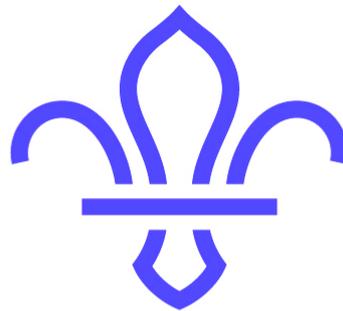


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## **AGM Minutes 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019 Tilgate Forest Golf Club**

### **Welcome**

Barry Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced

County Commissioner	Robert Sawyer
County Youth Commissioner	Michael Priest
County Secretary	Steve Mitchison

### **Present**

52 Leaders and Parents and 9 Explorers

### **Apologies were received from**

Paul Masters, Abigail Newton, Pauline Maddocks, Jayne Dalton, Nick Dalton, Ken Bereen, Lou Baker, Chris Hobbs, Gemma Hobbs

### **Minutes of 2018 AGM**

These had been published on the District Web Site.  
They were agreed as a true record  
proposed Kevin Ives seconded Kerry Waudby

### **Annual Report & Accounts**

These had been published on the District Web Site  
They were accepted subject to satisfactory audit  
proposed Denise Kilpatrick seconded Mick Hill

### **DC's Nomination of Executive Chairman**

Wendy nominated Barry Jones to serve for another year

### **Election of Secretary & Treasurer**

Ian Pearse has agreed to serve as treasurer  
proposed Gregers Young seconded Bev Hills

There was no proposal for secretary and the post will remain vacant

### **Appointment of Auditor**

Subject to his agreement M B Yearwood will be auditor  
proposed Paul Raine seconded Jayne Cook

### **Election of District Executive Members**

The current members are

Wendy Keeley	District Commissioner
Lou Baker	ADC Beavers
Allen Heath	Explorer Commissioner
Mark Eastman	Network Commissioner
Jamie Keeley	Network Commissioner
Ken Bereen	ADC Activities
Gregers Young	District Activities Adviser
Chris Hobbs,	Adult training manager
Theresa Ayers	Appointments Committee
Kevin Ives,	
Paul Masters	
Mick Hill	
Bev Hills	
Sean Edwards	
Phoebe Woolard,	
Jack Sharp,	
Adam Jasko	
Courtney Palmer Jones	
Proposed Gregers Young	Seconded Dave Brades

### **Close of business**

This concluded the formal part of the meeting

## **District Beaver report 2019**

Beaver Scouting in Crawley District continues to offer the Beaver section a fun packed adventure both in colony meetings and in the District.

There are some groups offering more than one Beaver colony but sadly due to challenges beyond their control 2<sup>nd</sup> Crawley had to close their second one this year. I know the leaders will be committed to try and reopen it in the future.

It was an honour to attend the Chief Scout Award ceremonies at St Andrew's church which saw 63 Bronze awards being earned by some amazing young people.

A Welly Walk and Easter Bunny Hunt was held at Stanford's in March with an open invitation to the whole district to attend. As ever those who attended had a wonderful time. In December we held our District Annual Christmas Crafts. They made some lovely things to take home and were all very excited to meet Father Christmas.

Unfortunately I was not able to be as active visiting colonies during 2019 and after much soul searching decided to step away from the role. I wish everyone in Crawley District all the best and thoroughly enjoyed my time with Crawley District

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has given up their time over the past year to support the Beavers.

Lou Baker  
ADC Beavers

## **District Cub Report 2019**

Cubs are still without an Assistant District Commissioner. It would be really good if we could find someone to take on this role to support the leaders across the District. Alternative if anyone is interested in being a District Cub Leader to take on part of the role and work with others. It doesn't necessarily mean you have to move away from your pack. There are 16 Packs across the 11 Groups all delivering good programmes and 53 chief scout silver awards were presented by the Mayor of Crawley across three ceremonies at St Andrew's Church, Furnace Green.

Sadly only a couple of packs attended the County Cub Camp, Cosmic Capers in September. Those that did had a wonderful time and were fortunate to also have good weather.

The annual cub conker competition was held at 2<sup>nd</sup> Crawley HQ in October followed by the handicraft day at 4<sup>th</sup> Worth in November. Many thanks to Martin Weller and Pauline Moore for organising these events.

