



# Scouts

## Itchen South

# AGM 2023

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Trustee’s Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Venue: Pauline's Lodge, Cricket Camp, Bursledon - 19.30

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## Agenda

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**Item 1 – Opening Prayer, Chair's Welcome, introductions & Apologies**

**Item 2 - Approval of the District AGM Minutes, held 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Item 3 – Receive and Consider the Trustees' Annual Report, and Annual Accounts**

**Item 4 – Adopt the District Reports**

**Item 5 – Governance Oversight**

- That Itchen South District re-adopt the Constitution for a District Scout Council and Board of Trustees as detailed in Rule 5 of The Scout's 'Policy, Organisation and Rules'.
- To agree the maximum number of Elected Members on the Board of Trustees be set at six.
- To agree a quorum for all meetings of the Scout Council, Trustee Board and Sub-Committees.
- Note the dates of The District's financial year.

**Item 6 – Appointments**

- Approve District Commissioner's nomination for Chair of the Trustee Board.
- Election of Secretary of the Trustee Board.
- Election of Treasurer of the Trustee Board.
- Approve District Commissioner's nomination for the Trustee Board.
- Election of Trustees of the Trustee Board.
- Approve the appointment (or re-appointment) of any Presidents or Vice Presidents
- Appoint (or re-appoint) an auditor.
- Nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council.

**Item 7 – Presentations**

**Item 8 – County Representative**

## ITCHEN SOUTH DISTRICT AGM – Minutes

20th July 2022 19.30 – Cricket Camp

### 1 Opening Prayer

Adrian Mori Dear Lord, Bless all the Scouts around the world. Help us remember that we are working together to help make our world a better place. Guide our words and our actions so that we set the kind of example You would want us to set.

### 2 District Chair's Welcome

Good evening, And I would like to extend a very, very, very warm welcome to you all to this year's AGM, and it is nice to be here face to face at last. A special welcome to June Burton, our district president, and distinguished guests. I am pleased to say that scouting in Itchen South has emerged from the confines of lock down and everything seems to be going in the right direction. The district census showed an increase in young people which is great to see, but we are only up 1 leader. Obviously, leaders are fundamental to what we do, so please do encourage people to come along and help out! I am looking forward to being able to visit the groups around the district, so if you have an event on, please invite me and I will "do my best" to get there. I visited REEF 2022 last month, and how impressive was that! For many, because of the dreaded lockdown it will have been their first real experience of a proper camp, that goes for many leaders as well as the young people. But what a truly amazing experience it was. There were loads of exciting activities! The sun shone and it was great to see everyone relaxed and having fun, just as it should be. Earlier in the year I went to Roverang. After a break and now in a new venue, the show went really well, and was as good as always. I noticed that a lot of the cast from the last few years were missing, presumably moved on during the break, but the young people involved seemed to be having a fantastic time! There are not many places where you can be guaranteed a place on stage with no audition and sing a solo if you want. It got me thinking about why we are all here and I think sometimes it is easy to lose sight of that, especially when you are dealing more with the administration side of Scouting. It is important to remember that this is a movement and need to move and grow to ensure we are providing the sort of scouting that young people today want. Lockdown has shown us that there are different ways of doing things and I hope that we will continue to use tools, like Zoom to save going out to

meetings in the depths of winter, they can also be useful in making a two and a half hour meeting into just an hour leaving out travelling etc. which in turn saves petrol, and we all want to do that these days! We have several scouts going to the 25th World Scout Jamboree in Korea, and to Project 23, next Year. If you get an opportunity to support them in their fund-raising efforts, please do. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and a fantastic experience. Lastly, I would like to thank, not only the members of the District Executive for all the time and effort they have put in over the last year, but also all the adults involved in delivering or supporting scouting in Itchen South, without the time and commitment that you give none of this could happen.

### **3 Apologies**

Richard Viney 1<sup>st</sup>; Jan Barfoot 4<sup>th</sup>; Paul Bourne 7<sup>th</sup>; Paul Hayward & Jane Axton 14<sup>th</sup>; Retired Members Izzy Parker Pauline McGaw Lynne Froud Graham Taylor; Steve Moore Canoe Club

### **4 Minutes of District AGM 21st 2021 – Previously Circulated Agreed and signed**

Proposed: Mark Langdown Seconded: Kevin Gilkerson

### **5 Treasurers Report – Circulated Prior to Meeting**

Any questions? No questions raised EG advised the meeting the accounts could not be approved at the meeting as accounts from Spitfires were still outstanding. Eric proposed that the Exec are given the power to sign the accounts off once completed.

