



**. . . Annual Report
and Accounts of the
Croydon District Scout Council
2014**



Bear Grylls and Steve Backshall at Pinewood in April 2014



Scout Groups, Explorer Scout Units and Scout Network

SCOUT GROUPS

1st COULSDON SCOUT GROUP

Richmond Hall, Fourth Drive, Coulsdon, CR5 3BD
(Access from rear of Lion Green Road car park, CR5 2NL)

1st CROYDON (Addiscombe) SCOUT GROUP

Beverley Hall, Grant Road, Croydon CR0 6PJ
St Matthew's Church Hall, Chichester Road, Croydon, CR0 5NQ

6th CROYDON SCOUT GROUP

11-13 Bynes Road, South Croydon, CR2 0PY

7th/12th CROYDON SCOUT GROUP

Rear of 35 Birdhurst Rise, South Croydon, CR2 7EJ

10th CROYDON SCOUT GROUP

113-115 St James's Road, Croydon, CR0 2UW

16th CROYDON SCOUT GROUP

Large Church Hall, Croydon Minster, Church Street, Croydon, CR0 1RN

23rd CROYDON (1st South Norwood) SCOUT GROUP

The Den, 30 Love Lane, South Norwood, SE25 4NG

26th CROYDON (St Andrew's) SCOUT GROUP

St Andrew's Church Hall, Quadrant Rd, Thornton Heath, CR7 7NG
St James the Great School, Windsor Rd, Thornton Heath, CR7 8HJ

27th CROYDON (St Mildreds) SCOUT GROUP

St Mildred's Hall, Bingham Road, Croydon, CR0 7EB

28th CROYDON (Our Lady of the Annunciation) SCOUT GROUP

Rear of 20-22 Craven Road, Croydon, CR0 7JH

29th CROYDON (St John's) SCOUT GROUP

Behind Shirley Parish Hall, 81 Wickham Road, Croydon, CR0 8TB

31st CROYDON (2nd Shirley, St George's) SCOUT GROUP

Rear of St George's Church Hall, Elstan Way, Croydon, CR0 7PR

38th CROYDON SCOUT GROUP

The Den, Peppermint Close, Alfriston Avenue, Croydon, CR0 3DX

39th CROYDON SCOUT GROUP

The Quest, Beulah Road, Thornton Heath, CR7 8JG

44th CROYDON (Air Scouts) SCOUT GROUP

Ad Astra, Hythe Road, Thornton Heath, CR7 8QQ

49th CROYDON (Christchurch Methodist) SCOUT GROUP

Christchurch Methodist Church Hall,
114 Lower Addiscombe Road, Croydon, CR0 6AD

61st CROYDON (St Oswald's) SCOUT GROUP

The New Enterprise, Biggin Hill, Upper Norwood, SE19 3HT

63rd CROYDON (4th South Norwood) SCOUT GROUP

Rear of Holy Innocents Church, Selhurst Rd, South Norwood, SE25 6XX

67th CROYDON SCOUT GROUP

The Endeavour Halls, 273 Norbury Crescent, Norbury, SW16 4LF

68th CROYDON (Al Abtaal) SCOUT GROUP

The Endeavour Halls, 273 Norbury Crescent, Norbury, SW16 4LF

1st CRYSTAL PALACE (2nd Croydon) SCOUT GROUP

The Den, 3 Rama Lane, Cintra Park, Upper Norwood, SE19 2LJ

1st NEW ADDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Former Council Housing Offices, 90 Central Parade,
New Addington, Croydon, CR0 0JB

1st PURLEY (Princess Christian's Own) SCOUT GROUP

53-55 Purley Park Road, Purley, CR8 2BW

7th PURLEY (All Saints, Kenley) SCOUT GROUP

All Saints Church Hall, Church Road, Kenley, CR8 5DU

8th PURLEY (St Mary's) SCOUT GROUP

Scout HQ, St Mary's Church, Purley Oaks Road,
South Croydon, CR2 0NR (Entrance in Beech Avenue).

9th PURLEY (St John the Baptist) SCOUT GROUP

St John the Baptist Parish Centre, Dale Road, Purley, CR8 2EF

11th PURLEY (St James) SCOUT GROUP

St James Church Hall, Lower Road, Kenley, CR8 5NJ
(Access via footpath between 18 & 20 Lower Rd, Kenley, CR8 5NB)

16th PURLEY (7th Sanderstead, All Saints) SCOUT GROUP

Cranleigh Close, South Croydon, CR2 9LH

17th PURLEY (St John's, Old Coulsdon) SCOUT GROUP

Rear of St John's Church Hall, Marlpit Lane, Old Coulsdon, CR5 2HD
(top of Marlpit Lane)

18th PURLEY (Sanderstead URC) Scout Group

Farmfields, South Croydon, CR2 0HQ

19th PURLEY (Riddlesdown) SCOUT GROUP

Dunmail Drive, off Mitchley Hill, South Croydon, CR2 1EX
(Access from bottom of Mitchley Hill, CR2 9HJ)

21st PURLEY (St Barnabas) SCOUT GROUP

St Barnabas Church, Higher Drive, Purley, CR8 2HR

24th PURLEY SCOUT GROUP

Rear of Hillars Heath Road, Coulsdon, CR5 2JP
(path between numbers 28 & 29)

25th PURLEY (St Mark's) SCOUT GROUP

Scout Hut, Rear of St Mark's Church Hall,
Church Road, Purley, CR8 3QQ

29th PURLEY (Purley Baptist) SCOUT GROUP

Purley Baptist Church, Banstead Road, Purley, CR8 3EA

1st SELSDON & ADDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Rear of St John's Hall, 7a Upper Selsdon Rd, South Croydon, CR2 8DD

2nd SELSDON & ADDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Entrance between 89 & 91 Foxearth Rd, South Croydon, CR2 8EN

5th SELSDON & ADDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Addington Methodist Church, Huntingfield, Addington, CR0 9BA

17th SELSDON & ADDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

St Columba's Church Hall, Queenhill Rd, South Croydon, CR2 8DW

EXPLORER SCOUT UNITS

ALL SAINT'S EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

All Saints Church Hall, Church Road, Kenley, CR8 5DU

COLLIERS EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

The Endeavour, 273 Norbury Crescent, Norbury, SW16 4LF

COULSDON EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

Richmond Hall, Fourth Drive, Coulsdon, CR5 3BD
(Access from rear of Lion Green Road car park, CR5 2NL)

CROHAM VALLEY EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

Rear of 35 Birdhurst Rise, South Croydon, CR2 7EJ

CRYSTAL PALACE EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

The Den, 3 Rama Lane, Cintra Park, Upper Norwood, SE19 2LJ

KENLEY EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

21st Purley HQBP Hut, St Barnabas Church, Higher Drive, Purley, CR8 2HR

PHOENIX EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

Scout Hut, Rear of St Mark's Church Hall, Church Rd, Purley, CR8 3QQ

PINEWOOD SEAHORSES EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

Pinewood Scout Centre,
between 157 & 159 Shirley Church Road, Croydon, CR0 5AJ

PURLEY CROSS EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

Purley Baptist Church, Banstead Road, Purley, CR8 3EA

PURLEY OAKS EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

8th Purley Scout HQ, St Mary's Church, Purley Oaks Road,
South Croydon, CR2 0NR (Entrance in Beech Avenue).

SANDERSTEAD EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

16th Purley HQ, Cranleigh Close, South Croydon, CR2 9LH

YOUNG LEADERS EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

No regular meeting place.

SCOUT NETWORK

CROYDON (ROMANS) SCOUT NETWORK

11-13 Bynes Road, South Croydon, CR2 0PY

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Awards 2014

LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD 2014

Chief Scout's 5 Years Service Award

Oliver Carmona, Roy Coleman, Katherine Collins, Desmond Donohoe, Robert Francis, Sarah Gater, Gail Gibbs, Daniel Gliddon, Frances Gunnell, Gavin Hamilton, Colin Jones, Iain Rigg, Richard Smith, Jacqueline Snow, Katarina Soltysova, Mary Ward, Rachel Warner, Philip Watts.

