

Liverpool North District AGM October 2023

District Commissioner's Report

It is always difficult to know how to start a review regarding the past twelve months but I will begin by saying that according to the Census we were up slightly on 2022 which is good news.

As a District and with regard to District Events we have been very quiet but that is not to say things are not happening, our Young People are still enjoying the opportunities Scouting has to offer, as you can see from the slides how many Camps and Nights Away have been enjoyed. The Beaver Section for example enjoyed a great day at Monkey Forest and my thanks to Dan Sedgewick for organising that.

We had 5 Explorers attend the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea along with the DESC Vicky Kelly the Unit Leader and Jack Roberts. Whilst there were many problems the Young People had a great time and you will hear from some of the participants tonight.

We also have the pleasure of having someone in our District being the recipient of the Kings Scout Award a huge achievement and as far as I am aware not something that has previously been achieved in the District. Many many congratulations to Charlie Parry on this award and it makes me feel quite ancient as I remember Charlie before he was even a Beaver Scout. You will hear from him during the AGM around how he achieved this Award.

Explorers and Network enjoyed the Moot and again thanks to the Leaders who organised and supervised the young people.

We had some of the Beavers attend the County Awards Day but I am sure there are other Beavers in the District who have achieved their Chief Scouts Bronze. Congratulations to those Young People and to the Leaders who helped them achieve this.

With regard to Leader Training, we have run two First Aid Courses and we also had 6 Leaders from the District who attended the Nights Away Training and are now just waiting to be assessed in order to receive their Camp Permit.

My thanks to Steve Parry who keeps a very close eye on the Training and along with myself constantly nag Leaders regarding Safety and Safeguarding and the importance of these Modules.

My Thanks must also go to Andrew Reynolds who was successful in obtaining ££2670 and to John Dean who attended the lunch and did a presentation and that donation then enabled us to train several Leaders in Archery and shooting which in turn lead to forming the Activities Team. This is still very much work in progress, but the aim is to run Activities that perhaps can't be run in a hall on a weekly basis at the 17th HQ on a monthly basis.

We have seen 29 new Leaders from July last year and my thanks to Sue Moffat who chases up the references and organises the dates and times for these people to attend the Appointments Committee.

My thanks as always to the District Team , Appointments Committee, the District Treasurer and to all the Leaders who give their time over and over again to ensure Scouting can continue to provide Opportunities for the Young People in our District.

Going forward change is coming and we have to accept and embrace change. We are running a session for GSL,s so that they are aware of these changes and the date has been published.

Helen Hannigan District Commissioner