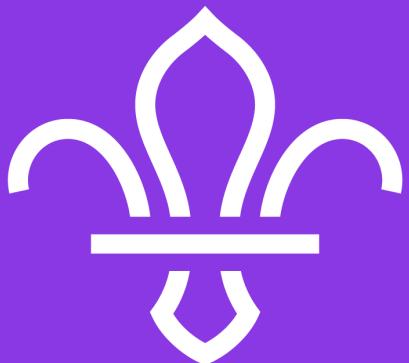


Annual General Meeting 2019



Scouts Itchen South

AGM Agenda

1. Opening prayer
2. District Chairman's Welcome
3. Apologies
4. Minutes of AGM 2018
5. Treasurer's report
6. Appointment of independent examiner
7. Adoption of District reports
8. Appointment of District Chair
9. Approval of District President/
Vice President
10. Election of District Secretary
& District Treasurer
11. Elected members of the Executive Committee
12. Presentations
13. County representative
14. Refreshments

Minutes AGM 2018

ISDSC AGM

20 March 2018

19.30, Pauline's Lodge, Cricket Activity Centre

1. Opening Prayer

Su Brakewell, County Chaplin invited to say opening prayer.

2. District Chairman's Welcome

Welcome to everyone. Andy Viney County Representing Martin Mackey, County Commissioner. 40 people present.

3. Apologies:

Jan Barfoot; Kevin Earl; Colin Floyd; Paul Hayward; Pauline McGaw; Stuart Wright; Graham Taylor - President

4. Minutes of the AGM held on 28 March 2017

Proposed by June Burton. Seconded by Nick Cann. Unanimous

5. Treasurer's Report

Ready but not yet received as independent examiner in hospital.

To be reviewed at the 1st Executive Meeting after the AGM; sent to all GSLs. Proposed by Adam Bellamy. Seconded by Steve Moore. Unanimous

6. Appointment of Independent Examiner - Samantha Galey

Proposed by Kim Dale. Seconded by Gordon Brakewell. Unanimous

7. Adoption of District Reports

Proposed by Joan Veal. Seconded by Sandra Viney. Unanimous

8. Appointment of District Chairman

Appointment of Gordon Brakewell. Unanimous

9. Approval of President

Graham Taylor. Approved

10. Election of District Secretary

Vacant. District Executive given approval to recruit a District Secretary. Proposed by Stuart Morgan- Barstow. Seconded by Sue Parker. Unanimous

Election of District Treasurer

District Treasurer Kim Dale
Proposed by Richard Rex. Seconded by Adam Bellamy.
Unanimous
Aileen Wood standing at AGM as minute taker

11. Elected members of the Executive Committee

Nick Cann. Proposed by John Dyke and Seconded by Sharon Hoey
Alister Ross. Proposed by Kim Dale and Seconded by Harry Burnard
Martin Dale. Proposed by Steve Moore and Seconded by Susan Brakewell. Approved

12. District Commissioner's Nominations for District Executive Committee

June Burton & Aileen Wood. Approved

13. Presentation

Thanks Badge Dan Wiseman
Leadership Woodbadge Trudi Bellamy
Management Woodbadge Stuart Morgan Barstow
Management Woodbadge Mark Langdown
15 year Service Award Adam Bellamy
30 years Service Award Sue Parker

14a. Roverang: Stuart Morgan Barstow

All sections represented – theme All around the world.
Special rates for Groups

14b. County Representative: Andy Viney

Andy Viney thanked District for delivering quality scouting and continuing the adventure for young people

He also invited the audience to nominate candidates for the District Commissioner role. Thanks to Sharon Ross for 5 years as DC.

15. HSX Expedition to Chile 2017: Robert Stirling

Spoke about the County expedition to Patagonia; Outline sites visited and people who they met on the expedition; home hospitality and celebrating Christmas; community project included litter picking and building a greenhouse for the local school; attended a scout and guide meeting.