Chief Scout's 10 Years Service Award

Martin Atkins, Jayne Brewer, Mary Brown, Anthony Rowland, Christine Scott, Dawn White.

Chief Scout's 15 Years Service Award

George Campbell, Anthony Eeles, Mark Hudson, Janet Southcombe, Martin Southcombe, Diana Walters, Millicent White.

Chief Scout's 20 Years Service Award

Robert Croft, Stephen Gallagher, Amanda Giles, Keith Goode, Brian Lamont, Yvonne Lamont, Simon Lloyd.

Chief Scout's 25 Years Service Award

Genevieve Dunbar, Leo Hawkins, Eleanor Millward, Alan Williams..

Chief Scout's 30 Years Service Award

David Freeman, Roy Smith, Diana Smith, Roger Tomlin.

Chief Scout's 40 Years Service Award

Alan Kemp, Christopher Seaman, Margaret Walker.

CHIEF SCOUT COMMENDATIONS 2014

Jayne Brewer, Mary Brown, Jill Burman, Patricia Campbell, William Campbell, Simon Chapman, Ann Coates, Peter Coates, Douglas Constable, Tana Danielson, Kenneth Deal, Desmond Donohoe, Sandra Dunnion, Anthony Eeles, Peter Giles, Neil Hillier, Janet Hughes, David Johnson, Wendy Jones, Sam Kenny, Patrick Kingman, Murray Kohn, Heather Lindsay, Trevor Lowe, Robert McKeag, Karen Orriss, Ian Pritchard, Stephen Roach, Andrew Robson, Neil Rodgers, Nadia Russell, Peter Stout, Claire Taylor, Theodore Turner, Malcolm White.

GOOD SERVICE AWARDS 2014

Catherine Balzer	Award for Merit
Jacqueline Bateman	Award for Merit
Paul Burns	Award for Merit
Stephen Burroughs	Award for Merit
Alastair Cargill	Award for Merit
Patricia Dean	Award for Merit
Alexander Graham	Award for Merit
Mark Hudson	Award for Merit
Brian Lamont	Award for Merit
Yvonne Lamont	Award for Merit

Simon Lloyd	Award for Merit
Julie Longman	Award for Merit
Anne McSweeney	Award for Merit
Brendan Moraghan	Award for Merit
Michael Peters	Award for Merit
David Seaman	Award for Merit
Anne Smith	Award for Merit
Keith Spencer	Award for Merit
Gillian Tyson	Award for Merit
Neil Tyson	Award for Merit
Alan Williams	Award for Merit
Leslie Blake	Bar to Award for Merit
Stephen Cole	Bar to Award for Merit
Malcolm Dalton	Bar to Award for Merit
Richard Griffin	Bar to Award for Merit
Dorothy Ledger	Bar to Award for Merit

ST GEORGE'S DAY AWARDS 2014

Genevieve Dunbar	Silver Acorn
Helen Medland	Silver Acorn
Eric Bradley	Bar to the Silver Acorn
Bernard Farrell	Bar to the Silver Acorn
Anthony Grogan	Bar to the Silver Acorn
Russell Priestley	Bar to the Silver Acorn
David Rixson	Bar to the Silver Acorn

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS 2014

MBE (Member of the British Empire)

The citation reads: Hallam Carter-Pegg - Presented for services to Young People in Croydon through the Scout Association. (London)

WOODBADGES PRESENTED IN 2014

James Gordon	1st S&A,
Peter Fosdike	Purley Cross ESU,
Peter McKeag	11th Purley,
Iain Rigg	18th Purley,
Jennie Davidson	1st Purley,
Hannah Gordon	1st S&A,
Paul Vella	9th Purley,
Unice Frederick	38th Croydon,
Christie Golder	11th Purley,
Graham Daniels	1st Purley,
Charlotte Sharp	8th Purley,
Alison Edwards	10th Croydon,
Chris Seaman	61st Croydon,
Carole Phillips	6th Croydon,
Pam Tarrant	1st New Addington,
Aime Adkin	1st Coulsdon.

Annual General Meeting Agenda

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CROYDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
TO BE HELD AT
EMMANUEL CHURCH HALL, NORMANTON ROAD, SOUTH CROYDON
ON THURSDAY 14 MAY 2015
AT 7.30PM FOR 8PM**

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introduction.
2. A moment for reflection.
3. Apologies for absence.
4. Confirm the minutes of the District Scout Council held on 15 May 2014.
5. Approve the District Executive Report for 2014.
6. Approve the audited accounts for 2014.
7. Nominations of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
8. Commissioner's nominations to the Executive Committee.
9. District Scout Council nominations to Executive Committee.
10. Appoint Chairmen of Sub Committees.
11. Appointment of President and Vice Presidents.
A few words by the new President, Rt. Hon. Sir Richard Ottaway.
12. Nomination of
 - a) Badge Secretary.
 - b) Auditor.
13. District Commissioner.
14. County Commissioner - Theresa Jeffrey.
15. Presentations.
16. Close, followed by light refreshments.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2014

CROYDON AND DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*This meeting was held on Thursday 15 May 2014
at Emmanuel Church Hall, Normanton Road, South Croydon at 8pm.*

1. John Taylor (District Chairman) - welcomed everyone to the meeting especially:- Ian Newbery (County Commissioner) and Vice Presidents of the District.
2. A moment of reflection to remember members of the District who have sadly passed away during the year.
3. Apologies for absence had been received from Chris Dean (Assistant County Commissioner); 44th Croydon; Sarah Turner (28th Croydon); Jenny Thairs (ADC Beavers); Richard Goad (DESC); Vice Presidents:- Lynn Hale and Don Johnston.
4. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16 May 2013 had been read and agreed at the District Executive Committee meeting held on 24 June, 2013 – accepted by the meeting and signed. Copies had been sent to all Groups and a copy was in the report.
5. The Chairman presented the District Executive Committee's report for 2013, available to those present at the meeting. There was a pause in the meeting for everyone to read the report. More copies of the report were available on request. It was proposed by Dickie Ball that the report be accepted and seconded by Les Ling. Agreed by those present.
6. The District Treasurer presented the audited accounts, which have been included in the report. The Treasurer mentioned some items in the accounts: Income low but all commitments had been covered: Socca Cheta Fund was money given to the District for groups in the North of the Borough; there was still £6000 to be distributed: No Borough grant but funds had been made available for Training of new Leaders; still £3000 available. The accounts have been audited. There were no queries on the accounts from the floor. It was proposed by John Ashe that the accounts be accepted and seconded Dickie Ball. Agreed by those present.
7. Steve French, District Commissioner, took over for the next item – nominated John Taylor, District Chairman; Pam Grogan, District Secretary and Hallam Carter-Pegg, District Treasurer. I am pleased to confirm that having spoken to John Taylor he has agreed to stay on as District Chairman and support me. I am also pleased that both Hallam and Pam are also willing to stand for a further term in office, therefore I would like to officially confirm John Taylor as my nomination for District Chairman and unless there are any other offers from the floor to nominate Hallam as District Treasurer and Pam as District Secretary. Also welcomed Dave Rixson as the Vice Chairman. Thanked them for their support during the year. There being no other nominations they were appointed for another year. Agreed by the meeting.
8. John Taylor District Chairman read out the District Commissioner's nominations to the District Executive:
Tony Rowland Andy Robson Don Johnston Tony Grogan
9. The Chairman read the District Scout Council's nominations to the District Executive:
Kevin Moynihan Mandy Giles James Bates Kate Balzer
Sarah Leahy Shane Martin Simon Wickenden
Explorer Scouts: Giacomo Spagnoli and Melinda Taylor
10. The Chairman read out the appointment of the following Chairmen of the Sub Committees, which were approved:
Don Johnston – Appointments Advisory
Tony Rowland – Public Relations
Andy Robson – Pinewood
John Taylor – Bears Wood/Policy and Finance
Tony Grogan – Safety

