



Arundel & Littlehampton District Scout Council Annual Report 2005/2006

Listed below are the Trustees of Arundel & Littlehampton District Scout Council

Registered Charity No. 305868

Simon Burgess	District Commissioner	ex-officio
Pru Payne	District Secretary	ex-officio
Jeremy Kett	District Treasurer	ex-officio
Andy Jones	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	ex-officio
Tony Squires	District Vice Chairman	Nominated
Martin Jarvis	Campsite Service Team	Nominated
David McCorquodale	CSL 1 st Yapton & Ford	Nominated
Samantha Deacon	Scout Network	Elected
Alan Moss	GSL 7 th Littlehampton	Elected
Andy Spencer	ASL 1 st Rustington	Elected
Peter Richards	Scout Fellowship	Elected
Jill Gladman	Appointments Sub Committee	Co-opted
Peter Ingram	Awards Sub Committee	Co-opted
Julie Dixon	Deputy District Commssioner	Co-opted

Acting District Chairman

Well another year has disappeared and once again another Annual General Meeting for Arundel & Littlehampton Scout District is upon us.

Our outgoing District Commissioner, Simon Burgess, has covered most points of interest within his report but we would like to formally record our thanks to him for his unending enthusiasm, time and commitment he has given to this District over the last 3 and a half years. We hope it won't be too long before external pressures ease and he is able once again to take up a Scouting position in this District.

We would also like to thank his Grace The Duke of Norfolk for all his support to the Groups within this District during the last 12 months.

Finally, thanks must go to all the Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Group Assistants, Parents, Committee members at Group was well as District level. Without your help and dedication to Scouting we could not function.

We are now all looking toward 2007 and an even more exciting year of celebration for 100 years of Scouting. There will be many local and national activities to keep us all occupied so keep a look out for Notices of events both in the local papers and from your respective Scout Group.

Julie Dixon, Deputy District Commissioner
on behalf of Arundel & Littlehampton District Scout Executive Committee

District Commissioner

The last year has been another fantastic year for Scouting in the District, although we saw numbers drop slightly, most Scout Groups increased in numbers showing that Scouting is as relevant as ever.

Unfortunately we saw the death of Wyn Ayling one of the District's most loved and well-respected Scout Fellowship members. Wyn had been District Badge Secretary for many years until, in 2002 ill health, forced her to step down.

Andy Jones our District Explorer Scout Commissioner and Dave Davison our Appointments Secretary both gave up their District posts during the year. We thank them for the work they have done over many years.

I am glad to report that I appointed a new Group Scout Leader at 1st Ferring Sea Scout Group, Avril Pettit who comes to Arundel & Littlehampton with many years of Scouting experience after moving to Ferring from Croydon. We also saw the appointment of Anji Sharp as our new District Appointments Secretary. We wish them both well in their roles.

The initial stages of planning for the 2007 100 years of Scouting events have commenced, with committees having been established to organise the proposed District camp at Angmering in July / August 2007 and the other monthly events for that year. It is hoped all these occasions will showcase Scouting in the 21st Century as well as giving us the opportunity of being able to look back on where Scouting has come from.

The work of the District Executive Committee has continued and the key changes include the reclaiming the direct responsibility of the running of the District Campsite development. This resulted in a plan to enhance the usability of the site at Dappers Lane, Angmering. Thanks must go to the unseen work of this Committee of dedicated stalwarts, including Julie Dixon who acted as Chairman for the last year.

The District organised a numbers of activities for all Sections during the year, including the very successful International evening, which promoted both International awareness and the 2007 Jamboree.

Thanks to all the sections that took part in my challenge to join with other Scout Groups sectional activities. I think that almost all Groups managed to complete this task. Your reward...working together to make Arundel & Littlehampton a District.

We chose three Scouts from the District to represent us all at the 2007 Jamboree in Hylands Park Essex. We had a very hard time deciding between the candidates that put themselves forward. In the end we selected Cat King from the Warriors Explorer Unit (an amalgamation of 14-18 year old young people from 4th, 5th and 7th Littlehampton Scout Groups), Dan Sunderland from the Viking Explorer Unit (an amalgamation of 14-18 year old young people from 1st East Preston, 1st Angmering and 1st Ferring Scout Groups) and Rory Myers from 1st Arundel Scout Group. We were also fortunate enough to have two Leaders selected from the District to represent West Sussex as part of the Service Crew for the 2007 Jamboree. Well done to Andy Jenner from 1st Barnham Scout Group and Martin Richardson from the Rustington Explorer Unit.