Wendy Keeley  
District Commissioner

## **District Scouts Report 2019**

I only took over as ADC in June so it is difficult for me to do a report for the full year I understand that unfortunately the Spring camp didn't go ahead because of the ongoing loss of electricity due to the theft of the cable in 2018. However, this was finally reinstated just before the end of the year so we are looking forward to Scouts camping as a District again in 2020.

St George's Day took on a new format this year with members parading from St Wilfrid's Catholic School to Tilgate Park where all sections renewed their promises on the lawn in front of Smith and Western and then many stayed to enjoy a picnic with their groups. The weather was kind to us and it really displayed that Scouting is alive and present within Crawley and youth members seemed to feel more comfortable about the venue.

All Troops continue to offer a good balanced programme. On behalf of all the Scouts and their families I would like to thank all the Leaders, Young Leaders, Troop Assistants and Helpers for their continued hard work, time and enthusiasm in providing great activities throughout the year.

George Dyson

ADC Scouts

## District Explorer Scout Report – 2019

2019 has flown by and as the year closes, we say goodbye to Allen Heath (who is stepping down as District Explorer Scout Commissioner to take up the role of District Network Scout Commissioner) and Denise Kilpatrick who has grown the Ray Mears Young Leader Unit since 2009 to over 60 members! We would like to take this opportunity to thank both Allen and Denise for their significant contributions to Explorer Scouting in Crawley. We also welcome several new volunteers to our team including Sean Edwards (District Explorer Scout Commissioner), Clair Pushman (Shackleton ESU), Jason Wilcox (SRF ESU), Simon Maddocks (Explorer Treasurer) and Shahzad Khokhar (Neil Armstrong ESU). There is always space for more volunteers so if you would like to join the volunteer team, please do get in touch!

In Crawley, there are 5 Explorer Units: Ray Mears (Young Leaders), Sir Ranulph Fiennes, Shackleton, Neil Armstrong and Drake. At the end of 2019, membership across these units totaled 92 Explorers including 59 Young Leaders.

Over the course of 2019, the units took part in a wide variety of activities including: 2 mountain activity weekends (**April** and **October**), **Fire and Ice Camp**, **Water Activities and Camps**, Bisley Scout Shooting Competition, Monopoly Run, Overland Hike, Downsman Hike and Summer Camps (Drake – North Wales, SRF ESU – Tolmers, Neil Armstrong – Bentley Copse). Four youth members and I also attended the **2019 World Scout Jamboree in America and Canada**.

Several Explorers throughout the year have also been awarded their Chief Scout Platinum Award (7) and Young Leader Belt Buckle (5).

Within the District we also offer the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme alongside the Scout Association progressive award scheme. Keith Prior is the D of E advisor and helps with the D of E at each unit when required. We currently have around 60% of Explorers enrolled into the D of E scheme. During the year the following were completed Bronze (12), Silver (4) and Gold (1).

Without the dedication and commitment from our volunteer leaders and supporters, none of this would be possible so a big thank you to all the leaders for your support over the course of 2019 and making me feel so welcome as the incoming District Explorer Scout Commissioner! I would also like to extend my thanks to the 59 Young Leaders that week on week support the younger sections to partake in a quality programme.

Let us continue as a team with confidence to provide excellent Scouting to our young people here in Crawley District.

Sean Edwards

District Explorer Scout Commissioner

### LOCAL TRAINING MANAGERS REPORT

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Jenny Worrall, 1<sup>st</sup> Balcombe Russell Stallibrass, 1<sup>st</sup> Balcombe/James Cook Alex Donald, 5<sup>th</sup> Crawley Suzanne Brown, 1<sup>st</sup> Langley Green Em Staples, 1<sup>st</sup> Southgate Phoebe Woolard, 1<sup>st</sup> Southgate Amanda Young, 4<sup>th</sup> Worth Chris Harris, 5<sup>th</sup> Crawley for completing their initial leadership Wood Badge

**Huge thanks** to everyone who officially stepped up or took on additional new roles earning their 2<sup>nd</sup> or more Wood Badges; Eddy Hills, 5<sup>th</sup> Crawley; Tim Winter, Shackleton; Karen Trethewey, 1<sup>st</sup> Southgate; Colin Stone, 4<sup>th</sup> Worth; Richard Page, 1<sup>st</sup> Langley Green; Sinead Madden, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ifield;

**Congratulations** and thank you to the 21 adults who completed their 'Getting Started' training achieving their certificates and pin badges.

