



Annual General Meeting

Deal, Walmer, Sandwich and District Scouts

Annual Report

21st June 2025



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The Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory, Guildford Road,
Sandwich Bay, Sandwich CT13 9PF

AGENDA

- 1. Introduction and welcome**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13th June 2024
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - c. Note the District's financial year
 - d. Agree appointed and community members of the District Scout Council
 - e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
 - f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
- 4. Review of the previous year**
 - a. The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the Deal, Walmer, Sandwich and District
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
- 5. Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint the District Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
 - b. Appoint the District Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board



- c. Appoint members of the District Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
- d. Appoint the Scrutineer
- e. Nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council

6. County Representative

Closing remarks

The AGM will be followed by a presentation from the Explorers who represented the District on the 2025 Network Expedition to Peru.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 13th June 2024, 19.30

The Royal Marines Association, 37 The Strand, Deal CT14 7DX

MINUTES

1. Introduction and welcome

- 2. Apologies for absence:** Apologies have been received from Graham Baker (10th), Elizabeth Lukehurst (8th), Rob Lukehurst (8th), Alan Noake (LDV 14-24 & Appointments Administrator), Craig Nimmo (9th), Christine Rackham (1st), William Rackham (1st), Duncan Forrester (SAS), Teresa Forrester (SAS), Liam Fisher (Aquila Explorer), Henry Fisher (Aquila Explorer), Millie Fisher (Aquila Explorer), Mike Garrett (Aquila Explorer), Cassie Osborne (GSL 20th), Darren Osborne (Treasurer 20th).

Present: Heather Rowell (Chair), Kate House (Treasurer), Cathy Betts (District), Matthew Sims (DC), Alison Sims (DDC), Ian Mackenzie (District), Chris Goodwin (GSL 2nd), Mavis Marsh (GLV 5th), Peter Marsh (5th), Shirley Smith (ESU Aquila), Charlie Horne (District), Ian Fletcher (GLV 7th), Matt Page (DYC), Colin Tappenden (7th), Ian Howells (Beaver Leader 12th), Cheri Hadaway (ACL 12th), Paul Hadaway (CSL 12th & ASL 1st), Jo Lodge (Scout Leader 12th), Pete Lodge (Treasurer 12th), Isobel Myers (County Transformation & 12th), Elaine Greenwood (Kent Scouts Support), Des Harris (Kent Scouts Chair), Samantha Murray (ACL 5th), Sam Culpin (Secretary 1st), Ali Eyden (Chair 1st), Chris Jordan (SAS), Jeremy Wilkes (SAS), Charlie Rowell (DDC), Kevin Rackham (GSL 1st)

3. Governance topics

- a. **Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 14th June 2023:** Approved. Charlie Horne proposed, Mavis Marsh seconded.
- b. **Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR):** Adopted. All agreed.
- c. **Note the District's financial year:** The Chairman proposed to adjust the district's financial year to run 1st January to 31st December. With no objections, this motion was passed.



- d. **Approve appointed and community members of the District Scout Council:**
No nominations to approve.
- e. **Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board:** It was agreed a maximum of 12 District Trustees may be appointed to the trustee board.
- f. **Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council (excluding this AGM):** A quorum of 10 was agreed for future District Scout Council meetings.

4. **Review of the previous year**

- a. **The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the Deal, Walmer, and Sandwich District:** Matthew Sims, District Lead Volunteer gave an update on Scouting in the district over the last year. Matthew then:
 - presented Chris Jordan with his 30-year long service award
 - acknowledged and thanked Mavis Marsh for her many years served as a district trustee
 - acknowledged and thanked Chris Goodwin for his many years served as a district trustee
- b. **Receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts:** Approved.

5. **Making appointments**

- a. **Appoint the District Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board**
 - With no other applicants, Heather Rowell was appointed for 3 years from 2024
- b. **Appoint the District Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board**
 - With no other applicants, Kate House was appointed for 3 years from 2024
- c. **Appoint members of the District Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board**
 - Alan Noake: Trustee. 3 years from 2024
 - Colin Tappenden: Trustee. 3 years from 2024
 - Ian Mackenzie: Trustee. 2 years from 2024



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- Peter Marsh: Trustee. 2 years from 2024
- Charlie Horne: Trustee. 1 year from 2024
- Cathy Betts: Trustee. 1 year from 2024

Ex-Officio Appointments

- Matthew Sims: DLV, for duration of role
- Matthew Page: DYC, for duration of role

- Appoint the Scrutineer:** Roger Miles was re-appointed as scrutineer for 2024/2025.
- Nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council:** The districts Ex Officios are members by right. The district can have 2 additional representatives if they wish. No nominations come forward at the meeting, the Trustees will consider this opportunity and revisit if nominations are received.

