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Odiham District Scout Council

Annual Review

2010 - 2011



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**Odiham District Scout Council
2010 — 2011**

District President: Sir Euan Gough—Calthorpe

District Commissioner: Jakki Holland

District Explorer Scout Commissioner Paul Lethbridge

Executive Committee:

Chair: Wyn Roberts

Secretary: Jules Roome

Treasurer: Nick Walton

Assistant District Commissioners:

Beavers: Mary Hilditch

Cubs: Jannette McElarney

Scouts: Annie Harris-Millington

Group Support: George Parker

Odiham Active Support Unit: Vacant

District Leaders:

Beaver

Cub Tracey Goodrum

Scout

Appointments Sub Committee:

Chair: Gilbert McKinnon

Secretary: Heather Williams

Badge Secretary: Terry McElarney

Acting Scout Shop Manager: Jules Roome

Newsletter Editor: Anne Biffin

Webmaster: Frank Heritage

Odiham Youth Council Representatives: Laura Betteridge
Cameron Booker

Odiham District Scout Council Annual General Meeting

Crandall Scout Centre - 5th April 2011, 8pm

Agenda

- Chairman's Welcome & Apologies
- Approval of last years AGM minutes
- Approval of Resolution on Quora at Meetings of Odiham District Scout Council and Executive Committee
 - Adoption of the District Annual Report booklet
 - Approval of Statement of Accounts
 - DC's nomination of Chairman
 - Election of Executive Officers Secretary & Treasurer
 - DC's nomination of members for Executive Committee
 - Election of members for Executive Committee
 - Appointment of District Auditor
 - Date of next Annual General Meeting
 - DC's remarks & presentations
 - County Representative's remarks
 - Chairman's closing remarks

District Chairman's Report

It was quite a surprise when our new DC approached me just over a year ago to ask me to reprise my role as District Chairman, which those of you with long memories may remember I held from 1994 to 2000. Scouting has changed considerably since then, with many girls now joining and with the formation of Explorers, but it is clear that those who participate in scouting enjoy it as much as ever.

I think that the year leading up to our centenary has been one of steady progress. The district overall has grown by over 12%, with six of our eight groups showing an increase in membership, and this is matched by a reduction of almost 20% in our waiting list. Nevertheless at January 2011 there were still 160 youngsters in our district whose scouting aspirations we are currently unable to meet.

The demand for scouting is likely to increase further with the new Edenbrook development in Hitches Lane and the larger planned development at Queen Elizabeth Barracks in Church Crookham. While the plans for QEB include provision for a community building adjacent to green space, sadly this will not be built until phase 2 of the development. We have taken this up with local councillors who have been very encouraging and supportive of our desire to provide scouting activities on this new 850 home development. These two challenges will form the background to our forthcoming discussions with the Regional Development Officer, Don Wills over the coming weeks.

I would like to thank Jakki for her enthusiasm and support as our new DC and also the other members of the District Executive Committee for all their support over the past year. I would particularly like to thank Dave Owen, our Appointments Secretary, who has done sterling work in establishing a smooth running appointments system in the District and who has been unwell in recent months. We have therefore asked Heather Williams to take over this role for the next 12 months and we are very grateful to her for taking this on. We wish Dave well and hope he will be well enough to work with us again in the not too distant future.

As you will all know the Scout Association has closed down Fellowship Units and is replacing them with new Scout Active Support Units. January 2011 saw the last Odiham District Scout Fellowship Pantomime which was an enormous success and I would like to congratulate everyone associated with it. At the present time we have only a handful of individuals who want to be members of the new Scout Active Support Unit and no-one able to take on the role of District Scout Active Support Manager. At its last meeting the District Executive decided that we should wait until the end of the summer term before deciding whether a District Scout Active Support Unit is viable. If anyone is interested in either membership of the unit or the manager role they should contact either me or the District Commissioner, Jakki Holland.

Finally I would like to thank the 100 or so volunteers who serve as leaders or administrators in scouting across Odiham District and without whom we would be unable to offer such exciting programmes to local youngsters. I hope that in this our centenary year we can go from strength to strength and provide new scouting experiences to an even wider range of youngsters in north-east Hart.

Wyn Roberts
Odiham District Chairman

The Odiham District Scout Shop 2010 – 2011

I am sure you are all aware that in July, after 5 years at the helm, Gaynor Cox our wonderful, totally reliable Shop Manager decided that she wanted to step down and let someone else to take up the challenge.