11. The Chairman read out the President and Vice Presidents in the District. The following had agreed to continue for another year:
President – vacant
Vice Presidents:
John Ashe, Sara Bashford, Derrick East, Jean East,
Lynn Hale, Theresa Jeffrey, Don Johnston, Les and Margaret Ling,
Keith Nethergate, Tony Rowland, John Seaton.
12. The Chairman presented the following nominations and they were agreed:-
Badge Secretary – Martin Hewitt
Auditor – Miss C. Leong
13. Steve French District Commissioner
There had been a small increase in numbers in 2013. 5,000 success booklets had been printed and distributed. There had been a successful Awards Night and Recruitment Day in North End, Croydon, many camps with a good standard. Groups were mixing to assist each other for camps and events. Badge and programme ideas and assistance within the communities. Thanked the District Team especially Roger and Margaret for all their support. John Seaton for taking over as Training Manager. The Executive for their support also the County Team. There must be positive thoughts and attitude within groups and then the numbers will grow.
14. Ian Newbury County Commissioner
Thanked Steve for all his hard work during the year within the District and outside getting contacts to assist Scouting.
The County Adult Recruitment Officer had been appointed – Louise Preedy. She has been involved contacting Colleges etc for adult leaders. Also in contact with Charities (Freemasons etc); Nursing Colleges. Students are encouraged to assist with Young organisations as a foundation for their courses.
Bear Grylls was in Croydon at Pinewood last weekend and very encouraged by what he saw.
15. Steve French and Ian Newbury presented the following awards:
St Georges Day Awards:
Bar to Silver Acorn – Eric Bradley, Tony Grogan and Dave Rixson
Flowers were presented to Pam Grogan (District Secretary) and Rene Logan. Bottles to John Taylor (District Chairman) and Hallam Carter-Pegg (District Treasurer).
16. Any other business
Tony Crackett enquired as to why there was such a large amount of money in the general funds; request new Executive look into this.
17. Date of next meeting of the District Executive Committee is 30 June 2014 at Bears Wood.
Chairman thanked everyone for coming and invited them to stay and chat while enjoying the refreshments.
The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

District Chairman's Report

Another very active year for Croydon Scouting, some Groups continue to increase numbers and new Sections have been set up to cater for increased membership. Steve and his team continue to work hard for improvements across the District and our thanks to them all for their hard work and dedication.

Yes we know that further improvements are needed and we are still short of Leaders in some areas and this must be an on-going priority to recruit and retain. After a considerable time we now have a new Scout Group operating in New Addington – the 1st New Addington Scout Group officially started on 3 November 2014 and now has Beavers, Cubs and Scout Sections, and we wish the Group well.

New systems have caused some problems in that the introduction of Compass (The Scout Association new membership system) could have been better, but hopefully the problems will be resolved before too long. Its success totally depends on Groups correctly registering their adult and youth members and keeping

this information updated and fresh. While this is a major change, it is a major benefit for everyone in Scouting. Programme changes are coming to reflect society as it is today and this is another challenge for us all.

The training of Leaders in Croydon continues to ensure we can provide the best for our membership and John Seaton our Training Manager deserves our thanks for the results he has achieved.

Reports from Pinewood and Bears Wood are included in the annual report. Both sites need on-going maintenance and improvements and need Group support. Working parties supplied by Groups and individual involvement are an essential element for both sites. Please contact the relevant booking secretaries if you or your Group can help.

The District Executive continues to meet regularly and my thanks to everyone involved for their support and work for Croydon Scouting.

John Taylor, District Chairman

District Commissioner's Report

Another busy year for Croydon Scouting, however our membership was down slightly, despite best efforts and several Groups self-improving year on year.

In 2014 we continued to work with our Groups to provide support where requested. Copies of our GSL and Executive Power booklets were readily available as was our constant supply of District Leaflets. We invested in a third marquee frame so we now have one large and two smaller branded marquees available for Groups/Units to borrow and use for their local marketing opportunities.

We also entered into a collaborative partnership with Croydon Council utilising the Pinewood Scout Centre to operate their Forestry School and Outdoor Adventure Scheme, which has generated much needed additional income streams, as well as funding opportunities and increased working party benefits.

April saw our Annual Awards Night held at Whitgift School, South Croydon. These events are becoming more and more popular and it is getting ever more difficult to find inspirational speakers. However, a chance phone call to a friend of a friend uncovered a gentleman called James Ketchell, who was described by Bears Grylls as a 'serial adventurer'. He suffered a very bad motorcycling accident several years ago, breaking both his legs, collarbone etc, and was told he would never regain full use of his limbs. Over a period of time James rehabilitated his mind and body and has since climbed Mount Everest, rowed across the Atlantic and cycled round the World. What a great speaker, who certainly went down well with the ladies in the audience.

In May we welcomed Bear Grylls and TV Presenter Steve Backshall to Croydon as part of a visit to the South East. This corresponded with our own Survival Weekend and Cub Scout Silver Chief Scout Award Activity Day at Pinewood. It was a great weekend and watching the Chief Scout talking to our Cubs and Scouts was wonderful. This was a great treat for our young people and for Croydon Scouting in general.

Last year we were also able to exploit the use of Norwood Lake for the benefit of our youth members, offering sailing and open boating to supplement our normal kayak and rafting sessions at the Pinewood Centre.

Many of our Groups/Sections and Units attended a variety of camps and holidays during 2014 and reports from members of the team were that standards were again very high. Well done to all adults and Leaders involved.

Members from Pinewood Seahorses and the District Team were at the Fairfield Halls in September for the Croydon Last Night of the Proms annual concert. This was something that we had been supporting the Unit with for a couple of years and resulted in a £3000 cheque for their efforts – another example of the vision of Croydon Scouting, gaining opportunities to raise its profile to the wider community.

About 70 members of District joined with Guiding to attend the Croydon Civic Remembrance Parade and Service in the town and Fairfield Halls. As ever a very humbling occasion and our young people are a credit to the movement. In a change to previous protocol and in discussion with the Guiding Commissioner, we decided that we would have a Scout and Guide placing our respective wreaths beside the War Memorial – a moving moment that was captured on film. What a tremendous advert for Scouting and Girl-Guiding!

In summary, while 'all in all' we had a good year in Croydon we also have our fair share of problems in some Groups. In line with the Scout Association Vision for 2018 we are going to have to face some difficult decisions in the coming months and years. There is no doubt that it is the quality of the programme that keeps Scouting fresh and attracts youth members into Scouting.

If they enjoy what they do they bring their friend. If they are not challenged and lose interest they leave. Groups with low or constantly reducing numbers must look closer to home. I would

charge all Groups to look deeply at themselves. Are you planning for your future, do you regularly discuss youth membership, do you respond to local needs? Do you market yourselves locally in your community?

Throughout the year all Sections have held a solid programme of activities and my sincere thanks go to our Section ADCs and their extended teams for everything they do to support the District and for

the support given to me personally. Thanks also to Margaret and Roger Jones my Deputy Commissioners, who take a great deal of the pressure off me personally. Thanks to Dickie Ball, Andy Dovey, Kate Balzer, Cari-ann & Andrew Bailey and John Seaton. Thanks also to John, Hallam and Pam and the Executive for the support given to me as District Commissioner.

Steve French, District Commissioner

District Beaver Scout Report



We planned to hold an Easter Hike on 10 May but unfortunately because of adverse weather conditions we postponed the event and then combined all the bases to make up the Adventure/Activity Day on 5 July.

The Adventure/Activity Day was successful with a variety of bases, including a visit from the Guide Dogs Association with two Guide Dogs and their handlers, who were introduced to the children and the handlers ran a base. Activities also included archery, a barbecue and the day ended with a campfire.

The Founder's Day Party was held at Edenham School in February. An entertainer ran a circus workshop, did magic tricks

and organised some games. We all thoroughly enjoyed it but I don't think we will be joining the circus any time soon.

We previously ran a trip to Beaver World and received a County award. Our next event is a trip to Legoland, which will be subsidised by £100 prize money.

I would like to thank all the leaders and helpers who have supported the District events and attended the meetings this year. I would also like to thank the rest of the District team for their valuable assistance throughout the year.