Thanks to all those who support Scouting in the area, without continued adult support Scouting could not flourish as it does today.

This is my last annual report as District Commissioner (DC) of Arundel and Littlehampton District Scouts. I have enjoyed my time as DC although the pressures of life outside Scouting mean that I must take a back seat for the time being. I would particularly like to thank the members of my District Team over the last three and a half years that have helped us all move Scouting forward. Also to all of you have given me personal support in whatever way.

There have been four people however that I would like to mention as being foremost in helping me during my stint as DC.

Prue Payne who does most of the administration of Arundel & Littlehampton Scout District, without her the District would find it difficult to operate.

Julie Dixon who takes over from me as DC from 1st April 2006. Julie has been always there to help and support me when required. She will be a terrific DC.

Richard Thompson formerly Deputy County Commissioner, who was always at the end of the phone to listen to me ranting on about some issue or another.

Finally my wife Dawn who I have not given much of my free time to in the last decade due to Scouting, sorry Dawn but thanks for your support.

Simon Burgess

District Commissioner (2002 to 2006)



Beaver Scouts are young people usually aged between six and eight years old. They belong to the first and youngest Section in the Scouting family. Young people can join Beaver Scouts in the three months leading up to their sixth birthday. They can move to the next Section, Cub Scouts, between eight and eight years six months.

Beaver Scouts are easily recognised by their distinctive turquoise sweatshirts. They enjoy making friends, playing games, going on visits and helping others. The Beavers will usually meet together once a week in a Beaver Scout Colony and Some Beaver Scout Colonies also organise Sleepovers. These are often the first time a young person spends a night away from home.

Although the Beaver section in Arundel & Littlehampton Scout District has had a difficult year with many Groups now operating on a very small leader base, the Beaver Colony numbers are starting to increase again. The Young Leaders (11-14 yr old Explorer Scouts) are proving to be very helpful.

Many Beaver Colonies within the District have been able to present the new Chief Scout Bronze Award to some of their members. This is quite an achievement for the Beavers, as they have to work on their own as well as with the Colony to meet the required levels. This is also the highest Award the Beavers can achieve within the Section. It was great to see 40 or so of them receive their Award at a special ceremony held within Arundel & Littlehampton Scout District for the first time this year.

The Groups all had their own Summer events which took us to December when we were in Church at Rustington for our Annual Christingle Service. This was a great success with the numbers attending increasing again this year. I would like to thank Peter Cornick (District Chaplin) for all his hard work in arranging it for us.

The Beavers Leaders again had their own Christmas gathering, which was a good night out in January 2006.

This year is a celebration of 20 years of Beaver Scouting, so we have a special day coming up, and with next year as 100 years of Scouting there's certainly a lot to look forward to.

Viv Turner

Assistant District Commissioner (Beavers)



The Cub Section is the middle Section within Groups and is usually made up of young people from the age of 8 to 10¹/₂

There are loads of fun things that you can do as a Cub Scout and you will get a chance to try lots of different activities like swimming, music, exploring, computing and collecting. There are badges to achieve in most activities and these you can wear on your uniform as to get them.

Cub Scouts also get to go on trips and days out, to places like the zoo, theme parks or a farm. Sometimes Cubs will be able to go camping with the rest of your Pack. This will mean you sleeping in a tent and doing loads of outdoor activities.

Within the Arundel & Littlehampton Scout District the Cub Scout Sections have taken part in:

Chief Scout Silver Award Ceremony – April: As part of our St George's Day celebrations an Award ceremony was held on the Sunday morning for the first time. This was to honour the Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts from Arundel & Littlehampton Scout District who had achieved the highest award possible within their respective Sections – the Chief Scout Bronze and the Chief Scout Silver Award. Approximately 80 Cubs received this prestigious presentation.

St George's Day Parade – April: As usual the year started with St George's Day Parade. The Parade starts at the entrance to Arundel Castle and winds it's way up Arundel Hill to the Cathedral where a special service is held before walking all the way down again! All Cub Sections were represented and thankfully the weather held for us.