We would like to thank Gaynor for her dedication to District and the Shop. She has provided an excellent service to Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Parents. In the process she has also raised funds for the District. These funds have been used to support groups and scouting activities across the District. Thank You Gaynor

As a District we took this opportunity to review how we could improve our service.

Armed with the feedback from a survey we have refurbished the shop and developed different initiatives to improve the service and increase the sales.

These include: an order and collect service; “Essential Kit lists” for parents and Friday evening opening. The dramatic increase in sales since the re-opening demonstrates the capacity for future development. It is encouraging to see so many people using the shop. This can only benefit the District as it grows.

Within the next couple of months, the shop will have new computer software installed. This will enable us to develop the shop further.

It has of course been difficult to replace Gaynor, and there is no denying it is a commitment, for one person. It may well be a good opportunity to consider the possibility of two people sharing the responsibility. If you feel you have what it takes and enjoy a challenge then contact me.

My Sincere Thanks go to:

- John and Victoria, for getting stuck in and helping me with what ever they could,
- Steve, for allowing me to “disappear” for hours at a time, with his power tools!
- Catherine and John, for help with a paint brush, a power screwdriver, and just being there when I needed someone Richard, for his skill with a circular saw
- Dave from Travis and Perkins for discount on the materials and help with the all important tape measure!
- Jannette for writing tickets and taking the first shift!
- Michelle and Paul for the bacon rolls
- And Jakki, for her trust in me

I would also like to thank everyone who has supported the shop since the re-opening in January. The increased sales are a demonstration of what you can achieve with a bit of team work.

Jules Roome

Acting Scout Shop Manager

Appointments Advisory Committee 2010

The Appointments Advisory Committee is a mandatory part of the District Executive. Its main role is to consider all applications for appointments and change of appointments in the District and present their recommendations to the District Commissioner. All committee members have completed the required training. The committee meets about once a month, and at other times as required, to interview candidates.

The Appointments Advisory Committee has had nine meetings this year and twenty-six candidates were interviewed and appointments recommended. The calibre of the candidates has, as usual, been generally high. Most of the volunteers are parents who help in packs where their children are members. Many bring skills and experience that they can use for the benefit of the young people. Most are keen to make scouting fun, interesting and profitable for the members. The committee members often find the interviewees inspiring in their enthusiasm and in their sometimes sacrificial approach to helping in the movement.

As Chair of the Committee, I have always been impressed also by the quality and integrity of the interviewing panels. I thank them for all they do in that capacity and also in helping to lead various Scouting troops within the area.

Thanks to the vice-chairmen of the committee, Wyn Roberts, Ian Freeman and Heather Williams for their commitment and work. Many thanks are due also to the other committee members who willingly give of their time to serving in this way. Most have many years of experience in the Scouting movement and they often encourage the enthusiasm of the candidates. Unfortunately, Ian Freeman and Martin Bentley have decided to stand down this year. We thank them for their many years of good service to the District.

This report has for some years been written by the Secretary of the Appointments Committee, David Owen. David has suffered from ill health for some months and so his role as Secretary has been kindly taken up meantime by Heather Williams to whom the committee is very grateful. We do hope that David makes a good recovery and is able once again to help in the Appointments Advisory process. His wealth of knowledge and experience of Scouting is missed and we wish him and his wife Sandi well at this time.

Gilbert McKinnon

Chairman - Appointments Advisory Committee

TREASURERS REPORT

The year saw a deficit of £748 vs a budgeted deficit of £2725. The deficit was lower than planned for a number of reasons, including not spending the £1400 anticipated amount on International Scouting, underspend on activities across the scouting sections of £1275 and the Scout Shop performing better than anticipated. This was offset by £1186 on badges due to the bulk purchase of the new district badges and £793 spent on training which was not separately budgeted. For full details of receipts and expenditure, see separate report.

Odiham District Scouts continues to be in good financial health with some £31000 in the bank. Consistent with reducing this, a net deficit of £3450 is being budgeted for 2011. This includes £1500 on District Centenary and £350 on each of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts sections. Details of cash balances and reserves are shown on the balance sheet.

