<b>Number of Sections</b>	<b>2</b>
Number of Young People	26
Change from previous year	+26
Sections with 11 or less young people	0

# Beavers

<b>Number of Sections</b>	<b>11</b>
Number of Young People	169
Change from previous year	+7
Sections with 11 or less young people	3

# Cubs

<b>Number of Sections</b>	<b>12</b>
Number of Young People	205
Change from previous year	+20
Sections with 11 or less young people	2

# Scouts

<b>Number of Sections</b>	<b>13</b>
Number of Young People	187
Change from previous year	+21
Sections with 11 or less young people	3

# Explorers

<b>Number of Sections</b>	<b>2</b>
Number of Young People	42
Change from previous year	0
Sections with 11 or less young people	0

# District Chair's Report

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As we bring the 2022/2023 year to a close, I am reflecting on what we have achieved, and it's been another busy year for us all.

It's been a long road, but I am pleased to say we are just about there now with the movement of our banking from HSBC to Lloyds. It's been a long and complex journey... but we are nearly there! The main bank account used for the District and Drummers Lodge is open and active. A new account for the Explorers has been opened and the leaders and I are meeting soon to make sure we have the necessary processes in place, ensuring both Explorer Units can access and manage their money. We are just waiting on the new account for the Scout Shop to open.

As I mentioned this has been a long road, we're nearing the end of it, but I would like to thank everyone who has been involved for their time and patience getting things setup. Totalling 8 signatories, across three accounts (some on multiple accounts), they have had to sign multiple agreements multiple times, upload signatures and finally get online access to the appropriate accounts. Their patience and support have made the process easier than it could have been. Thank you!

## **You asked... We did...**

You may remember that last year, when responding to the invite to our Annual General Meeting I asked you "What would you like the District Leadership Team and/or District Executive Committee do over the next 12 months?"

Some of the responses the District Executive have taken on and this is what we have done.

"Help recruit leaders", "training" – We have started to bring back having a District Budget. You will see in the Drummers Lodge report that a lot of hard work is going into their Development Plan and associated budget. The District Budget will incorporate this but also will include requirements from the District Leadership Team, to support the work they are responsible for (including recruitment & local training/upskilling).

"Hold more BBQ's" – This is certainly on our radar. Unfortunately, time has just run away from us this year, but watch this space for some more leader social occasions coming soon...

I would like to thank all the members of the subcommittees. These committees have been working very hard to support the District over the last 12 months and I hope you get a feeling for the work they have done from their reports.

Finally, looking forward, I am excited to get stuck into our own transformation journey. Locally we have started already, with the District Executive now transformed to a Trustee Board and hopefully at our AGM the updated constitution will be adopted. In the coming months through my role as Transformation Lead I will be working closely with District Commissioners and then within our own District to support groups reach our North Star.

Thank you everyone, Leaders and Trustees, for all your hard work to give our 629 young people Skills For Life.

*John Rickard*  
District Chair

# District Commissioner's Report

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Here we are at the end of another exciting and profound year of scouting in Mid Cornwall, little did we know at the last AGM that within the next 12 months we would have been through the death of our Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the coronation of her son King Charles III. At this point I would like to give a massive thank you to the Members of our District who played their part in these momentous occasions and specifically Shaun and Ben who were both instrumental in Operation Feather and Operation Golden Orb. As a scout who queued and saw Operation Feather in person, I can honestly say that I have never been as proud to be a member of this Movement.

When we look back over the year in our district, I am reminded of why we call ourselves a movement. We finished the provision review and whilst there were hard decisions to be made and hard conversations had, we have increased our youth membership by 13%. To put this into context the average growth in the UK is around 4%. We are still moving forward, new Squirrel sections are opening, sections are growing, and I hope that when we get to the end of the next financial year we will be back up to our pre Covid-19 numbers.

We could grow even further with more adult volunteers, and this will be my personal focus across the next 12 months. We are becoming one team now and it is time to leverage that and work together to get more volunteers in, remember, we are not just looking for people who can commit to running a section all the time but for people who can volunteer as much or as little as they feel comfortable with.

The next 12 months will be different as we complete our transformation Journey, things will be different, things will be geared towards the future and being brutally honest for some, it will be hard. As I have said to many of you this year, only volunteer where and when you are happy and a change in role as we move into a team structure might seem scary, but it will be great in the long run.

Finally, I would like to say a massive thank you to our District Chair John and my Deputy Shaun for all the work they have put in and even more importantly the support they have given me.

Let us move forward, let us enjoy ourselves and most importantly let us keep giving all our young people #skillsforlife

*James McIntyre*  
*District Commissioner*

# Campsite Report

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It has been an exciting twelve months for Drummers Lodge. The site saw a good summer season last year and bookings through the winter period have increased with use of the John Fisher Building for training and County meetings. A massive thank you to all the volunteers on the management team and maintenance team who have supported, and continue to support, Drummers Lodge.