Jenny Thairs, ADC Beavers

District Cub Scout Report



2014 was another successful year for Cubs, who enjoyed a full calendar of events organised by the District Team, supplementing all the hard work of the leaders around the District who provide a wonderful programme for the young people.

The District round of the Cub Quiz on 31 January saw ten teams entered in a great evening. The eventual winners, 61st Croydon, were followed by 1st and 18th Purley (second and third), and 11th and 7th Purley (fourth & fifth) respectively – only six points separated the top five teams.

On 9 March, for the first time, the leading four teams entered the County final, representing District at 1st Hook against the other four Districts. A fun afternoon saw 11th Purley come in overall second place to County Champions 1st Wimbledon. Well done to all four packs who helped District to second place behind Sutton by one point.

The District Team put on two successful days of Emergency Aid Stage 1&2 Badge activities at 28th Croydon on 11 February and at 1st Coulsdon on 1 March, which over 150 Cubs attended and gained their awards. Well done and thanks to the team and leaders for their help, and to the two host packs.

In May, 66 young people who had gained their Chief Scout's Silver Award in the last year or so, took part in a District activities day at Pinewood. It was felt that District should reward youngsters who achieve the highest award available to a Cub for their hard work. They all took part in six different activities: archery, shooting, climbing, kayaking, rafting and bush skills, the last in conjunction with the Scouts on a backwoods survival weekend – again putting the OUT in SCOUTING.

In good weather, every one of the youngsters really enjoyed the day, even those who got decidedly wet in the lake! Twelve

Young Leaders from local packs proved invaluable on the day, taking the youngsters around to the activities and looking after them. Huge thanks are due for the mature way they carried out their duties – they are a credit to themselves and the movement.

The highlight of the day was the 'surprise' visit of Chief Scout Bear Grylls and his friend Steve Backshall. District had requested a visit as part of 'Bear in the Air' at the turn of the year, but right until the last moment were not sure it would materialise. What a bonus for the youngsters, and some adults, who were 'star-struck' by these two famous 'survivors' who toured the site to see each of the activities and 'got down' with the youngsters.

The Mang Challenge Trophy went ahead as planned and was an overwhelming success. 72 Cubs took part in various challenges such as pioneering, fire-lighting, archery, tent-pitching, kayaking and rafting. It was a great day, resulting in a unanimous YES to next year. 1st Crystal Palace (Goldfinch) won the trophy, and 28th Croydon & 1st Croydon (St Matthews) joint team were runners up, with 6th Croydon/11th Purley joint team third. Well done to all who took part.

District events came to a close with the annual Baloo Trophy at Bears Wood – another successful day for all who took part, in whatever role, and completed in good weather. The winners – again – were 11th Purley. Well done to them and to the many others who ran them so close: 1st Purley in second and 7th/12th Croydon in third.

Congratulations to all who took part in the events – they are all winners just by being there. Thanks also to all who helped in any way – at local and District level – to give our young members such a wonderful time. It's what Scouting does best!

Martin Greenwood, ADC Cub Scouts

District Scout Report



2014 was a very good year for Scouts with some new events added: the Swimming Gala & Patrol Leaders Weekend. First Aid Weekend was fully booked and all the Scouts passed the requirements of the training. One of Vicky Armitage's friends is a Paramedic who stayed the weekend and further commented that our Leaders and older Scouts do a fantastic job teaching the younger Scouts so much First Aid.

Pioneering was introduced this year at Frylands Wood with a very good turnout. The Scouts made a monkey bridge from their newly found knowledge. The Cub/Scouts Links day gave the older Cubs and younger Scouts a small taste of exactly what they would be doing at Scouts. Check Point Challenge was held again with a very good turn out of 24 teams. Even better, no teams got lost and all teams completed the course. We ran a Survival Training weekend with 12 Scouts, which was an ideal first experience of survival techniques. Let's hope we can attract better numbers next time.

Also in 2014 we ran our Annual Adkin Trophy Competition and this proved very successful with 12 teams entered. For a change we

invited the DC and ADC from Lewisham to judge the cooking competition and they highlighted that the camping standards from Croydon were very high indeed.

Our Water Activity day at Docklands was held with all 80 places taken and the Scouts having a great time. The Indoor cooking competition saw seven teams entered, and Margaret Tyler and Roger Jones (Deputy District Commissioners) judged the fierce competition. It was very hard as only two points came between winner and second place.

We have already made plans for 2015 for joint activities with Lewisham and two new events – fire safety badge and Christmas tree decoration.

I would like to record my sincere thanks to all members of the Scout District Team for their help in organising and running our busy calendar of events, and of course a big thank you to the Troop Leaders for running a quality Scout programme for our young people in Croydon and for supporting the District throughout the year.

Dave Martin, ADC Scouts

District Explorer Scout Report



Croydon Explorer numbers remain roughly the same as last year at currently around 220 in Croydon, of which over 100 provide service around the District as Young Leaders. Another 30 young people are registered with the Young Leaders scheme and are doing their DoE award but are not Scout members.

A new unit, Crystal Palace, started to fill a much-needed gap and Croham Valley, who were on the critical list, made a steady recovery during the year.

We ran a full training programme For Young Leaders, which was well attended and covered all the 11 Modules of the YL scheme. Congratulations to Sean Freeney for gaining the coveted YL Belt Buckle by completing all the training modules.

These Young Leaders provide invaluable help in Groups all over the District and many Sections would struggle to run without them. Thanks are due to those who have helped with the YL training over the year: Margaret Tyler, Jenny and Andy Robson, Vicki Armitage, Diana Walters and Nick Smith.

Croydon Explorers continued to represent the Borough at County and National events during the year, and Units entered teams in Red Flare and the Southern 50 competitions. Croydon Units also attended Gilwell 24, Scarefest, Ice & Fire and Wintercamp. This year many Units have been mixing and coming together as Croydon Explorers with more individual joint activities or with District events such as the Sports evening, and the mountaineering weekend in the GLSW base in Snowdonia.

Many Explorers are working towards the Duke of Edinburgh award at all three levels, and two gained bronze this year.

I'd like to thank all the ES Leaders and Administrators in Croydon, who don't have the same benefit of the non-uniformed teams the Groups have for supporting fund-raising or managing the units.activities.

Richard Goad, District Explorer Scout Commissioner

District Scout Active Support Report



As in previous years, I am proud to report that Croydon District Active Support has continued to support activities and events throughout this year. We have gained some new, younger members, themselves new to Scouting, who have particularly helped us to provide the water rockets activity, and we hope to build on this in 2015 with new members and new activities, alongside our counterparts in neighbouring

Districts and with the continued support of adults otherwise involved in Scouting.

At the close of 2014 we also facilitated an evening to commemorate Croydon's Scouting in the First World War and would welcome any suggestions for future activities for adults in the District to share.

Kate Balzer, Manager, Scout Active Support

Network has changed a lot in the last year. We have said goodbye to some long-standing members as they reached their 25th birthdays, but have also enjoyed welcoming a number of new members, who have enabled us to continue growing.

Some Networkers took part in Operation Red Flare and we have had other members complete their Silver Duke of Edinburgh award and begin the challenge of the Gold Award.

We have enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities, including hand making buddy burners, geocaching, science activities as well as rowing on the Thames. We've also practised our Scout skills alongside helping with various District events, including the recruitment day in central Croydon and manning a checkpoint at the Baloo trophy. We have also helped out with checkpoints for various Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and a number of us attended WINGS 2014 as service crew, which was a fantastic experience.

Our final camp of the year was at Gilwell Reunion at the start of September, where once again we camped near our friends in Sutton and were very lucky with the weather. We enjoyed meeting up with familiar faces as well as new ones and having a chance to try out some new activities and find out about other opportunities that are available.

Looking forward, we have plans to take part in the Dragon Award and Dragnet, another trip to Air-Hop, and we will be heading back Gilwell in September to take part in another Reunion.