We have ended 2019 with 13 adults not having achieved their Essential Information training, 27 completed the

learning but not validation and therefore 40 still in 'provisional' roles.

**Mandatory Ongoing Learning**; out of date = 21 First Aid; 12 Safeguarding; 12 Safety Awareness. Courses locally; First Aid 5MAR & 3APR, Safeguarding & Safety Awareness 7JUN – book via Eventbrite.

These achievements are achieved with the support of Training Advisers who help guide adults through the learning and validation process. Crawley has a reduced team of TAs again this year but my **unending gratitude** goes to: Carol Stevenson Denise Kilpatrick Graham Mitchell Ian Head Keith Prior Mick Hill Paul Masters Shona Graves Allen Heath Eddy Hills, on Management modules. Thanks to Helen Ives for support, Adam Jasko and Gregers Young for stepping forward and to all the GSLs who have supported their teams learning.

Training Adviser roles totally fulfil the criteria for flexible work hours ☺ requiring only a genuine interest in supporting adults progress their Scouting skills, communicating clearly and methodically. It **DOES NOT** depend on I.T. skills or piles of paperwork. If you are interested, please ask me.

Crawley District currently has 9 adults waiting on Management training, 64 leaders working through their Wood Badge and 23 Trustees needing Essential Information for Executive Members – much to do in 2020.

Well Done, thank you and congratulations to everyone who has been involved in the scouting learning process again in 2019. Your time and efforts are appreciated. My hope is that this enables everyone to enjoy safe scouting.

Kind Regards, Chris Hobbs, Crawley Local Training Manager

### **Stanford and Stanford Active Support unit Report 2019**

With still no mains power to the site during 2019 made doing major projects a bit hard.

Also, with the lack of bookings this also meant we had to cut back on some projects due to the lack of funds. Added to this the weather was not always kind to us, with the strong winds and rain during 2019 meant Kevin Ives spent most of the working weekends removing fallen trees.

It was not all doom and glum though as we managed to replace the poles for the archery nets, built seating outside the hut plus other minor repairs to the facilities.

With Eddy Hills commitment we were able to also keep the grass cut on all the sites.

Some Groups still managed to camp and made the most of the limited facilities like showers which I'm sure did not bother the young people as washing is not at the top of their list.

As for the bunk house the work on this was also put on hold. All being well we are hoping to commence the work on this during 2020.

May we take this opportunity to say thank you to all those who supported us during this problematic year.

Kevin Ives -Stanford Manager.

Mick Hill – Stanford Active Support Unit Manager.

### **District Executive Report**

During the year from January to December 2019 the Executive met five times.

We manage Stanford Camp site and share the management of Lark Rise HQ

Much of the discussion has centred around Stanford camp site. After a titanic struggle Electricity was restored to the main hut in late December, since then power has been restored to the Shower block and installed in the bunkhouse. Everything has been tested and passed and we are awaiting the official certificate from NICC when we will have to pay the final instalment of the bill bringing the total spend to £56k of which some £15k has come from District funds, mainly for the new connection to the bunkhouse.

The bunkhouse is still largely on hold awaiting an agreement with Building Control.

We have had a number of issues with the mowers and undertook a review as to the best way forward for maintaining the various areas. This demonstrated that the most cost effective was to continue with two ride on mowers with regular fortnightly and monthly mowing but with stricter controls on their use. We do need more volunteers to help with the grass cutting but they must undergo a familiarisation session before using the mowers.

Allen Heath has agreed to run a 100 club to support Stanfords for which we still need more members.

We have also discussed the trials and tribulations we have experienced in setting up new bank accounts with

Barclays Bank for all District sections and the transfer of the main District account from RBS to Barclays.

We also agreed to the disposal of the District van.

The need for more leaders to support our youth was also frequently discussed. More Adults in administration roles would allow leaders more time to concentrate on the young people.

Barry Jones  
Chair  
Crawley District Scout Executive