District Cub Camp in June: Over half the District attended and had a great weekend with the Saturday afternoon activities ending with a knockout tug of war competition. Great fun even if there was a bit of cheating going on! The bases for Sunday morning were set up using a Star Wars theme - a lot of ingenuity was needed to put together the team costumes as Akelas were only told what they had to do that morning! Cubs had to do everything from designing a starship to lighting signal fires.

Halloween Weekend – October: A County Cub Day Out to Butlins in October saw approximately 400 Cub Scouts arriving in Bognor Regis from all over West Sussex – including 3 Sections from Arundel & Littlehampton Scout District.

Cub Christmas Challenge – December: Due to the success of this event last year it was decided to do it all over again. Cubs took part in various Christmas activities including making cards and presents, word searches, games (team and individual) etc and the afternoon was finished off with the compulsory "snowball fight" – maybe we'll even have real snow next time!

Thank you to all the Cub leaders for making their Pack nights not only informative but good FUN!

Jill Gladman

Assistant District Commissioner (Cubs)



The Scout Section is for young people, usually aged between 10¹/₂ and 14 years. A young person can come in to the Troop at 10 and may stay until they are 15 years old. The Scout Troop is the third and final Section in the Scout Group.

Within the 10 Groups that make up Arundel & Littlehampton Scout District there are 171 Scouts and approximately 20 Leaders in this particular Section.

All Scouts are encouraged to take part in a wide range of activities as part of their programme. "Participation" rather than meeting set standards is the key approach and for the Scout who wants to be recognised for his or her achievements there are a number of Challenges Awards and Activity Badges. Scouts take part in a balanced programme that helps them to find out about the world in which they live, encourages them to know their own abilities and the importance of keeping fit and helps develop their creative talents. It also provides opportunities to explore their own values and personal attitudes

Being outdoors is important and half the Programme is given over to taking part in both the traditional Scouting skills, such as camping, survival and cooking as well as the wide range of adventurous activities, anything from abseiling to yachting.

The international aspect gives scouting a special appeal and many Scouts now travel abroad during their time in the Section. In 2002/3 25,000 Scouts from around the World attended the World Jamboree in Thailand. Even more are expected to attend the World Jamboree in The United Kingdom in 2007 and we are lucky enough to have three young people attending the 2007 Jamboree as Contingent members and two Leaders (one Cub and one Explorer Leader) attending as part of the Service Crew.

Air Scouting

Within Arundel & Littlehampton Scout District we also have one of only 150 Air Scout Groups currently active in the UK - just fewer than 60 of these have obtained RAF recognition and our own Air Scout Group is currently working hard to achieve this status.

Air Scouting is a branch of Scouting, not a separate organisation. It is based on the same fundamental Scouting Aims & Methods. Air Scouts follow the core balanced programme for their section but then add a aeronautical twist to the programme and activities.

Air Scouts start with the Scout section as part of an Air Scout Group, or as an Air Scout Patrol in a "standard" Group. Cub Scouts and Beaver Scouts in an Air Scout Group follow the same programme as all other Cubs / Beavers within the District albeit with the likelihood of some air based activities being provided by the Scout section – and if not, they certainly have these to look forward to.

Sea Scouting

In Arundel & Littlehampton Scout District we also have two Sea Scout Groups. Like Air Scouting, Sea Scouting is a branch of Scouting, not a separate organisation. It is based on the same fundamental Scouting Aims & Methods. Sea Scouts also follow the core balanced programme for their section but then add a nautical twist to the programme and activities.

Sea Scouts start with the Scout section as part of a Sea Scout Group, or as a Sea Scout Patrol in a "standard" Group. Cub Scouts and Beaver Scouts in a Sea Scout Group follow the same programme as all other Cubs / Beavers albeit with the likelihood of some water based activities being provided by the Scout section.

Some Sea Scout Groups apply for RN recognition. This entails an annual inspection on all aspects of the programme, the achievement of required nautical skills standards and a review of naval traditions. Groups who qualify can wear the RN Recognition badge, attend RN activities, have access to MOD sites and have access to the RN fund for Sea Scout Groups

Scouting is about being with friends, as part of a team, participating fully in the adventure and opportunities of life no matter which Group, District or County you are a member of.



Explorer Scouts are young people, usually aged between 14 and 18 years old who make up the fourth Section of the Scouting family.