16. Improvements to Cricket Activity Centre: Martin Dale

Maintenance update – stage 1 – boilers, doors and windows; stage 2 kitchen, dormitories; electrics; stage 3 flooring

**17. Pétanque at Cricket Activity Centre: Stuart Floyd
Junior Coach for South Coast**

Creating a pitch to play Pétanque; New activity - club meets Thursday evening at Cricket Activity Centre – setting up competitions

18. Refreshments

AGM Closed at 08.24

Treasurer's Report

Reports

Welcome to Itchen South Scout District's annual report. The contents provide just a flavour of the fun and adventure that our District provides for our young people and I hope you find the various section reports interesting and informative. After reading it please pass the report on to your family, friends and neighbours so that they too get to hear about Scouting in Itchen South.

I would particularly like to say thank you and pay tribute to all the Leaders and Helpers within the District who constantly find innovative ways of providing exciting programmes.

This is the first time that the District has held its Annual General Meeting in June rather than March allowing us extra time to prepare for the AGM.

Graham Taylor our District President has decided to resign his presidency because of family commitments and I would like to publicly thank him for not only his time as our President but for the time that he has dedicated to the District in a variety of roles over many years.

This year saw a major change to our leadership when Mark Langdown took over as District Commissioner from Sharon Ross who stood down as District Commissioner in the Summer of 2018, the District continues to go from strength to strength under his leadership.

After three years as District Chairman I have decided to stand down and make way for a new Chair. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Chairman and have met some amazing people as I have travelled around the District. I would particularly like to thank all those who have served with me as Executive Committee members, your support and contribution has been very much appreciated. The District is in excellent hands I wish the new Chair and District all the very best for the future.

Gordon Brakewell
District Chair

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As you know this is my first AGM as your District Commissioner and I'd like to start my first report by thanking my predecessor Sharon Ross for her time spent in the role and wish her all the best in her new role on the County Team.

Since July last year I've set the challenge to GSLs and the District Team to review the quality of Scouting we offer in Itchen South and then put measures in place to improve it where we can. Not just improving the programmes, events and activities we offer young people but also the recruitment, induction, appointment and training of our amazing adult volunteers. I'm pleased that we have made some progress on this. Last summer HQ visited the District to deliver training and skills on recruiting adults, in addition to that we've increased the size of our appointments advisory committee enabling them to be more flexible in meeting new volunteers recruited. For the first time in many years we've also been able to deliver local training & validation courses making adult training more accessible to our volunteers.

I'd very much like us to continue with challenging ourselves on improving the quality of the Scouting we offer over the next 12 months.

Sadly since the last AGM we've had to close the 17th Itchen South Scout Group due to lack of adult support. This was a tough decision to make but the District are determined to get the Group back up and running in the near future. As a result of the closure the District has taken on responsibility for the HQ and we've been busy in doing essential maintenance and refurbishment work to improve the facilities. There is still work to do but we do already have a local community group using the HQ long term along with Apollo ESU and the District Scout Network recently moving in. Many thanks to Neil O'Sullivan and John Parker for putting a lot of time and effort into the HQ.

I'm pleased to say that there has been some small growth in membership numbers in the District which is very positive, especially so as the 17th Sholing closed last summer. Some groups are receiving support from HQ with increasing the membership of their small sections and I look forward to seeing how this progresses.

The past couple of months the District has crammed in some large events, including Roverang at the Nuffield Theatre, St George's Day Parade and of course District Camp at Lyons Copse. Thanks to all of you that came along and supported the cast of Roverang, fantastic to see over a 100 young people on stage for the week. District Camp was again another success generating hundreds of smiles, I hope everyone can join us for next year's camp. Thank you to the excellent teams behind all these events.

Finally I'd like to finish on some thank yous. The first goes to Gordon Brakewell for his support as District Chairman, he has been a great source of knowledge around the Scout governance side of things over the past 3 years and great support to me in my first year as DC, I wish him well for the future.

The biggest thank you goes to all those adults working directly with young people and those adults supporting them. Without you creating programmes and activities that are imaginative, exciting, fun and rewarding then our young people wouldn't be learning vital skills for life which will help them do well in this world. Thank you for what you do, you're amazing!

All the best for the year ahead.

**Mark Langdown
District Commissioner**

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ADC Beaver Scouts Report 1 of 2

Beavers in Itchen South have been super busy this last year.

In May 2018 we had 100 groups attend our Best of British District Camp. The Beavers had the opportunities to stay under canvas and enjoy 2 day of activities.