6. District Representative: Des Harris, County Chair, Kent Scouts.

- Des thanked all the volunteers for all they do to deliver Scouting in the District
- Des advised the County are currently open to application for the role of County Lead Volunteer. The deadline is the end of June.
- Dean Hardings legacy fund is currently at £18,000 with a few more activities to be held. Des recommended looking out for information on these activity days
- Des presented:
 - Ian Fletcher with the Bronze Growth Award for 7th Deal (Sandwich)
 - Matthew Sims was presented the Bronze Growth Award on behalf of Rob and Liz Lukehurst for 8th Deal (Wingham)
 - Jo Lodge was presented the Bronze growth Award for 12th Deal (Kingsdown) Air Scout Group

Closing remarks: Heather Rowell thanked all for attending and advised all groups that if they require any assistance with their AGM to not hesitate to contact her or any of the district Trustees.

Minutes taken by: Cathy Betts



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Trustees' Annual Report For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

TRUSTEES: Ex-officio

District Lead Volunteer	Matthew Sims
District Youth Lead	Matthew Page

TRUSTEES: Appointed

Treasurer	Cathy Betts	
	Kathryn House	
	Ian Mackenzie	
	Peter Marsh	
	Alan Noake	
	Charlie Horne	
	Colin Tappenden	to Dec 2024
Chairperson	Heather Rowell	to Feb 2025

BANKERS

Lloyds Bank plc
Sandgate Road, Folkestone

NatWest Bank plc
31 High Street, Deal CT14 6EW

CONTACT NAME & ADDRESS

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DEAL, WALMER, SANDWICH and DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

Structure, Governance And Management

The District's governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

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

The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout District which is an educational charity.

As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities.

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 7 Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees and 2 co-opted Trustees and meets every 3 months.

Members complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

This District Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, equipment is in good working order and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisations policies and rules. Their support helps volunteers run high quality and safe programmes that give young people skills for life.

Risk And Internal Control

The District has in place systems of control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss.

Objectives And Activities

The Scout Association provides adventurous activities and personal opportunities for young people aged 4 to 25.

The role of the District Council is to further these general objectives, with particular reference to the members of the Scout Groups in the District.

The objectives are as follows:

- To make quality Scouting available to every young person in the District, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or disability.

- To ensure that every Scout Group offers the opportunity for a young person to progress from the age of 4 to 14, in a clearly identifiable way, either in the same group, or through formal arrangements with another group.

- To continually quality assure the quality of Scouting in every Scout Group.

- To continuously recruit and retain adult leaders and helpers.

- To maintain a quality programme of adult training and development.

- To build strong teams of adults who will deliver to the District's objectives.

- To ensure that every young person aged 14 to 25 is offered like opportunities by the District Explorer Unit or Units attached to Groups, recognising that administration, training and insurance are a District responsibility.

The District supports the work done in Groups in delivering the programme by providing District events for training, fundraising and activities.



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Achievements And Performance

We have had another strong year. We held several district events which were all well attended. Presentation evening was attended by approximately 250 people. It was a wonderful opportunity to recognise and acknowledge all those who have achieved so much over the year. We are continuing negotiations on the lease renewal for Betteshanger Campsite. The census results confirmed we have maintained our numbers and continue remain stable.

Public Benefit

The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Financial Review

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Trustee Board considers that the district should hold a sum equivalent to 24 months running costs circa £20,000.

Investment Policy

The District's income and expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in long term options such as stocks and shares. The District has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using mainstream banks and building societies.

After the reporting period, a deposit of £10,000 was made into a higher interest accounts with the Charity Bank for a fixed term.