Within Arundel & Littlehampton District we currently have 5 District-based Explorer Scout Units:

- Warriors – based in Littlehampton
- Rustington – based in Rustington
- Vikings - based in East Preston / Angmering
- Peregrine – based in Yapton

which, together with the Arundel & Littlehampton District Scout Band makes a total of 63 young people of this age group and 10 Explorer Leaders / Assistant Leaders / Unit Assistants.

All Explorer Scouts get the chance to work with other Explorer Scouts within the District, not just mix with those in their particular Unit. By doing this there is the opportunity to do many more exciting activities, make new contacts, share new programme ideas etc.

Some of the activities undertaken by Explorer Scouts in Arundel & Littlehampton Scout District over the past 12 months are listed below:

- Expeditions
- Slot car racing
- High Ropes Course
- Climbing / Abseiling
- County Competitions
- Scuba Diving
- Mountain Biking
- Archery
- Horse Riding
- Sandcastle Building Competition
- Pioneering
- Community Service
- Swimming

- Sponsored Walk
- District events
- Night Hikes
- 10 pin Bowling
- Backwards cooking and Wide Games
- Camping
- Orienteering

Scout Band

Within Arundel & Littlehampton Scout District we are also privileged to have a Scout Band as an Explorer Unit. The Band has continued to increase in numbers and experience over the last year and we are very pleased that they continue to support the District and County events when required. The Band also manages to find time to visit Groups within the District promoting music and assisting with various associated Badges. Some of the local events the District Scout Band have participated in are listed below:

- St Georges Day Parade
- Arundel & Littlehampton District Annual General Meeting
- East Preston Festival
- Middleton Scouts Fun Day
- Rustington Festival
- Parham House Garden Day
- Littlehampton Carnival Parade
- Arun Civic Remembrance Service
- Selsey Carnival
- Worthing Carnival
- Littlehampton Bonfire Carnival

at the request of West Sussex County Scouts they also participated in the County Annual General Meeting and, at the request of National HQ they were part of the "Great Kick About" for Scouting held at the QPR Football Ground at Loftus Road.

Young Leaders

The Young Leaders' Scheme is just one more of the exciting programme elements in the Explorer Scout Section. All Leaders in the Beaver Scout, Cub Scout and Scout Sections who are between the ages of 14 and 18 are Young Leaders. These are Explorer Scouts who have chosen to devote a large proportion of their time in Scouting to Service in another Section.

The Young Leaders' Scheme helps Explorer Scouts to develop and grow as individuals whilst allowing them to make a valuable contribution to their Community and give Service to others. The Scheme also helps them fulfil the Service elements of the various Awards open to them.

Within Arundel & Littlehampton Scout District we currently have 22 Young Leaders registered – some of whom also belong to an Explorer Scout Unit, some of whom belong only to the Young Leader Unit.

NETWORK

All members of The Scout Association between 18 and 25 years are members of the Scout Network. As a member of the Scout Network you could be:

- a member of a local Network
- a Leader with another Section
- a Helper of Skills Instructor
- a member of the Scout Fellowship
- a member in another capacity

Local Networks can be based at County, District or Group; some may be focused around a specific activity or location, e.g. Gang Show, Activity Centre, climbing or canoeing.

Scout Network programmes will reflect the huge variation in Members' interests. Some local Networks will have activities that concentrate on one area of the programme, whilst others will have a wider range. One of the key elements is the opportunity to get away, either under canvas or in other accommodation.

The Scout Network based within Arundel & Littlehampton Scout District is part of the West Sussex County Scout Network. The members of this local Network group meet mainly when they are not away at University and currently consist of approximately 10 members.



The Scout Fellowship is a group of Adults who have one thing in common – a wish to support Scouting. A Scout Fellowship welcomes men and women of all ages, interests and backgrounds. There is no need to have been involved in Scouting, or Guiding, before. All that is required is a willingness to give some time to Scouting. In return you will make friends and be able to join with others doing whatever you decide. A Scout Fellowship has its own Social and Activity Programme and in Arundel and Littlehampton Scout District we have a particularly Social group of like-minded adults.

The aim of the Scout Fellowship is to "Provide Active Support", with the emphasis being very much on supporting the youth programme in an active manner, at all levels of the Association from the local scout group to national level.