Proposed: Steve Doncom Seconded: Aileen Wood - All in Agreement

### **6 Appointment of Independent Examiner**

Knight Goodhead, Chandlers Ford - All in favour

### **7 Adoption of District Reports – Circulated prior to meeting**

Proposed: Eric Gerry Seconded: Sami Lewis

### **8 Appointment of District Chair**

Meeting was handed over to Stuart Morgan, District Commissioner. This is the formal part where Adrian steps down and I now move forward to nominating a chair. I would like to nominate Adrian again into the role of Chair. Does anyone have any objections? No Objections Adrian was nominated back into post. All In Agreement

### **9 Election of District Secretary – Michelle Doncom**

Proposed: John Parker Seconded: Richard Rex - All in agreement

### **10 Election of District Treasurer – Eric Gerrey**

Proposed: John Parker Seconded: Richard Rex - All in agreement

### **11 District Commissioner's Nominations for the Executive Committee**

I have 1 nomination, Mark Langdown - All in Agreement

### **12 Election of members of the Executive Committee**

3 People have been put forward for election :

Gary Foote – Proposed : Ash Swanmore Seconded: Sami Lewis;

Kevin Gilkerson – Proposed : June Burton Seconded : Charles Hockley

Jan Barfoot - Proposed : Kevin Earl Seconded : Aileen Wood

All in agreement

### **13 Agree Quorate for following year**

Adrian advised the meeting that the District Exec is Quorate if the DC or District Chairman is in attendance in addition to 5 Exec members which is approximately 50% of the Committee. As long as everyone is happy with that number we will remain with this. All In Agreement

### **14 Presentation / Awards**

District President : June Burton Re-Appointment of Joan Veal and Charles Hockley as Vice Presidents Appointment of Aileen Wood as a Vice President All in Agreement Mark Avis was presented with his 20 Year Service Award.

### **13 County Commissioner**

Colin Floyd introduced himself to the meeting I am now your neighbouring DC for a newly formed District. Eastleigh and Chandlers Ford are coming together to form 1 District and I am responsible for making this happen. It is important to have a strong District Exec and strong scouting organisation that know their roles and responsibilities. On behalf of the County Commissioner I would like to congratulate Itchen South on all that you do, and I know if the County Commissioner was here he would say that Itchen South don't give him any problems. Going forward, I can tell you how scouting is now suggesting we don't have titles but more about teams delivering what scouting needs. Scouting is successful when we all work together. I am really pleased to have been invited along and wish you all the very best for the future.

Meeting closed at: 19:50

Attendees: 31 – Signing in Sheet was scanned for filing purposes.

## **District Commissioner**

While I have only been in role for a few months it has been nice to see all fun and exciting activities taking place in the different groups and sections across Itchen South.

So far, I have managed to make it around to about half of the group/section meetings and am looking forward to meeting the other half of the district in the coming months.

While the district team is quite small now, I am hoping some of you will be willing to step forward to fill some of the gaps we currently have.

In July we plan on holding Section forum meetings for leaders across the district to discuss the different sections.

There have been several events which have taken place in the last 12 months including Roverang, The Christmas Carol services and of course Reef.

As many of you will know there have been many changes across the district in the last 12 months, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the previous District Commissioner Stuart Morgan for his leadership during some difficult times especially over the Covid period and thank Peter Knott from County who stepped in during the interim period between DCs.

I am very much looking forward to the next 12 months in Itchen South, thank you all for all the time you give for Scouting.

Take care

**Andy Hiscock**  
**District Commissioner**



## **Cricket Camp**

Regrettably, I must begin my report with an expression of remorse, as we were only able to accomplish 2.5 out of the 6 assignments specified in my 2022 report. Nonetheless, we have made progress on some other areas.

The majority of the renovations on the bouldering wall have been completed, and we are just waiting for the new hand holds to arrive to finish the project. I would like to extend my gratitude to Eric Gerrey and his brother Brian for their work on the wall.

What we have succeeded in doing is clearing out the 40 years worth of clutter from the lodge attic and adding additional insulation that will help lower energy expenses. The old stove has finally been replaced, which I know has been a significant issue for camp cooks, so it is great news that there is now a shiny new one in the kitchen. We have also purchased new mattresses for the larger dorms and will replace the remaining ones later in the year.

The team is presently in talks with various contractors regarding the restoration of the campfire circle, sprucing up the exterior toilets, and replacing the radiators in the lodge hall. Some of the other exterior projects we plan on finishing in the coming year include re-roofing the roundhouse and making it more practical, introducing crate stacking, and sprucing up the forest school area.

Concerning activity courses, we have conducted another climbing course, and more are planned. Archery and rifle courses have been more difficult to organise. We are heavily dependent on the availability of the Hampshire Scout Archery Club coaches and assessors, which was quite difficult during the winter season, but we will continue to try. The NSRA rifles course is costly, and we are unable to attract the minimum number of participants required to hold a course. For those interested in taking the course, please consider the programs offered by the County and Ferny Crofts.

Last year, I met with the managers of the QE2 centre to explore ways in which we could assist one another. The centre still has kayaks and canoes stored alongside the River Hamble near the pontoon. I am thrilled to announce that they have agreed to rent these out to Scout & Guide groups utilising Cricket Camp, as well as providing an instructor (subject to availability) if required by the group. It is wonderful to be able to offer water activities within walking distance of the site once more.