The Management Team have been working hard to formalise a development plan, capturing the aspirations and aims for a rolling 5-year period. Only recently they have submitted project plans to the District Trustee Board, and you will see these projects starting already;

- Washing up shelter
- Electric roller shutter in the main hall/kitchen
- New boiler cupboard
- Additional water taps across the site
- Electric supply to the Crib Hut
- New container for site equipment
- Other minor fire safety improvements

Most recently the team have had WiFi installed at the site. Utilising 4G, and hopefully soon 5G, mobile phone signal it provides free internet to users across much of the site. It has already been used for online meetings, training courses and general browsing during District events.

The management team have plans to develop the site further over the next few years, so watch this space.

The Drummers Lodge Maintenance Team has welcomed new people, some who have not been involved in Scouts before. The team are the unseen hard workers, the workdays generally happen with no one else on site and often some of the team can be found on site during the week too.

The team have painted the external wood of the John Fisher Building, they installed the new taps around the site, they built the new boiler cabinet, they continue to rebuild the Crib Hut and they poured the concrete ready for the washing up shelter. This doesn't include the constant cutting of hedges, regular mowing of grass and general tidying up just to keep the site looking good.

The team always welcome new members and you can find out more about getting involved by visiting the District website. Whatever time you can give, whatever skills you may have, anyone is welcome.

Finally, a huge thank you to Mid Cornwall Explorers who have been up at Drummers Lodge recently helping with some of the odd jobs. They have helped clear the pig sty ready for our next project, they have painted the toilet block external walls and they are working on building a new wood store in the car park. Amazing efforts and thank you everyone!

*John Rickard*  
*Drummers Lodge Committee*



# Finance Committee

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Another year seems to have passed so quickly. Thanks are due to my fellow Committee Members who have all worked hard in support of the District Executive:

Mary Fisher, Tracy Adams, Cyril Poad, Christine Sargeant and Ross Geach who took over as District Treasurer from Mary in March 2023.

In the past months major improvements have been made to the District's financial standing including:

- Registration with The Charity Commission and gaining a District Charity number.  
(Lead – District Chair)
- There has been a lot of work completed with regard to best practice involved with the running of the District bank accounts and the costs involved. This has resulted in opening an account with Lloyds Bank which streamlines various separate bank accounts into a main account with an improved signatory mandate including on-line accessibility. It also provides the flexibility to have other accounts under the same umbrella, whilst retaining security protocols.  
(Leads – District Chair, Deputy District Commissioner, District Treasurer)
- Finance Policy and Terms of Reference reviewed and updated
- Pre-payments cards for small purchases and card payment facility for the Scout Shop introduced with established District terms of use.
- District Expenses mileage rates reviewed and increase recommended.

The Finance Sub Committee look forward to the next year, continuing to provide balanced support and assistance to the District Leadership Team. The near future, we know, will bring changes with the national Transformation program and it will, no doubt, be both exciting and challenging. We all just want the best for the young people of Mid Cornwall District.

*Jacqui Rickard*

*District Finance Committee Chair*

# District Accounts

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Financial accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 examined by Peter Williams & co Qualified Chartered Accountants.

We have continued to review the bank account provision and have started to move our accounts away from HSBC to Lloyds. The benefit of this on top of avoiding bank charges is the online payment facility that allows dual authorisation of payments. Because of this change, the events account has been used as a temporary account for other district finances on some occasions this year.

## **Notes on the District accounts.**

We have further consolidated the various restricted funds held in the district account. We now have Events funds, Explorer funds and Drummers Lodge. The jamboree fund has been used to support those going to the WSJ in Korea in August 2023 and has been exhausted. The district plan to replace this with the 'support fund' and the finance committee will work on how this fund is raised/topped up in 2023. The 'events' and 'explorer' funds will be moved into their respective accounts in the 2023 financial year.

There was an overstatement of the income from capitation in the previous set of accounts and this has been rectified and reflected in this years' accounts.

The events account was still being used to administer the group funds for The Clays. They have now opened their own account and the balances transferred.

## **Notes on Drummers Lodge accounts**

All covid grants have now stopped, however the income from camping has increased with the increase in site bookings and schools wanting to hold residential camps at the site. Gas expenditure is much less as the tank has not needed refilling in 2022/23

## **Notes on Scout Shop account**

Sales have remained consistent, up a little on the previous year.