Network members are also willing to come and speak to Explorers to find out more about what we do. If any Explorer Units would like us to visit please contact us. We continue to meet fortnightly on a Tuesday and would welcome any Explorers who may be interested in joining us. We can be contacted on croydon.network@blueyonder.co.uk

Cari-ann & Andy Bailey, Scout Network Leaders

District Activities Report

Sadly in the early part of 2014 George Campbell former ADC, Activities, stood down from this role. There is no doubt of the effect that George has had over the activities offered in Croydon. He stood down to concentrate his efforts on his own Scout Troop and helping to develop further opportunities available at the Pinewood Scout Centre.

However he is still at the centre of our water activities programme at both Pinewood Scout Centre and at Norwood Lakes. Hundreds of Cubs, Scouts and Explorers in Croydon have now had the opportunity to participate in kayaking and rafting at Pinewood, and open boating and dinghy sailing at Norwood Lakes, as well as gaining appropriate Scout Association Water Activity Permits to run or assist with these activities. The activity slots published in Bourne Again get booked very quickly so please ensure you don't miss out here.

Activity Forms and Nan Forms

Late 2013 we introduced a new activity form procedure to mirror that of the existing Scout Association's established 'Nan' form scheme. This was to give visibility to the Section teams and to me as DC, so we could see exactly what was being offered out in our Groups/Units.

We set up separate email forwarders for both the Activity and Nan forms. When Group/Section Leaders send in the forms, they are automatically forwarded on to all the Section ADCs and to

me. Certainly with the activity forms this also gives us the ability to check against the District Activity Register to ensure that permits are up to date. It has also enabled us to chase Leaders when their Nights Away Permits may have expired.

ALL NAN FORMS TO:

nanforms@croydonscouting.org.uk

ALL ACTIVITY FORMS TO:

activityforms@croydonscouting.org.uk

When organising activities it is essential that we check with the Scout Association to ensure that the rules have not changed and that we are using adults/Leaders holding the appropriate permits/qualifications.

The website address for the Scout Association is: www.scouts.org.uk

Below is a link to the activities update page:

<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/3241/activities-updates?moduleID=10&cat=26,417>

Any queries with regard to activities in general should be directed to your GSL in the first instance or on to the DC.

Steve French, District Commissioner

Group Support Report

Sadly during 2014 we lost the services of Liam Campbell (ADC, Group Support) but on behalf of the District Team I offer my sincere thanks to Liam for his earth-shattering perspective brought to this role. Since Liam left the role, members of the District Team and I have been working with several Groups including the 17th S&A Scout Group and 1st New Addington Scout Group.

17th S&A were a Group who had a membership circa 70 about 10 years ago and due to a number of reasons the Group was on a downwards spiral. With the CSL having to step down due to work commitments, no permanent GSL and no Executive Committee, the Group was in a bad way.

The District stepped in to organise and run their AGM in July 2014. Simple home truths were discussed and the prospect of Group closure was highly likely. The Group's difficulties were further magnified by problems with the Church, lack of storage and having to remove the entire Group camping equipment and canoes away from the site.

However, the AGM was very positive and we were able to appoint three new Leaders to the Group: a Group Scout Leader, Cub Scout Leader and Assistant Cub Scout Leader; and with the support of Group parents we have managed to find the light in a somewhat difficult situation. Relationships with the Church and Parish Priest are improving and the Group is developing very well in a sustainable way.

New Addington is a deprived area in Croydon with no Scouting provision. After a lot of hard work, working with our local councillors, community groups and associations, we were able to restart Scouting in New Addington with the formation of a new Scout Group called the 1st New Addington Scout Group.

On Monday 3 November the Group opened a Cub Scout Pack and over a period of four weeks steadily grew to a (capped) membership of 24 Cubs. Just before Christmas we had a special investiture service in New Addington where members of the District Team and Ian Newbery our County Commissioner helped to invest three new adults and 20 Cub Scouts into the Group.

On 24 February 2015 the Group opened a new Beaver Colony and a new Scout Troop. These two new Sections utilised two of the original new Leaders and introduced two new Leaders. Currently the Group has an overall membership of circa 60, a proactive Executive Committee led by a very supportive Group Chairman, and the future looks very bright for this new Group.

While these two reports are good news, sadly we have a number of Groups in the District that we have been working with, or meeting on a regular basis, where I am afraid the writing is probably on the wall. We need to respond to local needs and if there is no longer a local need, or perhaps an ageing population, we need to be brave and accept that we have to move on and fight another day!

Steve French, District Commissioner

District Appointment Committee Report

The Committee met nine times during the year. 37 applicants were invited to attend, 28 were seen and four apologies were received.

We welcomed and recommended for their Warrants:

Beaver Scout Leaders	3
Assistant Beaver Scout Leaders	6
Assistant Cub Scout Leaders	4
Assistant Scout Leaders	10
Group Scout Leaders	1
Explorer Scout Leaders	1

We were impressed that most had already been contacted by John Seaton and his Training Team and some had already started their training.

Our last meeting, however, was in February 2015. We were unable to hold any further meetings after that time due to the pending changes to the Compass system and some missing references.

32 Scouters were deleted from the database, mainly by Groups checking their records and cancelling non-active members.

My thanks go to Hallam Carter-Pegg for use of his office for our meetings and to all the Scouters who gave up their time to sit on the committee, bringing their experience in various sections and training knowledge. My thanks also to Hallam who deputised for me when I was unable to attend meetings myself.

*Donald Johnston,
Chairman, Appointments Advisory Committee*

Nights Away Support Report

For the most part camping standards are being maintained and through 2014 our young people were offered quality camping and nights away opportunities. It is important however that we all remember that our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers are all 2015 vintage and will expect us to have kept up to date with our camp programmes etc.

That certainly does not mean that we lower our standards, but as Camp Leader make sure all your fellow Leaders and adult helpers understand their role(s) before you go to camp.

A word to the wise: if people are treated properly they are likely to return and/or offer to help out again. We have many instances where parents have attended camps and enjoyed the experience so much that they are now uniformed Leaders.

Please remember, if you want any advice I am on the end of the phone/email.

Now the camping season is upon us I hope you all have great camp(s).

Dickie Ball, ADC Nights Away Support

District Adult Training Report

Firstly, congratulations to the following 16 Leaders who during 2014 gained the Wood Badge appropriate for their role:

James Gordon 1st S&A, Peter Fosdike Purley Cross ESU, Peter McKeag 11th Purley, Iain Rigg 18th Purley, Jennie Davidson 1st Purley, Hannah Gordon, 1st S&A, Paul Vella 9th Purley, Unice Frederick 38th Croydon, Christie Golder 11th Purley, Graham Daniels 1st Purley, Charlotte Sharp 8th Purley, Alison Edwards 10th Croydon, Chris Seaman 61st Croydon, Carole Phillips 6th Croydon, Pam Tarrant 1st New Addington, Aime Adkin 1st Coulsdon.

There are also another two Leaders who have completed all their modules but have as yet not had them validated.

2014 was the first full year of the District being able to run some of the training modules itself.

During the year 19 modules were held, covering modules 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14 and 18 and some 49 Leaders from the District attended at least one, and in many occasions more than one, as well as nine Leaders from neighbouring Districts.

It is apparent that although all Leaders are given the training dates for the whole year well in advance, they only seem to respond to individual e-mails inviting them to attend, sent out about a month before the course is run.

I must thank Margaret Tyler for running a very successful Module 18, Roger Jones for helping on Module 8 and Roger Hurrion for stepping in and running module 5 for me at short notice.

Leaders are still attending County-run courses: some 18 at least one modular course; 51 at a full-day first aid course; and another 31 at one of the three first aid refresher courses that were held in the District last year.

It is also pleasing to note that some Leaders are regularly attending courses run by other Counties.

The Safeguarding course was run in the District and was attended by 65 members, and the new On Going Safety, which was attended by 45 members.

2014 also saw the first full year of the District's new system for ensuring that new Leaders complete their three Getting Started Modules as soon as possible, ideally before they go to the Appointments Committee.