Nick Walton

District Treasurer

Financial Summary at 31/12/10

£	Total Actuals to 31/12			Budget Year Net	Variance Net	Notes
	Receipts	Payments	Net			
Membership						
Subs.	23609	20644	2965	3445	-480	
Fellowship						
Panto.	5762	4612	1150	1230	-80	
Badges	3220	4206	-986	200	-1186	6
Scout Shop	9852	6918	2934	2000	934	
International Scouting	0	0	0	-1400	1400	
District Centenary/Other Activities	0	0	0	0	0	
Beaver Activities	3274	3347	-74	-450	376	4
Cub Activities	4020	4208	-188	-450	262	4
Scout Activities	62	73	-11	-450	439	
Explorer Activities	4493	6095	-1602	-1800	198	3
Network Scouts set up fund	0	0	0	-250	250	
Explorer						
Other	-20	368	-388	-150	-238	
Insurance	0	587	-587	-850	263	
Trustee Exps.	0	1335	-1335	-900	-435	2
Sundries/ admin.	322	798	-477	-750	273	
Inv. income/ donations	68	352	-284	200	-484	5
Occupancy	0	1073	-1073	-1250	178	
Capex	0	0	0	-750	750	
PR/ Recruitment		0	0	-250	250	
Print/Stat/Postage	0	0	0	-100	100	
Training	0	793	-793	0	-793	1
Total	54661	55409	-748	-2725	1977	

Notes

- 1 New category for 2010 hence no separate budget allocation
- 2 Large payment for whole of 2009 made to one trustee
- 3 £1050 for Finland and £500 + for other activities received in June
- 4 Longleat. £705 paid out for climbing wall under Cubs
- 5 Donation to Haiti of last year surplus £352
- 6 Purchase of new District Badges

Net Assets As at 31/12/10

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Bank Accounts	19620	
Short Term Investment Service	10859	
Cash in Hand	392	
Government Stocks	<u>49</u>	
Sub-total Monetary Assets		30920
Less: Badge deposits prepaid	<u>0</u>	
Total Net Assets		<u>30920</u>

Reserves

Desig-
nated
Funds

Explorers Set Up	0	
Fixed Assets	250	
Brownsea Island Fund	62	
International Scouting Fellow- ship	<u>2803</u>	
Total Designated Funds		26614
General reserve *		<u>4306</u>
Total Reserves		<u>30920</u>

Annual running expenses in 2009 amounted to £17756. Gen. reserve of £ 4306 represents 3 months of expenses - below the 6 to 12 months policy. However we do have reserves within Fellowship

Beaver Scout Report

Beaver Scouting in Odiham District continues to grow strongly. There are now 10 Colonies spread between 7 Scout Groups and over 167 Beaver Scouts on our registers. This is great news and reflects the warm welcome and interesting programmes from our Beaver Colonies and all the leaders.

Each Colony has put on its own individual programme, generating a great variety of exciting events. In addition we have taken part in a number of District and County events. In June last year 56 Beavers travelled to Longleat with thousands of Beavers and Cubs from all over Hampshire. We saw the animals on the safari tour; tried not to lose the children in the maze; rode on the train; tried out the simulators and sheltered from the heat in the bat cave. It was a fantastic day and there were just too many activities to try them all.

We also put on our own Beaver Olympics at Crookham Junior School. All Beavers tried the 5 events that were laid on – ballisters, agility race, parachute games, football shooting and “jump the river”. They enjoyed the activities and also seeing which of their school friends they could spot in other Beaver colonies.

At Christmas time we held a District craft morning and 34 Beavers made a variety of Christmas decorations and cards. There was glitter, glue and candle paint everywhere and many happy, industrious Beavers.

This year we celebrate 25 Years of Beaver Scouting, as well as 100 Years of Scouting in Odiham. When Beaver Scouting began, the motto was “Fun and Friends”. This motto has now changed, but Fun and Friends is a very good summary of the method and purpose of Beaver Scouting.

Thank you to all the leaders, helpers and parents who make Beaver Scouting happen week on week.

Mary Hilditch
ADC Beavers

Cub Section Report

2010 started and finished with snow disrupting our programmes! In January the panto had to be rescheduled as the school was closed which meant that the rehearsal for the cubs was on the same day as the 6 a side football competition. However, undeterred, we had a different pack on stage for every performance and the battle for the football trophy and a place in the county competition was as competitive as ever. The football final was between Celts as winners of Division A and 100th Trident as the winner of divisions B and C. After extra time and penalties 1st Crookham Celts emerges triumphant.

Nearly 100 swimming badges of all stages were gained by beavers, cubs and scouts at Lord Wandsworth College pool one afternoon in the spring. This was closely followed by the “Brain of Odiham” competition where teams of 3 cubs answer as many questions about Scouting, general knowledge and science and nature as they can in the allotted time. The winners were 1st Crookham Normans and they represented Odiham at the County Mastermind where, at the end of the afternoon, they had an equal number of points as another district but unfortunately more “passes” so came a very creditable 2nd.

On an extremely hot day in June, six coaches pulled out of Fleet with 300 of our beavers, cubs and leaders on board, bound for the county Big Day Out at Longleat. Everyone seemed to have a fantastic day in spite of the heat, noise and numbers!