*Ross Geach*  
*District Treasurer*



**MID CORNWALL SCOUT DISTRICT**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

	District	Camp Site	Scout Shop	Events Account	Total
Freehold Land		38,964			38,964
Stock			5,302		5,302
Events	1,142				1,142
Explorers	3,980				3,980
Bank Treasurer	14,377	28,024	5,875	18,855	67,131
Bank Events				83	83
Cash in Hand		100		1	101
	<u>19,499</u>	<u>67,088</u>	<u>11,177</u>	<u>18,939</u>	<u>116,703</u>

**MID CORNWALL SCOUT DISTRICT**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**  
**DISTRICT ACCOUNTS**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
Capitation	9,294	35,071
Brownsea	-	150
Events - Beaver fun day	312	-
Explorers - Grant	1,000	1,455
Bank Interest	-	-
	<u>10,606</u>	<u>36,676</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>		
Capitation	22,478	19,836
Bugle	-	-
Coast to Coast	-	-
Events - Beaver fun day	230	636
Explorers	670	2,657
Jamboree	1,340	-
Accountancy	360	360
Bank charges	86	22
Equipment	8,771	299
First Aid supplies	901	-
Fuel & Mileage	687	-
Heligan set up costs	909	-
Insurance	-	-
Remembrance Day wreaths	50	40
Sundries	427	439
Training	232	-
	<u>37,141</u>	<u>24,289</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	- 26,535	12,387
Retained Surplus Brought Forward	44,797	29,119
Transferred from Events account	1,237	-
Transferred from SAS account	-	1,291
Transferred from Shop	- 46,034	2,000
	<u>19,499</u>	<u>32,410</u>
	<u>19,499</u>	<u>44,797</u>

CAMP SITE ACCOUNT

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Camp Fees	7,877	5,113
Donation	-	-
Grant	-	13,713
Interest	-	-
	<u>7,877</u>	<u>18,826</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Insurance	643	623
Gas	97	968
Building work, Maintenance & Repairs	4,362	5,087
Badges	-	-
Miscellaneous	264	37
Bank Charges	76	-
	<u>5,442</u>	<u>6,715</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	2,435	12,111
Retained Surplus Brought Forward	64,653	52,542
	<u>67,088</u>	<u>64,653</u>

SCOUT SHOP ACCOUNT

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Sales	5,995	5,742
Opening Stock	5,294	5,547
Purchases	4,685	4,731
Closing Stock	<u>- 5,302</u>	<u>- 5,294</u>
	<u>4,677</u>	<u>4,984</u>
	1,318	758
Refunds to Group	-	-
Bank charges	89	22
Insurance	-	177
Post	6	31
Cashback/Card Charge	- 15	6
Equipment	-	-
Reduction in value of fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	80	236
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	1,238	522
Transfer of Badge Stock	-	-
Transferred to District account	-	- 2,000
Retained Surplus Brought Forward	9,939	11,417
	<u>11,177</u>	<u>9,939</u>

EVENTS ACCOUNT

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
The Clays	2,860	2,247
District	8,171	30
Capitation	18,855	-
Events	<u>12,021</u>	<u>-</u>
	41,907	2,277
The Clays	6,370	2,239
District	18,932	
Brownsea	<u>-</u>	<u>150</u>
	25,302	2,389
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>16,605</u>	<u>- 112</u>
Transfer to District account	- 1,237	
Retained Surplus Brought Forward	<u>3,571</u>	<u>3,683</u>
	<u>18,939</u>	<u>3,571</u>

# Minutes from 2022 AGM

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Date: Wednesday 15th June 2022

Venue: Drummer Lodge Campsite, Scredda

Timings: 7:30pm AGM

## Key Business

1. District Commissioner (James McIntyre) and District Chair (John Rickard) welcomed everyone to the annual general meeting. JM thanked everyone for their hard work since the last AGM and expressed this thanks to JR for the hard work and pulling the AGM together.
2. Apologies for absence:
  - Andy Nash - 5th Newquay/Explorers
  - John Morcom – District Supporter
  - Jake Blum – District Executive
  - Tracy Adams – 1st Newquay/District Subcommittee
  - Adrian Jane – Polkerris/Scout Shop
  - Ben Powlesland – 1st St Austell/District Executive
3. Agree the minutes from the Annual General Meeting 2021
 

JR explained that the minutes from the previous AGM were included in the District Report, which has only been finalised very recently. There have been delays in getting some information. The draft report is available on the District Website. No vote was held to accept these minutes.
4. Receive the District Trustees Report and Accounts for 2021/2022 including reports on District activities
 

JR explained that our appointed accountant had not looked at our accounts at this time. The accounts were submitted to the accountant in good time however we cannot report back to the meeting. JR proposed that, with agreement of the members, that the accounts would be circulated as part of the District Report in the next two weeks. A period of time would be given for members to submit any objections and then this would be discussed at the first District Executive meeting. A vote was held to accept this proposal and passed as a majority

