

# A YEAR OF ADVENTURE



**CARDIFF AND VALE  
AREA SCOUT COUNCIL**

**Annual Report  
2016 / 2017**



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# From the Area Commissioner ...

13.06.2017



Over the last 12 months much has changed with Cardiff and Vale Scout Area. We said Goodbye to 4 of the old Districts (Cardiff East and South, Afon, Barry and Vale District) and said hello to 4 new ones. (Cardiff East, Cardiff North, Cardiff West and Tir a Môr), and we also had a name change for Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Area Scout Council, to Cardiff & Vale Area Scout Council.

I'd like to thank all the volunteers involved in this process as we know how hard any change can be for some.

We said good bye to Dr Peter Beck and welcomed Mrs Morfudd Meredith as our Area President.

We have seen over 250 new adult volunteers, and over 120 young people join which has taken our total Area membership to over 4,700 people.

Each District has provided a really exciting and adventurous programme, ensuring that each young person has the opportunity to have their voices heard.

As an Area we welcomed our first Youth Commissioner, Matt Johnson, and he has worked hard developing the youth forum and encouraging young people to work in partnership with adults to design their programme and get the most out of their Scouting.

The youth forum took a major role in developing a badge for young people and adults during February,

which was youth shaped month. This was a really exciting challenge and the uptake was brilliant.

Our Explorers and young leaders had the opportunity to attend an area-wide event (Be Prepared For ...) which saw them travelling across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan to different locations and partake in many activities. These included, power boating, archery, first aid, pioneering, shooting and much more.

We have started expedition training for an Explorer Belt which is taking place in the Czech Republic in August and there are over 30 young people and support staff taking part.

Across the Area, we have many different international trips over the next few years and work is being completed to ensure that these trips give our young people an experience of a life time.

Training remains a key performance for us, and over 70 volunteers have been awarded their woodbadge this year – Congratulations all!

We had the pleasure of welcoming Hannah Kentish, the UK Youth Commissioner to the Area last November. She met with young people and volunteers to discuss youth-shaped Scouting and then joined the Gang Show watching their performance of "The Hollywood Time Maze" in the New Theatre.

Our Lord Mayor's Own Troops enrolled 71 new members after the young people achieved either

the Gold Chief Scout's Awards, Platinum Chief Scout's Awards, Diamond Chief Scout's Awards or their Queens Scout Award - Many Congratulations

We have started work developing our assets; a particular focus has been developing a toilet block at Jubilee Fields. Our external bookings for our Area Headquarters have increased and this has provided a vital income for the maintenance and on-going costs associated with running the building. In partnership with Mid Glamorgan Area Scout Council, we have recently appointed a new Chair of Misken, and a development plan is being created to ensure that we are able to get the most out of this site.

Our Scout Shop has been successful, and we have trialled opening on a Tuesday evening in addition to the Saturday morning. This is a great way for groups to raise vital funds as for each of their transactions they will get 10% back. The Scout Shop also recently invested in a card machine which has given shoppers a more flexible way to pay.

Finally, We would like to offer a heartfelt thanks to all of our volunteers – in whatever role they hold – as without them, our young people would not be getting the scouting experience which is needed!

*Steve Evans*

*Comisiynydd Ardal  
Area Commissioner*



## Adult Training



A big thank you to all those who continue to work towards gaining their wood badge and also to those updating their training.



A full set of our accounts can be obtained by contacting our Area Office or by visiting [www.charity-commission.gov.uk/](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/) and searching using our charity number 512034

## Youth Membership

For our twelfth consecutive year we have increased our overall youth membership to a total of 3,633 members. The Scouts section in particular showed a fantastic increase of 7.18% from 933 members in 2016 to 1,000 in 2017.

## Adults in Scouting

The number of Adults (1,140) in the area increased by 263 members, a fantastic rise of 29.98%

## Area Membership

Overall totals: 4,773 compared with last years 4,504. Up by 5.97%

**WELL DONE ALL!**

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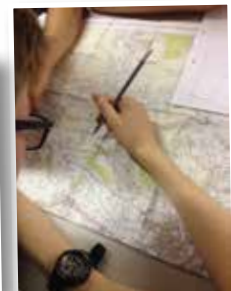
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Well done to all the Lord Mayors Own Award recipients and keep looking at the Area website for details of this years Awards evening.





St George's Day Award Recipients 2017

# ROLL OF HONOUR

The following Awards and Decorations were recognised on St George's Day for outstanding and exceptional contributions made in the Area.

## Bar to the Silver Acorn



Alan Davies, GSL at 13th Cardiff Scout Group, Area Skills Instructor.

John Wall, Group Chairman and Administrator at 83rd Cardiff Scout Group, Cardiff East District Secretary.

Neil Wicks, District Commissioner, Cardiff North District

## Silver Acorn



Ruth Weltch, Area Local Training Manager, Area Training Adviser



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