Plans For The Future

The District is continuing to explore options in respect of the campsite at Bettshanger.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature

Full name Kate House

Position Treasurer

Date 14 May 2025



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Accounts For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

Receipts and Payments
for the period ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Explorers Restricted Funds £	31.12.24 Total Funds £	31.03.24 Total Funds £
Receipts				
Membership subscriptions	-	2,711	2,711	26,176
Capitation to KCSC (less 2024 rebate)	228		228	(21,992)
	228	2,711	2,939	4,184
Bank interest	-	5	5	105
Activities	36	225	261	-
Fundraising	-	57	57	1,185
Donations and grants	1,021	132	1,153	2,782
Badge income	80	-	80	107
WSJ	-	-	-	1,610
Total receipts	1,366	3,130	4,495	9,973
Payments				
Activities	-	1,283	1,283	3,104
Fundraising	-	-	-	1,412
Trustee expenses (travel & postage)	-	-	-	498
Administration	132	150	282	691
Donation	-	-	-	120
Badge purchases	-	19	19	343
WSJ	-	-	-	2,600
Campsite maintenance	-	-	-	140
Equipment	-	-	-	4,445
Total payments	132	1,452	1,584	13,353
Net receipts/(payments)	1,234	1,678	2,912	(3,380)
Funds brought forward	21,858	7,915	29,773	33,153
Cash funds this period end	23,092	9,593	32,685	29,773

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

Name Kate House
Position Trustee
Date 14 May 2025



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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	31.12.24 Total Funds £	31.03.24 Total Funds £
Cash funds				
Bank current accounts	22,710	9,308	32,018	29,130
Cash in hand	382	285	667	643
Total cash funds	23,092	9,593	32,685	29,773
Non-Monetary Assets				
Scouting equipment at estimated value	16,300	-	16,300	16,300
Campsite equipment at cost	4,445	-	4,445	4,445
District Store at estimated value	3,800	-	3,800	3,800
County & District Badges at cost	600	-	600	600
	25,145	-	25,145	25,145



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Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the Deal, Walmer, Sandwich and District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Deal, Walmer, Sandwich and District Scout Council for the period ended 31 December 2024.

As the District's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities' Act 2011 apply.

It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or an independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and report to you.

In accordance with the directions given in the District's constitution, I have examined the accounts set out on pages 4 to 5, alongside the additional information.

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Vivienne Verren
11 Royston Gardens
St Margaret's at Cliffe
Dover
Kent
CT15 6AD

Signed:

22nd April 2025



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Report and Review for the 2025 Annual General Meeting





Message from the District Lead Volunteer

I started last year's message by saying that I was writing this report at the beginning of National Volunteers Week, and by coincidence I am doing the same again this year. I continue to see more people step forward to volunteer, some stay for a short while, others stay forever while others are happy to support behind the scenes and let others be in the thick of things. No matter how people volunteer, every hour any one gives is precious and makes a difference to the reason we are here, our fabulous young people.

Once again, our young people had a vast range of opportunities in 2024 and grabbed those opportunities with both hands. It's great when I meet young people and they can't wait to tell me what they've been up to and what skills they have learnt – washing up seems to be one of the most obvious ones and I have no doubt these skills are on show at homes across the District on a daily basis!!!!

I've been out and about as much as I can, I love getting to groups to award long service awards to our volunteers, it allows me to celebrate achievement and remind everyone of the service people give. It also allows me to see what's happening on section nights and maybe even get treated to a toasted marshmallow or two.

2024 saw the introduction of the new membership system and changes to the way we operate. It's been a challenge but I want to thank everyone for their perseverance and hard work to make these changes real.

Lastly, I want to thank Heather Rowell for her service as our District Chair over the last 5 years. Heather has stepped down from the trustee board but is continuing to volunteer at 12th Kingsdown Beavers.