The monthly working days held by the crew on the first Saturday of each month have continued throughout the year, and I would like to express my gratitude to all those who work hard to keep the site running smoothly. If you are available, you are more than welcome to join us on the occasional Saturday.

Lastly, last year, we were fortunate enough to be selected for the Co-op Local Community Fund, which helps to raise funds for activities on site. There are a few months left to go, so please become a Co-op member and choose us as the recipient of your donations when you shop at Co-op!

**Mark Langdown**  
**Cricket Camp Manager**



## **Itchen Districts Retired Members Club**

Since our inaugural meeting last year, the Retried Members Club has continued to grow.

Sadly, one of our founding members, Issy Parker passed away in 2022. Many members attended her funeral and remembered her contribution to Scouting as a leader and GSL.

On a happier note, Andy Hiscock, DC presented Tom Axton with his (very overdue) Bar to the Silver Acorn. Well Done, Tom

We now have over 20 people on the register for our monthly meetings, this includes leaders from three districts. In December, people cooked / bought / brought along various nibbles for our "Christmas" dinner. A very enjoyable morning. Another event, attended by some members, were the Christmas Carol Concerts. At the end of the services June Burton, Charley Hockley, Joan Veal and Aileen Wood presented awards to our wonderful young people. This ensures that the President and Vice Presidents do some hard work.

Most of our time is spent having a "cuppa and chat". However, some serious business has been conducted – enlisting help with training courses. Discussions often take place, reminiscing on past events and scouting activities. Joan Veal shared her publication "A Personal History of Cricket Camp and Pauline's Lodge". This prompted other members to bring along photos and press cutting and realising how young we all were 30 or 40 years ago!

If people dally too long, June locks the doors and turns out the lights. This doesn't have much effect as everyone decamps to the car park. Still, we are a happy bunch

If anyone is interested in attending the monthly meetings or knows of former scout leaders who would like to join as Retired Members, please contact June Burton or Aileen Wood

**Aileen Wood**

**Retired Members Co-ordinator**



## Itchen South District Scout Canoe Centre

The Canoe Club continues to thrive and is working well. Our taster sessions from May to July were fully booked enabling many Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers as well as Brownies, Guides and Rangers to taste the adventure of going out on the water. It looks as if this year will be even busier.

Our Saturday Club sessions continue to grow with many regulars each week. The pool sessions from January to March were well attended with all gaining confidence and a number succeeded in managing to conquer the Eskimo roll.

We trained 2 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Expedition Groups for members of the County. One group managed to complete both the practice and qualifying expeditions. Unfortunately, on the latter trip, I tested positive for COVID and had to return home.

The second group, however, suffered last year through lack of water on both dates but managed a practice trip on the Solent and Rivers Hamble and Itchen. When re-scheduled earlier this year there was too much water. We will try again this year later in the summer.

We have a Silver group from Arrow District (formerly Eastleigh and Chandlers Ford) training this year and are hoping that the British weather will be kind to us.

We continue at Lakeside every Saturday from 3pm – 5pm until the clocks change and we then move to 1pm – 3pm.

We welcome any members of the Scout Association or Girlguiding to join us whether they are a complete novice or experienced paddler and look forward to seeing you at Lakeside.

**Joan Veal**  
**Centre Manager**  
**Assistant District Commissioner (Activities)**

## **Itchen South Adult Training**

In the last year, we have run several training courses in-house. These have been run in conjunction with Itchen North. During these training sessions 32 Itchen South leaders completed 110 modules and a further 150 modules were validated.

Whilst we are running courses in the Lodge, several leaders have called in to see one of our Training Advisers (TAs). This has accounted for another 70 modules being validated and half a dozen people completing the requirements for their Woodbadge.

Leaders are encouraged to use a variety of training methods to complete their training. Many of the modules can be done online (M5 Fundamentals, M10a First Aid Learning; M12a Delivering a Quality Programme) or via workbooks (M11 Administration, M13 Growing the Section, M14 Supporting Young People; M15 Promoting Positive Behaviour, M17 Running Safe Activities). An option exists to do all the modules on a one-to-one basis or more formally in small groups.

Gary Foote, as Appointments' Secretary, arranges for new leaders to complete their mandatory training before attending their appointment meeting. This covers (M1) Essential Information. (M3) Tools for the Role, Safety, Safeguarding, GDPR. History of Scouting (M6) is now part of Essential Information.

As the current adult training programme is nearly 20 years old, it is now under review at Scout HQ. The expectation is that it will move to a digitised programme. This is likely to be implemented within the next 2 years. In the meantime, we will continue to support all leaders in the District with their training.

My thanks to the superb team who assisted me. Jan Barfoot, June Burton, and Gary Foote from Itchen South; Jen & Paul Upton Itchen North and Peter Lawley County Trainer. A special thank you to Mark Langdown and the District Team for all their support.

Congratulations to those leaders who received their Woodbadges or gained their Nights Away permits.

**Aileen Wood**  
**County Trainer and TA Itchen South**