Active support encompasses the talents of the Scout Fellowship whether it is physical, mental, geared to a particular technical skill or general support. It could be as a badge examiner, a Training Adviser to new leaders, catering for courses / AGMs etc, running pioneering courses, assisting at County and District Camps, fundraising for particular events such as the forthcoming Jamboree, assisting leaders with programming or Sectional events, covering for sickness / holidays within Groups.

Everyone has something to offer as far as supporting Scouting is concerned.

The Scout Fellowship is a large part of the "backbone" of the Scout Movement – supporting the young people and the voluntary leaders wherever help is required.

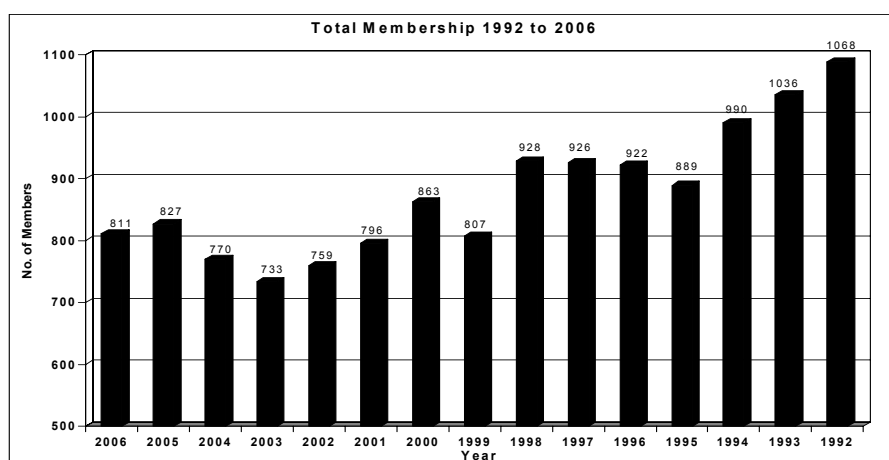
The key to success is the flexibility of the Scout Fellowship – they can do just about anything!

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The charts below show the Census status as at 1st January 2006 and the Graph indicates total membership since 1992.

	Beaver Scouts	Cub Scouts	Scouts	Explorer Scouts	Section Assistants	Leaders / Comm	Instructor / Other	Scout Fellowship	District	Totals
1 st Angmering	13	30	19		9	5	2			78
1 st Arundel	16	10	17		2	8	6			59
1 st Barnham	15	14			1	4				34
1 st East Preston	26	25	31		1	8				91
1 st Ferring	19	21	7		3	5	1			56

1 st Rustington	46	44	44		4	18	1			157
1 st Yapton & Ford	25	17	22		2	8				74
4 th Littlehampton	19	13	11		5	6				54
5 th Littlehampton	15	20	6		2	4				47
7 th Littlehampton	13	17	14		1	4				49
District				63	0	19	9	17	4	112
2006	251	211	171	63	30	89	9	17	4	811
2005	189	220	185	77	28	87	10	19	12	827



District Treasurer

The following accounts show a record of the receipts and payments for the year ended 31 March 2006 and the assets and liabilities' at the same date.

Members' subscriptions increased but with higher expenditure, including a higher level of maintenance at the campsite, net receipts in the year were £357. The campsite has been partially integrated into the main account but the Fellowship, Badge and Band account continue to be self-supporting. The financial position of the District continues to be strong with monetary assets of around £19,800, similar to the previous year. This will enable the District to assist in financing the proposed activities over the next two years including the 2007 District Camp.

This is my first year as District Treasurer and may I thank my predecessor, Don Simmons, the Group Treasurers and Group Scout Leaders and finally my fellow committee members who have all provided enormous help and support during the last year.

Jeremy Kett
District Treasurer

Arundel and Littlehampton District Scouts Council**Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 March 2006**

	2005/2006	2004/2005
	£	£
Total receipts for the year	37,864.32	33,376.19
Total payments for the year	37,506.61	31,959.92
Net receipts (payments) for the year	<u>357.71</u>	<u>1,416.27</u>
Cash,bank and similar funds brought forward	19,532.87	18,116.60
Cash,bank and similar funds carried forward	<u><u>19,890.58</u></u>	<u><u>19,532.87</u></u>

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 1 June 2006 and signed on their behalf by