July was a more relaxed month for the leaders as we had a mere 220 cubs for an evening of athletics at Crookham Junior School playing field! A lot of athlete badges and athlete plus were gained and at the same time a Pack sports competition was held which was won by 6th Tigers.

The autumn term was very busy with 3 big cub events. The first was the 3 dens challenge where 135 cubs hiked around Fleet and Church Crookham doing activities at and en route to the 3 dens. We had rifle shooting, radio orienteering and fire-lighting at Crookham den, orienteering in Velmead Woods, archery and rockets at 29th den, canoeing on the canal, climbing, cooking, judo and chariot racing at Calthorpe Park dens.

Then we had the scrapheap challenge where teams of 6 cubs listen to a story and then have an hour to build and paint a 3d scene from the story. 29th A team emerged as the victors and had a good afternoon at Waterlooville at the county competition.

The last big event of the year was the swimming gala with 9 packs taking part. A joint team from 1st Crookham won the trophy beating Pondtail by just one point!

The number of cub packs in the district went up to 13 so we welcomed Penny from 100th Mosquitos and Mike from 6th Panthers along with Tony Holland who took over Normans at the beginning of the year.

On behalf of all the cubs in the district and myself, I must thank the brilliant team of cub pack leaders that we have, for all the time and energy they give to our wide range of exciting activities at district level, and for the fantastic programmes that they run in their own weekly meetings. Also, thanks to the parents who also support us when needed – the 3 dens challenge needed 28 extra adults! Without this super team effort none of the above would have happened and my report would be a lot shorter!

Jannette McElarney
ADC Cubs

Scout Section Report

I would first like to thank all the scout leaders for their hard work with running their troops in the past year. We have only had the district scout hike this year for all the troops to get involved in. The troops have been busy with their own programmes and I am impressed with the wide variety on offer. From caving to hiking in Wales, to sailing, climbing, shooting and archery. Not to mention trips to London sleeping on ships and going on the underground. The troop leaders have put on fantastic programmes.

The number of scouts in the district has grown which is all down to the leaders and what they are doing with the youngsters. I was particularly pleased that the district was well represented at County events in the last year. Several troops attended winter camp at Ferny Crofts in 2010, others

survival camp, with some of our patrol leaders and assistant patrol leaders going to the county camp at Lyons Copse to learn leadership skills. The scouts that attended these were particularly well behaved and I was proud to attend as their ADC. Thanks scouts.

The district hike took place around Dogmersfield this year with 14 teams of 5/6 scouts each taking part. We had three teams getting lost as they all followed each other, but once put back on the right track managed the route. The route contained several surprise activities from moving a log with out touching it, to filling a tube to retrieve an object which had holes in so the water ran out, to mind games and puzzles. 22nd troop won first prize. But again my thanks to leaders and scouts for their attitude which made it such a great event.

We had more scouts than ever taking part in the district pantomime in January and I thank them all very much. Acting is very much a scout activity not just on stage but in front of the rest of the troop around the fire during camp. We like nothing more than a well delivered skit or a song sung with heart and soul, to entertain us after a long day of activities. We also had scouts working on lighting and sound, without these people the actors could not be in the spot light. Talking of background help, we as leaders would also be unable to do our jobs without the assistants and parent helpers who turn up every week. So thank you to all.

As ADC scouts I get a lot of fun being at activities with the scouts and am proud of them when they achieve something that they once found hard. Talking to the scouts during these events and talking to the gold award candidates, I am impressed by the fun they have had and the gratitude and appreciation for all the leaders do. (Even through this might not get passed on to the leaders.) We are very lucky in this district to have such wonderful scouts, let us take pride in them and thier achievements and tell them so.

Annie Harris-Millington
ADC Scouts

Explorer Section Report

No dramatic happenings on the Explorer front so a few bullet points from the last 12 months:

- Basingbourne unit continues to grow
- Crondall unit is stable if a little small
- Indoor climbing, shooting, wild camping and a trip to "We will Rock You" in London were all well attended.
- We held a Red Nose Day Sleepover in March
- There is a practice Camp/Exped for Dof E planned this month

Paul Lethbridge
District Explorer Scout Commissioner

NB. This page to be updated.

District Commissioner Review

I can hardly believe that a year has flown by—where does the time go? Since last April I have as many of you will know grown my family by 1 with the arrival of Jessie last May, my son has become a beaver and my eldest daughter is a term away from moving onto scouts. I know my household has certainly taken part in lots of scouting adventure over the last 12 months. Adventure such as camping, beavers pioneering with bamboo canes making teddy dens (yes, I did say bamboo!) hiking, wide games and more. The basic skills that are as old as time itself have been enjoyed by all and are now firmly a part of my children's lives, one day I hope they will pass it on...