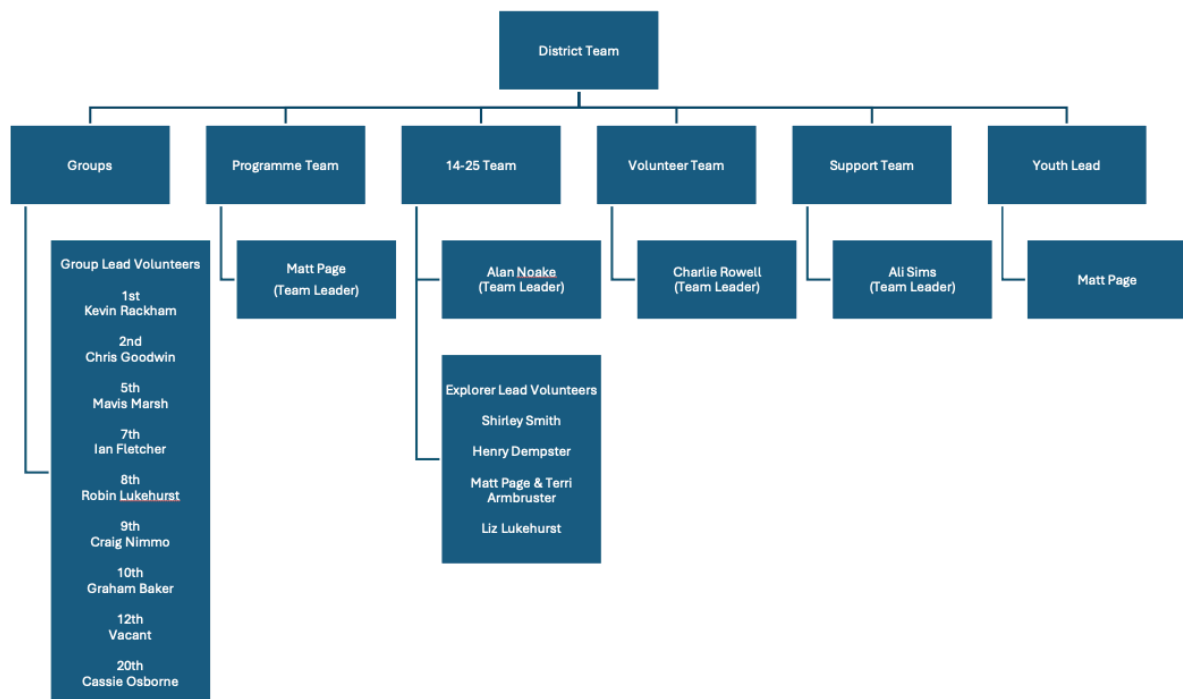
I hope those of you who come/ came to the moth safari at the AGM had a great time and maybe you'll find a love of the world of moths as I did recently!

Matt Sims



The District Team

The District team has remained almost unchanged in the last year. We continue to meet 3 times a year with regular communication in between times.



We grew again in 2024

The latest census was completed at the end of January 2025. We grew, even though you will see it was by 1 young person, it's still important to recognise that numbers are at least consistent and often go in cycles between sections. Here is the census comparison between 2024 and 2025 :-

Section	2024	2025	Difference
Squirrels	15	18	3
Beavers	126	120	-6
Cubs	161	143	-18
Scouts	115	121	6
Explorers	40	56	16
TOTAL	457	458	1

What have we been up to?

Due to the change in financial year for the district, this report only covers April to December 2024. So there are a few less things that have happened in that time, but here's a few highlights....

Hike Club – a fantastic remembrance hike from Folkestone to Dover over the cliffs, and this year we were joined by a member of the Deal Royal Marines Association



Scout Competitions and events – Scouts across the district came together for a joint expedition challenge badge weekend and also for the annual Operation St George, which was won by the host group, 5th Deal.



Deal Pride – For the second year we were at Deal Pride, this year with a nerf gun competition for people to enjoy and as ever met some amazing people to talk about Scouting for all.



Recognising our Young People

2024 saw a large number of young people achieving awards for their work and commitment to Scouting. Here is a round up!



Chief Scout Acorn Award

Eden McCarthy, William McKnight, Jude Minter, Maya Mirza, Holly Morgan-Ray, Alistair Morgan-Ray, Imogen Regan, Dottie Shepherd, Robin Stedman, Nya Werth.



Chief Scout Bronze Award

Isaac Reeves, James Owen, Louie Phillips, George Grey, Noah Saunders, Oliver Gadd, Frasier Macrae, Oscar Saunders, Jack Mulshaw, Hugo Bradley, Henry Jackson, Artie Carey Shine, Lucas Luckhurst, Elizabeth McKnight, Reggie Gibb, Caspian Cherry, Ethan Shepherd, Ellena Gibb, Alex Hunt, Alex Sloane, Ezra McCarthy, Oliver Attwood, Arya Westbrook, Thomas Sokell, Bobby Briggs, Harry Bradshaw-May, Thomas Keenan, Jasper Waddon, Hudson White, Isabelle Blaire, Isla Hicketts, Danny Gray, Cain Noon.



Chief Scout Silver Award

Elise Gooden William Bridges, Ethan Blackwell, George Fielder Felicity Hurrell, Aria Nimmo, Nathan Dunn, Elsie Rowley, Albie Brooks, Jacob Jackso, Olivia Ten Hove, Robert de la Haye, Angus Macrae, Seb Bramble , Dolly Whapshott, Harvey Davies, Eliza Lodge, Imogen Clifton, Leni Redman, Jack Wilkins, Harriet Pragnell, Ruby Hicketts, Summer Theoff, Francesca Osborne, David Mullan.