Simon Burgess
District Commissioner

Jeremy Kett
District Treasurer

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

	2005/2006	2004/2005
	£	£
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Received	25,876.19	24,422.70
	<u>25,876.19</u>	<u>24,422.70</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Bank interest	145.38	136.99
	<u>145.38</u>	<u>136.99</u>
DONATIONS/GRANTS		
Donations	-	138.00
Arun District Rate Relief	202.56	340.60
	<u>202.56</u>	<u>478.60</u>
ACTIVITIES		
Fellowship Account	557.62	634.27
Camp Warden Account	410.00	1,751.92
Band Account	2,203.70	1,692.05
Badge Account	2,660.97	2,148.08
	<u>5,832.29</u>	<u>6,226.32</u>
SUNDRY RECEIPTS		
Campsite	1,308.20	1,500.00
Campsite Electricity	1,000.00	-
West Susex Cub Scout Event	2,255.00	-
Arundel 10K Run	793.17	-
St George's Day Collection	284.96	80.00
Equipment Hire	166.57	-
Christmas Meal Deposit	-	90.00
Beaver Activities	-	163.35
Sundries	-	278.23
	<u>5,807.90</u>	<u>2,111.58</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>37,864.32</u></u>	<u><u>33,376.19</u></u>

PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

	2005/2006	2004/2005
	£	£
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS		
County and HQ	21,450.00	19,694.20
	<u>21,450.00</u>	<u>19,694.20</u>
PREMISES		
Camp Site Rent	545.00	545.00
Camp Site Rates	253.20	340.60
Camp Site Electricity	-	369.73
Camp Site Water	115.63	70.51
Camp Site Maintenance	1,442.90	644.00
Camp Site Equipment	200.00	-
District Insurance	1,009.18	1,031.57
	<u>3,565.91</u>	<u>3,001.41</u>
DONATIONS/GRANTS	<u>-</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>100.00</u>
ACTIVITIES		
Fellowship Account	535.86	644.03
Camp Warden Account	192.44	1,647.20
Band Account	2,436.34	972.80
Badge Account	3,189.06	1,749.75
	<u>6,353.70</u>	<u>5,013.78</u>
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		
Stationary	148.80	441.13
Training	294.00	683.60
Copy Machine	553.02	547.67
Hall Hire	128.50	-
District Team Expenses	1,414.60	1,171.31
District Development	-	112.65
Website	-	6.79
	<u>2,538.92</u>	<u>2,963.15</u>
SUNDRY PAYMENTS		
Lottery Licence	-	17.50
St George's Day Parade	786.25	496.46
West Suusex Cub Scout Event	2,255.00	-
District Meetings	322.35	338.09
Equipment Hire	144.07	-
Beaver Activities	-	163.35
Scout Activities	-	31.98
Christmas Meal Deposit	-	90.00
Presentations and Memoria	90.41	50.00
	<u>3,598.08</u>	<u>1,187.38</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>37,506.61</u>	<u>31,959.92</u>

Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31 March 2006

	2005/2006	2004/2005
	£	£
MONETARY ASSETS		
Bank Current Account(s)	4,755.66	4,021.92
Bank Deposit Account(s)	6,990.79	6,845.41
Band Account	2,038.38	2,271.02
Camp Warden	4,362.72	4,145.16
Fellowship Account	289.74	267.98
Badge Account	1,453.29	1,981.38
	<u>19,890.58</u>	<u>19,532.87</u>
NON_MONETARY ASSETS Assets for Charity own use		
Badge Secretary's stock	2,162.91	1,356.22
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	30,590.00	30,590.00
	<u>32,752.91</u>	<u>31,946.22</u>
LIABILITIES		
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>52,643.49</u>	<u>51,479.09</u>

Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- (b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- (c) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- (d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial with applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice and the regulations made under 544 of the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Consideration of Risks

The District Scout Executive (as Charity Trustees) has always been mindful of its responsibilities in Risk Management and, in accordance with the requirements of The Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2000), is outlining the major risks and appropriate systems that are in place to mitigate those risks.

The Executive has specialist sub-committees to manage these risks and highly values the reputation of Scouting. It seeks to enhance this reputation through effective publicity; care in recruitment (including adoption of the Criminal Records Bureau screening procedures), financial control, management of adults; and by working closely with the District and County Teams to amicably resolve those few disputes which do arise.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Arundel & Littleampton District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31 March 2006, which are set out previously.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The District 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 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
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have 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.

Mr Trevor Brookman – Independent Examiner

20 June 2006