It's always a pleasure to drop in on Section meetings and to witness, first hand, the varied programmes which are being offered to our young people. Whether it is arts and crafts, games, working towards badges and awards or adventurous activities it is always great to see youngsters learning and developing new skills with their friends.

Within the district we have seen growth our census figures show we are still as popular as ever in fact so popular as a district we have grown by a whopping 12%. This is thanks to each and every one of you who play a part. The sustained success is down to the many enthusiastic and committed adults both uniformed and non uniformed we have throughout the District. We have also seen change with the transfer from Fellowship to Scout Active Support, as I write this we are still looking for a Manager in the hope we can make a real go of this unit. This will be one of the main topics on the agenda for the District Executive over the next few months.

Over the last year I have been privileged and honoured to present Wood Badges & Awards to Adult Leaders and Badges/Awards to some sections. My sincere congratulations to all recipients, I hope to be presenting many more as the next year unfolds! Our most recent presentations were made at our Centenary Parade only a few weeks ago on this occasion I enlisted the help of Adam, County Commissioner who presented 2 more wood badges and several Gold Awards. Although this is our Centenary year I won't dwell on it in this review as this is a review of the past year, I do however hope that you will join me as we enter the next Century of scouting in Odiham over the year ahead in helping create another successful year for the District.

I will once more, try to represent you and assist you to the best of my ability and would like to take this opportunity to thank you all, whatever role you fulfil, for your assistance, encouragement and support.

Finally I'd like you to take a moment to reflect on the passing of an extraordinary Gentleman and a fellow scouter, Tony Wyborn. Tony gave many years to the District and in fact held the role of DC twice, he will be sadly missed but fondly remembered.

Jakki Holland
District Commissioner

Aladdin 2011

Another successful show from the newly named Odiham District Scout Active Support (ODSAS). Producing Aladdin was not without its challenges but the end result was far more than the sum of its parts. The youngest cast yet entertained full houses for most performances and comments from the audience were very complimentary. When our first Aladdin ran away to join The Disney Corporation Annie V bravely stood in and took over the role with aplomb. When our Genie of the Ring stepped down at the last minute, original Aladdin, Kim L home from Disneyland took over the part, learnt the lines in a weekend and saved the show.

The whole cast worked so hard to deliver what turned out to be one of the most successful shows to date. Sets and costumes were finished in the nick of time, songs and dance routines learnt, some last minute dancing "girls" opened the second act to much hilarity, then had to get back into their blacks to continue with the backstage work. We welcomed new faces into the team some in key roles, all had such a good time they want to do it all again next year. As usual the show was opened by cubs of the district, this year showing off their UV handy work and closed with them joining in a rousing rendition of Come Follow the Band.

For the finale the audience was wowed by the appearance of a huge dragon almost too big to get down the aisle. Who need Harry Potter?

Debbie Miles

Scout Active Support Coordinator (Retiring)

Odiham District Scout Council - Annual Census Summary by Group January

Group	Beaver Scouts		Cub Scouts		Scouts		Leaders		Assistants		GSL's		Other Adults		Totals		% Growth
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	
1st Crookham	26	33	58	75	43	43	7	8	14	13	1	1			149	182	22.15%
2nd Odiham	15	11	18	21	20	19	8	8	1	0	1	1	1	0	64	60	-6.25%
22nd Odiham	20	20	26	21	18	20	6	4	4	5	1	1			75	71	-5.33%
26th Odiham	0	0	30	42	32	44	5	5	0	0	1	1	3	2	71	94	32.39%
28th Odiham	19	21	34	39	32	29	4	14	4	2	1	1			94	106	12.77%
29th Odiham	24	24	40	40	37	38	13	14	2	2	0	0			116	118	1.72%
6th Fleet	20	31	26	35	26	29	17	18	1	0	1	1	3	3	94	117	24.47%
100th Elvetham	14	27	29	30	13	19	15	17	5	0	1	0	2	2	79	95	20.25%
Explorer Scouts		0													33	29	-12.12%
EXP Leaders		0													6	3	-50.00%
SAS															8	9	12.50%
District Admin															2	3	50.00%
Commissioners															2	3	50.00%
TOTAL	138	167	261	303	221	241	75	88	31	22	7	6	9	16	793	890	12.23%
Growth		29		42		20		13		-9		-1		7		97	