## Formation of District Executive Committee

- Agreement of the quorum for meetings of the District Scout Council
  - A majority vote was held to keep the quorum at 20 members - Agreed
- Agreement of the quorum for meetings of the District Executive Committee
  - A majority vote was held to keep the quorum at 1/3<sup>rd</sup> + 1 - Agreed

## Appointments

- Approval of the District Commissioners nomination for District Chair  
*John Rickard*  
 A majority vote was held to accept John Rickard – Agreed with only two online objections
- Election of District Secretary  
*Julie Rickard*  
 A majority vote was held to accept Julie Rickard – Agreed with no objections, one online abstention.
- Election of District Treasurer  
*Mary Fisher*  
 A majority vote was held to accept Mary Fisher – Agreed with no objections, two online abstentions.
- Agreement of the number of members that may be elected to the District Executive Committee  
**3 members**  
 This was included in the online vote prior to the AGM.
- Election of members to the District Executive Committee. The names have been taken from an online vote results.  
*Jake Blum*  
*Karen Jarvill*  
*Ben Powlesland*  
 A majority vote was held to accept Jake, Karen and Ben as the elected members of the District Executive committee. Agreed with no objections.
- Approval of the District Commissioners nominations to the District Executive Committee  
*Luke Smith*  
*Ross Geach*  
*Matthew Jenkin*  
 A majority vote was held to accept Luke, Ross and Matthew as the District Commissioners nominations for the District Executive committee. Agreed with no objections.

## Other Matters

- Note of the ex-officio members of the District Executive Committee  
*District Commissioner* **James McIntyre**  
*District Youth Commissioner* Vacant  
*District Chair* **John Rickard**  
*District Secretary* **Julie Rickard**  
*District Treasurer* **Mary Fisher**  
*District Scout Network Leader* Vacant  
*District Explorer Scout Commissioner* Vacant
- Appointment of an independent examiner for the accounts for the coming year (2022/2023)  
 JR explained that as the issues with the accounts have only arisen in the last 24 hours, this added to a problem with the accounts last year when they were returned from the accountants, it is proposed that the District Scout Council allow the District Executive Committee to search for and appoint a new independent examiner before the next AGM.

A majority vote was held and passed with no objections.

## Any other notified business

Presentation to members of the World Scout Jamboree Contingent

Prior to the AGM JM welcomed and presented 5 members of the WSJ Contingent, who had come to help with the AGM, with District Scarves. There are 8 young people attending the WSJ from Mid Cornwall and all will receive a scarf to represent the District in South Korea. JM also announced that at the last District Executive meeting it was passed unanimously to donate £175 to each young person to help with their fundraising. This money should be in their jamboree account very soon.

Close of meeting

JR passed a huge thank you to all the District Executive and the Subcommittees associated. He thanked the Subcommittee Chairs (Jacqui Rickard (Finance), Luke Smith (Appointments), Matthew Jenkin (Safety) and Ross Geach (Drummers Lodge).

JM announced that in the coming weeks information will be circulated about first aid training. With agreement from the County Commissioner, Mid Cornwall District is being allowed to provide training and this will be open to leaders within and outside Mid Cornwall.

## Voting via online

### Total submissions (18) Voided votes (3)

A vote was voided if multiple submissions were made

### I agree with the nomination of the person named above, to become Mid Cornwall District Chair

Yes – 13 No - 2

### Election to the role of District Treasurer

Mary Fisher - 13 Abstain - 2

### Election to the role of District Secretary

Julie Rickard - 14 Abstain - 1

### Agreement for the Independent Examiner for the District Accounts

Peter Williams & Associates - 14 Abstain - 1

### Quorum for the District Scout Council – 20 members

Agree - 14 Abstain - 1

### Quorum for the District Executive Committee – 1/3<sup>rd</sup> + one

Agree – 15 Abstain - 0

### Election of members to the District Executive Committee

Jake Blum 10

Karen Jarvill 8

Ben Powlesland 6

Luke Smith 5

Ross Geach 4

Matt Jenkin 3

John Sargeant 3

Christine Sargeant 2





Wednesdays , 6pm – 7:30pm

2<sup>nd</sup> St Austell/Charlestown HQ

### Scouts uniform

2<sup>nd</sup> St Austell/Charlestown HQ, Polmarth Close,  
St Austell, PL25 3TW



For sales enquiries contact 01726 69871

The District Scout Shop is also available online. Parents can order and have uniform items sent direct to them. Groups can order County, District, St Pirans, and membership badges.

[midcornwallscouts.org.uk/shop](http://midcornwallscouts.org.uk/shop)

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