At the Begin of September we took 2 coaches full of excited beavers to the County Day Trip to 4 Kingdoms.

We arrange for a day event to Marwell Zoo where the beavers met all the animals and received a Santa's gift bag.

At Christmas we held our Christmas Carol Services, about 130 beavers, leaders, parents and guests joined us to celebrate.

On the 1st of January, Gary Foote stood down from being ADC and Emily Viney took the challenge on.

Our District Archery Competition took place in February. This year's winner was 4th Netley, they are now the proud owners of the trophy.



BEAVERS



During February half term, we filled Party Man with over 140 Beavers for the evening. We think Beavers thoroughly enjoyed themselves due to the amount of smiles we saw over the 2 hours.

The Beavers joined the district for our annual camp over May bank holiday weekend. There was loads of activities going on including Crate Staking, Friendship Bracelets, Pizza Swirls Making, Water Slide and Many More... We also awarded 6 Bronze awards over the weekend.



In June 2019, 3 Groups from our district will be joining in on our Joint BBFest Camp with Itchen North. We currently have over 120 beavers attending.

Without the continues support from our leaders, volunteering their time we would not be able to give these children so many experiences. All we can say is Thank you and we look forward to continuing the adventure with you.

BEAVERS

Emily Viney & Gary Foote
ADC Beaver Scouts

Since the last AGM, all cub groups have been busy whether attended District Camp or performing on stage. There have been many Chief Scout Silver awards handed out either at the District Carol Service or District Camp. It is lovely to see so many young people getting this award, and may it continue when they go up to Scouts.

We've had a few District events this year, our rifle competition was won by the 4th and archery by the 14th well done to both teams. We also had a photo scavenger hunt only 3 teams entered but they had a great time and would be nice to run it again with more teams.

I would like to congratulate Martin Lush and Derren Avis on their Award for Merit. Also I would like to thank every leader and the parents who help with any Cub pack. Without you or them, no child would be able to do and achieve what they do.

Julie Axton
ADC Cub Scouts



2018-2019 has been a good year for the Scout section. We have some very strong Troops in the District, running very active programmes throughout the year.

Although I started the AGM year as ADC Scouts, I had to hand the role over to John Parker once I took on my current role. So, John took over from me back in August 2018 and during his time as ADC Scouts, he was able to continue with the programme in place and more importantly was able to support the troops when they needed it, providing invaluable experience and knowledge and direct troop night support.

The Scouts have taken part in Various District Challenges, a District Emlyn Weekend at Cricket, the Nutters Trophy, a Christmas Campfire and chip supper & several ISMT Trips.

We also saw many Scouts take part in Roverang 2019.

The troops are all doing well. The youth numbers are pretty good throughout, but we do have some areas whereby leadership is low...so if anyone fancies getting involved in one of the troops, please do let me know.

There are some really interesting programmes planned within the troops with plenty of Adventure set for 2019-2020.

Most recently John has been seconded to a new role within the District, so I have stepped in as ADC Scouts for the time being.

I'm am planning to make my way around all the troops, for a general visit. This will enable me to meet the wider Leadership teams, alongside the troops and provide any support and assistance they may need.

Finally, I would like to thank John Parker for taking on the role and for his continued support to myself and to the Troops.

Neil O'Sullivan
ADC Scouts

SCOUTS

Well – What can we say except its been a fantastic year for Itchen South's Explorers. We've seen quite a few awards presented throughout the Units this year including the first Explorer Belt award for quite a long while. We had a fantastic Explorer turnout for this year's District Camp and loads of Bone of Contention challenges with each unit stepping up and hosting Events for the District.

The 2 Explorers selected to represent Hampshire at the World Scout Jamboree in American in July have now completed their mammoth fundraising and training tasks and are getting ready to head off on their adventure. They, along with the explorers representing Itchen South on the County's Project 19 USA Expedition and The Malawi 2019 Expedition, are looking forward to their life changing adventures and will be returning full of exciting news to share with us all.

2018 saw 16 of the districts Explorers taking part in the National 'Gilwell 24' event and 12 taking part in the recent Roverang Show both of which have been a phenomenal experiences that they have all learnt a lot from.