Chief Scout Gold Award

Darcey Miller, Penny Ottey, Felicity Lukehurst, Isaac Stroud, Jasmine Cook, Poppy Whapshott, Sam Braun, Joel Watson, Jonathon Mattison, Thomas Price, Hannah Maynard, Natalie Starr, Erin Harwood, Lucas Daunoras



Chief Scout Platinum Award

Harvey Johnson, Monty Lukehurst, Daisy Cook, Emma Smith, Charlie Tucker



Awarded to.....	
Monty Lukehurst	DofE Bronze
Charlie Tucker	DofE Bronze
Hannah Maynard	DofE Bronze
Harvey Johnson	DofE Silver
Jess Wilmshurst	DofE Silver
Emma Smith	DofE Silver



Young Leader Belt

Alan had the honour of awarding a Young Leader Belt to Jessamine Lodge. This is a great achievement and shows the commitment Jessamine has already given to supporting others in Scouting.





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2024: 275 years

A photograph of two men standing on a stage in front of a large, ornate stone archway. The man on the left, wearing a dark jacket and a patterned scarf, is handing a certificate or award to the man on the right. The man on the right is wearing a light-colored jacket with a red logo and dark trousers. In the background, a large crowd of people is seated on the floor, and a microphone stand is visible on the right.



Colin Tappenden - Gone home

Colin Tappenden gave a lifetime of devotion to local scouting, and, in particular, his beloved 7th Deal (Sandwich) Scout Group but also across our District. Colin died in December 2024 and this reflection was penned by Charlie Horne; we continue to keep Linda and Colin's family in our thoughts.....



Colin took his first adult role with 7th Deal in 1960, and, apart from while serving as District Commissioner, continued this involvement until his passing. He was Group Scout Leader for a total of 30 years as well as other roles including Scout Leader and Group Executive Committee member (now Trustee).

As well as his devotion to 7th Deal, Colin also played a huge and unique part in the delivery of scouting to the whole of Deal, Walmer, Sandwich and District. He was Assistant District Commissioner (Leader Training) between 1974 and 1983, ADC (Scouts) from 1980 until taking the role of District Commissioner in 1990, a position he held until stepping down in 2001, when he once again was appointed as Group Scout Leader at 7th. This role he held until 2017 when illness required him to step down, but he still continued in a leader role until his passing. He also served as a District Executive Committee member/Trustee Board Member for 29 years, but this does not include his time as District Commissioner, where he was ex-officio, so 40 years' service is more accurate. As if this wasn't enough, Colin also became our Local Training Manager in 2011, a position he held until the very recent withdrawal of the role under the Scout Association reorganization.

Colin also played key roles in many District Activities. He ran the District Parascending Team for many years, while also organizing regular events such as Sports Days, Swimming Galas, Camping, Cooking and Nature Study competitions.

With 64 years adult service, it is almost certain that Colin is the longest serving member of our District ever, and for his immense contribution he received several awards culminating in the Bar to the Silver Acorn in 2017. "This recognized: Specially distinguished and appreciably better than outstanding Service over a period exceeding 25 years.





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How would you like to help with Scouting in your area and change the lives of the local young people?



Every week nationally, Scouting gives almost half a million people aged 4-25 the skills they need for school, college, university, the job interview, the important speech, the tricky challenge and the big dreams: the skills they need for life.

Deal, Walmer, Sandwich & District Scouts is one of 22 Districts in Kent, and covers 8 Scout groups in the area. We

are a large district reaching out to Aylesham, Wingham, Ash, Eastry as well as being in Sandwich, Sholden, Walmer and Kingsdown. The District has over 450 active scouts that are now meeting on a regular basis, but over the pandemic, like many charities we have been affected, and need more adult support to ensure that we continue to thrive.

At a time when communities are becoming more divided, we bring people together. We encourage our young people to do more, learn more and be more. We are a worldwide movement, creating stronger communities and inspiring positive futures. We welcome talent from all backgrounds and your contribution to help even more young people succeed in life.

If you use leadership and or management skills in your day-to-day life then you may be able to help the District. There is a range of volunteering roles within the District with varying levels of commitment required and you do not have to have been in the Scout Association previously, as there will be support within the District and Groups to get you up to speed.

There is no remuneration, however volunteering with the Scouts will make a real difference to the young people and this in itself is highly rewarding.

Interested?

To find out more please speak to one of the Trustees here tonight or visit www.dealdistrictscouts.org