I am pleased to say that this has been a great success – 46 Leaders completed these modules and gained their full warrant. Most were new Leaders, but some were Leaders who had been on a Provisional Warrant for many months/years. The backlog of Leaders who were on Provisional Warrants from previous years has now been completely cleared.

We will have to see whether this scheme can continue as robustly as before once Compass is fully operational. All Leaders' training records were fully updated at HQ during last year.

I must thank my two Training Advisors, Jon Slade and Derrick East, for the sterling work that they did and continue to do in validating training in the southern part of the District.

Finally, if your Group does not appear in the following list, you did not have a Leader who completed their Getting Started Modules last year, and therefore more than likely did not recruit any new Leaders during the year at all:

1st Croydon, 1st Crystal Palace, 1st Coulsdon, 1st New Addington, 1st Purley, 1st S&A, 2nd S&A, 5th S&A, 7/12th Croydon, 7th Purley, 8th Purley, 10th Croydon, 17th S&A, 18th Purley, 19th Purley, 23rd Croydon, 28th Croydon, 29th Croydon, 29th Purley, 31st Croydon, 39th Croydon, 44th Croydon, 61st Croydon, Croham Valley Explorers, Purley Cross Explorers.

John Seaton, Croydon District Training Manager

District PR Committee Report

Sadly with the death of a former member of the committee and other members deciding it was time to stand down our PR committee effectively ceased operation early last year. However, in Croydon we have not lost momentum in our objectivity and the value given to PR & marketing and the constant need to be visible in the Borough. That said, over the last year this has fallen on to the shoulders of the District Team.

In April 2014 we were able to re-publish our quarterly newsletter, Bourne Again, and my thanks to Mike Gilbert and Paul Carter for taking responsibility for this valuable District communication tool. Also in April 2014 the District held its Annual Awards Night at Whitgift School in South Croydon. This is a great high-profile event, which is envied by other Districts in our County and highly regarded by the Scout Association.

The District was fortunate to 'negotiate' with the Scout Association for a visit from the Chief Scout as part of a South East England 'whistle stop tour' of the region. Many of our youngsters who attended the Survival Weekend or the Cub Scout Silver Chief Scout Award Day at Pinewood met Bear Grylls and TV presenter Steve Backshall. All the Cubs received a signed photo of the Chief and we managed a good deal of press coverage from this event.

During the summer through the efforts of Gabi Covacci, GSL 7/12th Croydon, we organised a week-long window display in the CVA shop in Croydon and improved relationships with this very useful contact. We also refreshed our adverts running on the do.it.org website.

We also supported a couple of events with Louise, our County Adult Recruitment Officer at Croydon College, and my thanks to Margaret Tyler, Roger Jones and Richard Goad for helping out on these occasions.

We were also in a prime spot to support the Pinewood Seahorses ESU in September when they were providing service to the Croydon Last Night of the Proms Committee with their Annual Concert, where we took the opportunity to hand out leaflets and talk to interested parties.

In summary, and throughout the year, we pushed ahead with various Groups/Units supporting community opportunities, including the Crystal Palace Park, South Norwood Festival, Thornton Heath Festival, Kenley Open Day and other school fetes and Church events, despite our lack of functional committee to organise or take the lead – however:

If you have a skill or passion for PR or marketing, or generally have an interest in advertising please get in touch. Croydon Scouting will be lost without a voice and after all the hard work that has gone on before we cannot afford to let this happen. The voice of the District is with the PR Committee. The external face of Croydon Scouting needs to have a calculated and motivated appearance and work within our community, and the local business and commerce sector to achieve presence and support.

Steve French, District Commissioner

Scout Chaplaincy Report

The District Scout Chaplain has continued to work with the Groups and Units in the last year, encouraging faith badge work and helping to develop Scouts' understanding of the different faiths. This has been done through a couple of visits to different faith establishments.

Firstly 135 Scouting members visited the South Norwood Islamic Centre on 1 November 2014. The session was delivered by one of their trained volunteers who went through topics such as the Five Pillars of Islam, Islam and Women and Islamic Architecture, finishing with questions and answers. The group saw two of their daily prayers and interacted with the local community, followed by snacks and drinks.

Secondly, on 21 March, 45 young people comprising Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, visited Croydon Minster to take a look around and learn more about the Minster and the Christian Faith.

Canon Colin Boswell, Incumbent of Croydon Minster and Canon to Southwark Cathedral, hosted the visit and gave a very interesting talk about the history of Croydon, the original church and the building of the Minster.

The tour commenced with an explanation of the Font used for baptism. Enacting Jesus' own baptism in the Jordan River, Canon Colin demonstrated the act of baptism with a volunteer Scout.

Croydon Minster was founded in Saxon times, with 'a priest of Croydon' in 960, and noted in the Domesday Book (1086). The church has had close links with the Archbishops of Canterbury who had a Palace in Croydon.

Six Archbishops of Canterbury are buried in the Minster and many more would have worshipped here. Kings and queens were regular visitors to the archbishops at Croydon – visits by Henry VII, Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth I are all well documented. Ten bishops have been consecrated here and the church continues to be regularly used for ordinations and major diocesan and civic services, as well as for the daily parish worship.

This was a good opportunity to explore the foundations of the Christian faith and for our scouting members to ask questions and explore their own thoughts.

A mixture of 30 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts received their Faith Badges from our District Chaplain in recognition of their hard work to achieve this badge.

2015 seeks to continue visits to faith Centres, including Hindu Temple in June and another visit to the South Norwood Islamic Centre in September.

Revd Andrew Dovey, District Chaplain

District Safety Committee Report

Advice on premises

The District Safety Committee exists to offer help and advise Scout Groups on their statutory responsibility under Health and Safety Legislation and duty of care for safety of persons using their premises.

Members of the committee have conducted a safety audit of Group and District premises and provided a report to the Group with recommendations for improvement where necessary. They have been generally well received but not fully implemented by all Groups. We are now carrying out a five-year Safety Re -Audit of premises and will be in touch with Group safety officers to meet and conduct the audit.

The safety committee, which meets four times a year, is seeking new members to help with the safety audit of Group meeting places. Willing recruits should have some Health and Safety background, e.g. NEBOSH or membership of IOSH, or a workplace appointment or safety training.

Fire Risk Assessments

The Regulatory Reform Order (RRO) came into force on 1 October 2006. Under this reform it is a legal obligation that all premises have a Fire Risk Assessment. The regulation also requires that a documented Fire Risk Assessment be available for inspection on the premises and that all users be aware and trained in the actions required by the assessment.

Other legal requirements

Under 'The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974' other legal requirements have been introduced. In Scouting we may not be at work but this legislation forms the basis of good practice and is applicable when premises are let out to other users. In the event of an emergency or incident we may find ourselves judged against these legal requirements. We therefore recommend the following practices, procedures and paperwork as evidence of Duty of Care.

- Appoint a Group Safety Officer
- Maintain a Group Health and Safety Policy
- Maintain a Safety Logbook for your premises
- Prepare and maintain a Fire Risk Assessment
- Regularly inspect and hold certificates for Electrical and Gas Installation and Fire extinguishers
- Provide and record training for Members & users of the premises.
- Maintain an available First Aid Kit and accident procedures and record.

Below is a list of attachments available on the website that can be downloaded and adapted for individual Group purposes:

- Group Health & Safety Policy
- Group Safety Logbook
- Group Safety Officer Duties
- Group_Fire_Risk_Assessment.doc
- Duty of Care Summary
- User Training Notes and Welcome Pack
- Risk Assessment for Group Maintenance Activities
- Storage of LPG
- First Aid notice board sign
- Asbestos in your home
- Disabled Discrimination Act requirements
- Electrical and Gas Installations – The Regulation requirements.
- Group Premises Audit Check List
- Safety requirements for your Group meeting place
- HSE Publication indg236 Electrical Inspections

District Safety Committee, Committee members:

Chairman: Tony Grogan, TechIOSH, MIIRSM, NEBOSH.

Tel 01959 523649, email: tonygrogan93@gmail.com

John Ashe, John Hazeldean, Alan Kemp, Steve French.