EXPLORERS

Recruitment into Explorers seems to be working well across the units with more young people moving on from both Scouts and coming in from outside scouting.

In 2018 we have been focusing on getting the Units to work a little more closely enabling the young people to access all the challenges and opportunities the district and county has to offer. This has been very well received by the young people and again we have seen a sizeable number of Itchen South Explorers moving onto Networks both locally and nationally via Universities Cells as well as an increased number moving on to various leadership roles within the district.

Plans are underway to try and get a District Explorer Forum underway this year as well as unit forums planning and implementing weekly programmes.

We will also be working closely with the district treasurer this year to get gift aid off the ground across the units to help boost their funds.

All in all its been a very good year for the Explorer section and the aim, together with the unit leaders, is to continue to build on the links between the Units to open up more opportunities for the Explorers to get more involved in the many County and National experiences.

Sue Parker
District Explorer Scout Commissioner



EXPLORERS

District Scout Network Commissioner Report

The Itchen South Network, named as Trojan, has been dormant for the majority of the past 12 months, so from that perspective there is very little to report.

However, I have taken on the role of District Network Scout Commissioner in order to re-launch the Network Unit with the support from Mark Angel.

On Monday 29th April I held an open meeting for all network aged members in the district to attend. This first meeting was a positive one and the members were enabled to make some good decisions on how they'd like to design their unit and create their programme.

From this meeting onwards Mark Angel is acting as a mentor to provide support when required and to ensure there is good momentum within the section. The Unit members are still in the driving seat, me and primarily Mark, are there to keep things moving.

We have around 10-12 members meeting every 2 weeks, and at this stage they are still finding their feet and building their programme, but they have a few exciting plans in the pipeline.



At this stage they are not advertising themselves too much to the Explorers Units, I'm keen for them to establish the unit, create some stability and once they have been running for a couple of months, they can really start spreading the word.

I hope to be reporting back in 2020 that we have a larger, stronger and very active Itchen South Network Unit, providing some fantastic opportunities for the members. The Unit has chosen to change their name but have not yet decided what that name will be.

I'm really very pleased we have made such a positive and affective start and to be honest this is primarily down to Mark Angels support...Thank you Mark.

Neil O'Sullivan
District Scout Network Commissioner

The word "network" in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font.

I took over as Campsite Manager in October last year, since I started we have seen the completion of the bulk of the refurbishment works on the building.

We have a very busy year ahead with the lodge booked out nearly every weekend between now and September and the campsite busy for most of the summer too.

We are about to begin offering a exciting new activity to our users, Recreational Tree Climbing has the potential to be very popular with our visitors.

The Men's Shed and River Hamble Pétanque Club that meet onsite are helping out with maintenance around the site and are working their way through the never-ending 'to do' list.

We are now running a work morning on the first Saturday of each month to keep the site up together and work on extra projects.



For the year ahead I'd like to get more people involved in helping in any way they can. Develop new activities and boost our income to enable everyone to continue to benefit from the fantastic resource we have available to Itchen South.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our campsite team Kevin, Kim, Martin and Jess for all their hard work behind the scenes, and also the instructors who help us deliver the various activities to our visitors.

Nick Cann
Campsite Manager



Itchen South Mountaineering Team Report

The Itchen South Mountaineering Team have had a good season. Since the last AGM we've managed to run two weekend hill walking trips to South Wales for Scouts & Explorer Scout as well as running the Expedition Challenge Award for the Scout section. The trips are normally fully booked which is great to see. This year we've introduced an additional summer trip to Wales and look forward to see how it turns out. We also look forward to our September Expedition Challenge Award, with the location being changed to the Dorset coastal area as the Welsh weather on recent past trips hasn't been too kind! Our adult winter trip is also popular, this is run in Snowdonia and a chance for us to improve our skills and do some more challenging walks.

A massive thank you for the leadership team that have helped get so many young people on the hills this year.

Luke Phillips
Scout Active Support Co-ordinator



Election/Appointment of new Committee

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Elected Members
- President & Vice President

Adult Awards

County Representative

**Andrew Viney
Assistant County Commissioner**

Thank you

“The most worth-while thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others.”

Robert Baden-Powell - Founder