

Folkestone, Hythe and District Scout Council

District Commissioner's Report for the 2018 Annual General Meeting

Since our Annual General Meeting last year the District Team and the administration has remained unchanged and continue to support our Groups.

As noted in the Annual Report, leadership in all the Groups again remains fully committed to providing a wide range of fun, exciting and adventurous programmes for our young people. I put on record sincere thanks for all the time, energy and commitment given week after week.

To highlight the main events of the year, the Beaver Scouts held their annual picnic at 1st Lyminge and a sleepover at 11th Folkestone. The Cub Scouts had their Whittingstall Cup Competition, Activity Day, 5 a Side Football Competition and Shere Khan Trophy. Three Scout Troops, 1st Cheriton, 11th Folkestone and 3rd Hawkinge attended the Kent International Jamboree at the County showground. St Georges Day 2018 saw the District again at the Leas Cliff Hall with our version of St George and the Dragon. A very entertaining event involving all present and our thanks to Barry Spruce for this. These events were made possible by our leaders putting in additional time and effort for which we are grateful. Again, our thanks are recorded.

The annual census for 2018 showed an overall increase in membership, the total being 863 (2017 – 843). It was particularly pleasing to see growth in Beaver, Cub and Scout Sections. Sadly, the Explorer Section showed again showed reduction in membership, albeit by one. There remain ten Groups, no change. There are 11 Beaver Colonies, 11 Cub Packs, 9 Scout Troops and 5 Explorer Units.

The District team and Active Support (FHASt) members have organised and supported a programme of activities for all Sections in the District. These are detailed in the Sectional reports.

We are sending 5 young people to the World Scout Jamboree in the USA next year, they are George and Lily Hussey from 1st Cheriton, Andrew Sutton from 11th Folkestone and Amy-Lou Fawcett and Benji Ames from 1st Hythe.

Also to be congratulated are the many young people who have received their Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer Chief Scouts Award.

There have been a number of merit and service awards gained by leaders. An addendum to this report details the recipients and their awards. There is an amazing total of 400 years' service put in by the leaders receiving their Long Service Awards.

My thanks to all leaders, committee members and supporters who have provided and supported Scouting in the Folkestone, Hythe and District over the past year.

Looking forward, again adult recruitment remains a priority in as much that we still have some Groups with waiting lists and others struggling both of which could be resolved with more adult help. It is down to us all to identify and 'target' people, perhaps initially by offering the '4 week challenge'.

Tony Hogben

LEADER AWARDS 2017-18**Silver Acorn**

Janet Fry Adult Support Team Co-ordinator (FHAAT)

Bar to the Award for Merit

Evelyn Bailey	GSL	1 st Saltwood
James Bailey	SL	1 st Saltwood
Maureen Stanley	GSL	1 st Sellindge
Jacqueline Wood	GSL	1 st Cheriton

Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Diane Croucher ACSL 1st Lyminge

Chief Scout's 5 Years Service Award

Sarah Bishop	ADC(BS)	
Shane Bishop	ESL	Lost ESU
Peter Buckle	ABSL	1 st Lyminge
Matthew Cowdroy	ACSL	1 st Cheriton
Maria Doughty	Treasurer	1 st Cheriton
Sara Fernandez	SL	3 rd Hawkinge
Michael Holliday	ESL	Holy Trinity
Michelle Jones	ACSL	1 st Hythe
Maite Last	Executive	11 th Folkestone
Maureen Leppard	Treasurer	3 rd Hawkinge
Christina Sumpter	District Secretary	
James White	ASL	1 st Cheriton

Chief Scout's 10 Years Service Award

Elizabeth Dempster	ACSL	1 st Hythe
Martin Fry	District AAC Secretary	
Louis Grover	CSL	1 st Hythe
Sarah Hutt	ESL	1 st Lyminge
Anita Jones	ACSL	1 st Saltwood
Patricia Kennett	ABSL	Holy Trinity
Samantha Miller	CSL	St Georges
William Terris	CSL	1 st Cheriton
Catherine Ward	SL	11 th Folkestone
Jacqueline Ward	BSL	11 th Folkestone

Chief Scout's 25 Years Service Award

Catherine Couchman	ACSL	1 st Hythe
Christopher Kellers	GSL	St Georges

LEADER AWARDS 2017-18 continued

Chief Scout's 30 Years Service Award

Stuart Bailey	SL	1 st Cheriton
Patrick Perrott	District Active Support	FHAST
Christine Twydell	District Active Support	FHAST
Peter Vale	SL	1 st Lyminge
Colin Wren	AGSL	1 st Lyminge

Chief Scout's 40 Years Service Award

Christopher Twydell	District Active Support
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Wood Badge (for completion of formal training)

Gillian Edwards	CSL/ESL	Holy Trinity
Alan Katcher	SL	1 st Sellindge
Spencer Manwaring	ACSL	1 st Cheriton
Ben Marshall	ESL	Lost ESU
Barry Spruce	CSL	1 st Saltwood
Maureen Stanley	GSL	1 st Sellindge
Emily Terris	ACSL	1 st Cheriton