Bears Wood Campsite Report

The last year has seen the site well used and we continue to increase the number of Croydon Groups using the site. During the year a considerable number of improvements have been made to the building. Both the ladies' and the gents' toilets have been refurbished and new LED lighting has been installed. Outside work has been hampered by the wet weather but as it has now improved site work is a top priority.

Plans are in hand to resurface the track and install drainage to stop the path by the building side from flooding. Also a sensor light has been installed to ensure that at night, building users can see what they are doing when entering or leaving the building.

Work continues on the woodland by professional tree surgeons

and the trees on the fence by the houses to the south side of the site overhanging gardens have been cleared up. There is still damage from the 1987 storm on some oak trees and that is the next task.

The centre site levelling and grassing has now improved and we expect a good grass covering this summer.

Thanks to our dedicated team of helpers on Tuesdays and Thursdays the site and building continues to move forward.

From the District AGM, Dickie Ball will be taking over as Chairman of the Bears Wood Committee and I know he will get your support in the coming year.

John Taylor, Chairman, Bears Wood

Pinewood Scout Centre Report

2014 was another superb year for Pinewood Scout Centre, with increased usage, high-profile events and excellent feedback from several sources.

The most pleasing aspect for all of the Pinewood Committee was witnessing so many young people enjoying lots of traditional Scouting and outdoor activities at Pinewood and also buying into the site by working on our service days at the end of the year. The number of Scouting and non-Scouting groups regularly using the site has increased dramatically.

The working relationship with Croydon Council, Green Spaces Team, Croydon Adventure Project and the Youth Forest Project has flourished into a genuine partnership, bringing tangible benefits. Several additional bookings have arisen as a direct result and the high-profile events we ran last year have raised Pinewood's profile immensely.

In April they organised and delivered an excellent Open Day, launching their involvement with Pinewood. It was very well attended by non-Scouting families, resulting in new members for some local Scout Groups, and gained lots of positive local media coverage.

Also, on 24 April 2014 at the District Awards Night, the Pinewood Scout Centre was awarded the 'District Community Award', recognising the tremendous hard work and collaborative

partnership created with Croydon Council for the mutual benefit of both Scouting and non-Scouting members in the Borough of Croydon.

In May we hosted a Survival Skills weekend with Scouts and Explorers from four different Groups and youngsters from the Forest School Project participating fully. They were given a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity when Chief Scout Bear Grylls and CBBC TV presenter Steve Backshall, dropped in and instructed on fish gutting and cleaning. These two fine gents then moved on to the Cubs Chief Scout Silver Activity day and watched dozens of Cubs enjoying climbing, crate stacking, kayaking, rafting and shooting. Feedback from Bear, Steve, the Gilwell team and, most importantly, all the youngsters involved, was excellent and again lots of positive PR resulted.

With such a successful few months behind us I was disappointed in October to have to step down as Chairman due to work commitments, but am pleased that George Campbell has taken over. With the same excellent support that I received from Kate, Chippie, Keith, Mark and Mo, I'm confident that 2015 will be even bigger and better for Pinewood Scout Centre.

*Andy Robson, (EX Chairman),
Pinewood Management Committee*

Croydon District Marketing Kit



The District has invested in and now owns three fully-branded and professional compact gazebos. One unit is **4.5m x 3.0m** and the other two are **3.0m x 2.0m**. We have also purchased two 'Feather Flags' 3.4m overall height and ideal for outdoor marketing opportunities. These items are in addition to an assortment of existing roller banners and leaflets with the Croydon website and the District **0845 2658311** telephone number on display.

Other items like special tables with branded table covers, laptop, projector, projector screen and petrol generator are also available.

Various media files can also be provided for your use on outdoor or Group events.

To support Scouting in your Groups we also have copies of the recent GSL support booklet and the Executive Committee support booklet entitled 'Executive Power', giving real time support in the important GSL and Executive Roles. We also have booklets available for both Bears Wood and Pinewood, plus leaflets advertising the Pinewood Water Activities to help Section Leaders to arrange and book activities and programme ideas.



Please contact our PR Committee on pr@croydonscouting.org.uk to discuss any local marketing opportunities or with requests to use the gazebos, banners or publications. A deposit and/or small charge will be made against the gazebos and feather flags.

Notes

2014 Financial Report & Accounts

CROYDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL REPORT & ACCOUNTS AND TRUSTEES STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

PRESIDENT Vacant

TRUSTEES: Ex - Officio Appointment Name

Chairman	Mr J. Taylor
District Commissioner	Mr S French
Hon. Secretary	Mrs P Grogan
Hon. Treasurer	Mr H Carter-Pegg

TRUSTEES : Nominated by District Scout Council Name

Mr K. Moynihan
Mrs M. Giles
Mrs K. Balzer
Mr J. Bates
Mr J Musson
Mr D. Rixon
Mr R. Whitehead

TRUSTEES : Nominated by District Commissioner Name

Mr D. Johnston
Mr A. Rowland
Mr A. Robson

BANKERS Barclays Bank PLC
National Savings Bank

Charity Registration Number 282738

Contact Name and Address H. Carter-Pegg
Wandle House, 47 Wandle Road,
Croydon, Surrey CR0 1DF

CROYDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014
MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PERIOD

During the year under review, the District supported events covering Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts, the full details are shown in the attached reports.

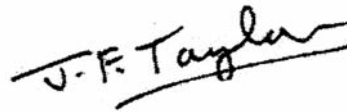
The District has reserved funds for future group development.

The District is a trust established under the rules of the Scout Association and is a registered charity.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organization and Rules of The Scout Association.

The accounts have been drawn up on the accruals basis which is consistent with the previous year.

Approved by the trustees on 14 May 2015 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. F. Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

J. Taylor (Chairman)

CROYDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

INCOME	This Year	This Year	This Year	This Year	Prior Year
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds		
<u>Donations, Legacies and Similar Income</u>	£	£	£	£	£
Membership subscriptions	91,880	-	-	91,880	94,126
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on District	76,718	-	-	76,718	78,493
Net membership subscriptions retained	15,162	-	-	15,162	15,633
Donations	543	-	-	543	5
Gift Aid	35	-	-	35	392
Sub Total	15,741	-	-	15,741	16,030
<u>Grants</u>					
Other grants	500	-	-	500	21,769
Sub Total	500	-	-	500	21,769
<u>District Income</u>					
Activities	5,019	-	-	5,019	7,913
Training	733	-	-	733	440
Awards Evening	480	-	-	480	725
Water Activities	45	-	-	45	950
Group Development	-	707	-	707	2,215
Sub Total	6,277	707	-	6,984	12,244
<u>Investment Income</u>					
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	45
Other investment income	338	-	-	338	617
Sub Total	338	-	-	338	662
Total Gross Income	22,856	707	-	23,563	50,705
Total Receipts	22,856	707	-	23,563	50,705

CROYDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

EXPENDITURE	This Year General Funds	This Year Designated Funds	This Year Restricted Funds	This Year Total	Prior Year Total
	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Charitable Payments</u>					
Activities	1,860	-	-	1,860	7,360
Training	2,609	-	-	2,609	1,645
Insurance	212	-	-	212	212
Light & heat	100	-	-	100	100
Telephone	1,046	-	-	1,046	920
Printing, Postage & Stationery	4,774	-	-	4,774	4,862
Badges	609	-	-	609	278
AGM and Trustee expenses	1,742	-	-	1,742	1,705
Independent Examiner Fee	600	-	-	600	600
General Expenses	398	-	-	398	224
Gifts and donations	150	-	-	150	25
Sub Total	14,100	-	-	14,100	17,931
<u>District Payments</u>					
Grant Payments	500	-	2,988	3,488	11,963
Awards Evening	1,791	-	-	1,791	1,883
District Water Activities	72	-	-	72	436
Group Development	-	262	-	262	11,228
Sub Total	2,362	262	2,988	5,612	25,510
Total Gross Expenditure	16,462	262	2,988	19,712	43,441
<u>SUMMARY</u>					
Total Receipts	22,856	707	-	23,563	50,705
Less: Total Payments	16,462	262	2,988	19,712	43,441
Net Profit / (Loss) before Fund Transferred	6,393.44	445	(2,988)	3,850	7,264
Fund Transferred	-	-	-	-	-
Net profit/ (Loss) after Fund Transferred	6,393.44	445.00	(2,988)	3,850.44	7,264.08
Add: Fund Balances Last Year	120,516	10,246	10,106	140,867	133,603
Fund Balances This Year Carried Forward	126,909	10,691	7,118	144,718	140,867

CROYDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Notes	This Year £	This Year £	Prior Year £	Prior Year £
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>					
Debtors		800		529	
Investments		57,000		57,000	
Loans	7	2,000		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		93,111		91,412	
			<u>152,911</u>		<u>148,940</u>
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES:					
Amounts due within one year		1,245		911	
CBC Grant	8	6,948		7,162	
			<u>8,193</u>		<u>8,073</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>					
			<u><u>144,718</u></u>		<u><u>140,867</u></u>

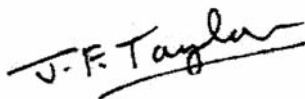
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FUNDS

General Funds			126,909		120,516
Designated Funds	5		10,691		10,246
Restricted Funds	6		<u>7,118</u>		<u>10,106</u>
			<u><u>144,718</u></u>		<u><u>140,867</u></u>

The notes on pages A6 & A7 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Trustees on 14 May 2015 and signed on their behalf by



J. Taylor
Chair



H Carter-Pegg
Hon Treasurer

CROYDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

1 Activities

- a) The Income & Expenditure represents various activities carried out by the District throughout the year.
- b) Administration expenses include out of pocket expenses incurred by the A.D.C's and helpers in running this District.

2 Croydon Borough Grants

The District received £ Nil grants and paid out £245.83 in respect of Training for Scout Groups.

3 Trustee expenses

This covers the out of pocket and reimbursed expenses of the Chairman, D.C., ADC's Secretary and Treasurer during the period.

4 Equipment

All small items of equipment bought by the district are written off in the year of purchase.

5 Designated Funds

	<u>Group Development (General)</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£
Balance 1/1/2014	10,246	10,246
Incoming resources	707	707
Outgoing resources	262	262
Fund Transferred	-	-
Balance 31/12/2014	<u>£ 10,691</u>	<u>£ 10,691</u>

CROYDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

6 Restricted Funds

	<u>Socco Cheta</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>CBC Training</u> <u>Grant</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£
Balance 1/1/2014	6,106	4,000	10,106
Receipts	-	-	-
Payments	(388)	(2,600)	(2,988)
Balance 31/12/2014	<u>£ 5,718</u>	<u>£ 1,400</u>	<u>£ 7,118</u>

7 Loans outstanding as at 31 December 2014

	£
Bearwood Campsite	2,000

8 Croydon Borough Council Grant

A grant of £5,000 are received for assistance in training Leaders in groups.

9 Socco Cheta Fund

A Charity receipt for assistance for groups in North Croydon.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE
CROYDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31 December 2014 which are set out on pages A2 to A7.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not Required for this year (under Section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- . Examine the accounts (under Section 43 (3) (a) of the 1993 Act);
- . To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under) Section 43 (7) (b) of the 1993 Act); and
- . To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Ms C Leong
Qualification: Chartered Accountant
Address: Wandle House
47 Wandle Road
Croydon, Surrey CR0 1DF
Date: 14 May 2015

CROYDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL CAMP SITES
STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	This Year General Funds £	This Year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Pinewood Scout Camp Site	10,888	-	10,888	6,617
Bears Wood Scout Camp Site	14,089	-	14,089	10,292
	<u>24,977</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,977</u>	<u>16,910</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Pinewood Scout Camp Site	4,847	-	4,847	9,155
Bears Wood Scout Camp Site	15,549	-	15,549	8,643
	<u>20,396</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,396</u>	<u>17,798</u>
TOTAL NET INCOMING RESOURCES	4,581	-	4,581	(889)
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	3,583	-	3,583	4,472
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	<u>8,164</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>8,164</u>	<u>3,583</u>

CROYDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL CAMP SITES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

	This Year £	This Year £	Last Year £
FIXED ASSETS			
Equipment	1,433		1,470
	<hr/>	1,433	<hr/> 1,470
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	-		-
Cash at bank and in hand	8,960		7,113
	<hr/>		<hr/> 7,113
	8,960		
<u>Less:</u> CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: Amounts due within one year	2,230		5,000
	<hr/>		<hr/> 2,113
NET CURRENT ASSETS		6,731	2,113
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<hr/> 8,164	<hr/> 3,583
<u>Less:</u> LONG-TERM LIABILITIES			
Creditors: Amounts due more than one year		-	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		8,164	3,583
Represented by:-			
FUNDS			
General Funds		8,164	3,583
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		8,164	3,583

CROYDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL EXPLORER UNITS
STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	This Year General Funds £	This Year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Kenley Explorer Scout Unit	2,375	-	2,375	1,249
Colliers Explorer Scout Unit	410	-	410	1,482
Croham Valley Explorer Scout Unit	895	-	895	800
Coulsdon Explorer Scout Unit	935	-	935	1,495
Purley Oaks Explorer Scout Unit	4,903	-	4,903	1,991
All Saints Explorer Scout Unit	2,472	-	2,472	1,162
Sanderstead Explorer Scout Unit	-	-	-	497
Pinewood Seahorses Scout Unit	25,372	-	25,372	15,756
Purley Cross Scout Unit	862	-	862	166
Phoenix Explorer Scout Unit	-	-	-	1,073
Crystal Palace Explorer Scouts Unit	150	-	150	-
Total Incoming Resources	<u>38,375</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,375</u>	<u>25,671</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Kenley Explorer Scout Unit	1,802	-	1,802	776
Colliers Explorer Scout Unit	645	-	645	1,471
Croham Valley Explorer Scout Unit	916	-	916	38
Coulsdon Explorer Scout Unit	884	-	884	749
Purley Oaks Explorer Scout Unit	3,459	-	3,459	2,148
All Saints Explorer Scout Unit	1,815	-	1,815	1,331
Sanderstead Explorer Scout Unit	-	-	-	283
Pinewood Seahorses Scout Unit	27,231	-	27,231	10,481
Purley Cross Scout Unit	503	-	503	394
Phoenix Explorer Scout Unit	-	-	-	1,667
Crystal Palace Explorer Scouts Unit	-	-	-	-
Total Resources Expended	<u>37,254</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,254</u>	<u>19,339</u>
TOTAL NET INCOMING RESOURCES	1,121	-	1,121	6,333
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	27,537	-	27,537	21,204
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	<u>£ 28,658</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 28,658</u>	<u>£ 27,537</u>

CROYDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL EXPLORER UNITS
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Equipment			-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		28,658	
Debtors		-	
		28,658	
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Amounts due within one year		-	
			28,658
NET ASSETS			£ 28,658
Represented by:-			
FUNDS			
General Funds			28,658
Restricted Funds			-
			£ 28,658

SAS & NETWORK

STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	This Year General Funds £	This Year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Croydon District Scout Network	-	-	-	175
Croydon Scout Active Support Unit	470	-	470	472
Total Incoming Resources	<u>470</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>470</u>	<u>647</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Croydon District Scout Network	-	-	-	259
Croydon Scout Active Support Unit	314	-	314	81
Total Resources Expended	<u>314</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>314</u>	<u>340</u>
TOTAL NET INCOMING RESOURCES	156	-	156	307
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	643	370	1,013	706
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	<u>£ 799</u>	<u>£ 370</u>	<u>£ 1,169</u>	<u>£ 1,013</u>

SAS & NETWORK

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Equipment			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		1,169	
		<u>1,169</u>	
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Amounts due within one year		-	
		<u>-</u>	
			1,169
NET ASSETS			<u><u>£ 1,169</u></u>
Represented by:-			
FUNDS			
General Funds			799
Restricted Funds			370
			<u><u>£ 1,169</u></u>