

A YEAR OF ADVENTURE



**CARDIFF AND THE
VALE OF GLAMORGAN
AREA SCOUT COUNCIL**

**Annual Report
2014 / 2015**



This is Richard's Edwards final AGM as Area Commissioner, as he is standing down after five hectic years in the role in 2009. It has been an exciting yet demanding period for those volunteers involved in the management of Scouting at District and Area levels and Richard has proved more than equal to the many challenges presented by the changes and problems that he has had to face as Area Commissioner. He leaves Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Scouting stronger in both numbers and aspirations than when he took up the reins five years ago, and we are all indebted to him for the considerable effort he put into the task and his dedication towards achieving this outcome.

Richard Thomas, Area Chairman



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From the Area Commissioner & Chairman ...

Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Area Scout Council

Changing Lives With Everyday Adventure



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The past year has been a busy and exciting year in Scouting in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan, with more people than ever joining the adventure.

Scouting in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan continues to grow, thanks to the enormous dedication and commitment of every single volunteer working to make Scouting in their Sections, Groups, Districts and Area outstanding. We now have very strong foundations upon to build; membership has grown, with our youth membership increasing by 5%, as has our volunteer adult membership, with an increasing number of adults giving up their time to change people's lives. In the last five years the youth membership in Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan has increased by 18% and the total membership by 17%.

Some of this year's work has been very visible while much has been below the surface. We are, however, now seeing many developments taking shape and having an impact on the quality and growth of Scouting in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. This year represents another big step towards our long-term vision for the Area's Groups and Districts to empower even more young people. We have more volunteers than ever before and are showing how much we value them, and we are becoming more diverse and inclusive. We continue to strengthen our management and leadership to ensure that all of this is underpinned by sound and sustainable decision making, leading to actions that support our strategy and initiatives, such as the Local Voice Development, that support these aspirations.

The growth of the Area Activities Team, Leadership training; Safeguarding training and the moderation of the permit scheme has meant that we are able to provide an incredible range of adventures and learning experiences for young people. These include archery, hill walking, climbing, water activities, target shooting, caving, and swimming, Scout Post, Duke of Edinburgh Award opportunities and the Cardiff Scout and Guide Gang Show.

Working towards our shared vision ensures that we co-ordinate and sustain our effort for maximum impact, and the results, so far, are very promising. New Groups and Sections continue to open and we have seen good Scouting become great Scouting. There are countless positive stories of where we are making a big difference and of first class support being provided. With demand for membership higher than ever, there is every indication that our decade-long growth looks set to continue.

The Area Executive has supported these developments and provides the underpinning structure, governance and financial management system that supports more and better Scouting opportunities. Scouting in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan is innovative and exciting. We want everyone to be part of the adventure.

The whole of the Cardiff and Vale Area Team and Executive extend our best wishes to all those in the Welsh Jamboree Contingents for their involvement in the 23rd world Scout Jamboree in Japan later this year.

Scouting makes a difference to people's lives – young people, volunteers and whole communities can benefit in extraordinary ways. This report sets out just some of our remarkable achievements this year. We hope you will join us for another exciting year ahead.



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Highlights of 2014/15 ...

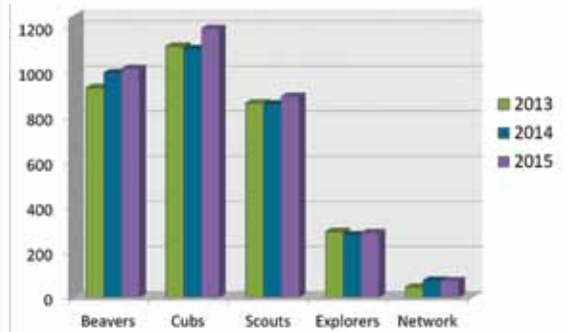
- East and South held a Beaver Space camp at Miskin with over 80 Beavers attending.
- The Training team had a good year with 51 Wood Badges being recommended.
- Beavers from 11th Barry Sea Scouts visited the seaside to be recorded for a Cbeebies Radio Show.
- A well attended rafting day was held at Cosmeston lakes.
- 30 cubs from Penarth went on a cycle ride as part of the Cub badge day activities.
- Training weekends were well attended with the re-vamped practical weekends also being well received.
- Over 100 Scouts and Guides from the Gang Show performed a production of The Cyberspace Chronicles attended by sell out crowds.
- A total of 55 Chief Scout's Gold, 11 Chief Scout's Platinum, 7 Chief Scout's Diamond, 10 Gold Duke of Edinburgh and 11 Queen's Scout Awards were presented at the annual Lord Mayor's presentation evening.
- Barry District held their well attended St George's Day parade, recognising the Scouts and Guides from around the world that gave their lives during WW1 and other conflicts since.
- All Groups in the Vale District took part in the "Whacky Races" and a promise renewal in April.
- The fourth Penarth & District Water Activities Day took place with an increased number of Scouts over previous occasions.
- 2nd/4th Barry celebrated with a new home for the group, 5th Barry also continued with the refurbishment of their Headquarters.
- In March over 150 Cubs took part in Afon Districts Cub Badge Day. The Cubs had a choice of 8 badges including Artist, DIY, Scientist and International (Japan) just to mention a few! Fun had by all.
- The Area Beaver Bronze Award Ceremony was held at Llanishen Fach Primary School with over 70 Beavers being presented with their awards by the Lord Mayor of Cardiff.
- The Vale District had a Scout Camp at Miskin in March and was run by the Explorers. What a great experience for these Young Leaders.
- The Area Swimming Gala was held in March and the winners were 1st Cowbridge (1st), 1st Penarth (2nd) and 3rd Llanishen (3rd). Congratulations to all who took part.
- East and South Cubs invaded LEGOLAND for the day.

Congratulations to David Gerrard (Deputy Area Commissioner)

David was recently presented with an MBE by Prince William for his services to the Scout Movement and to Young People in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.

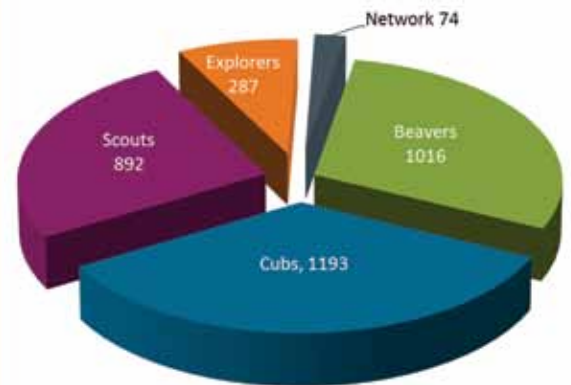


Youth Membership



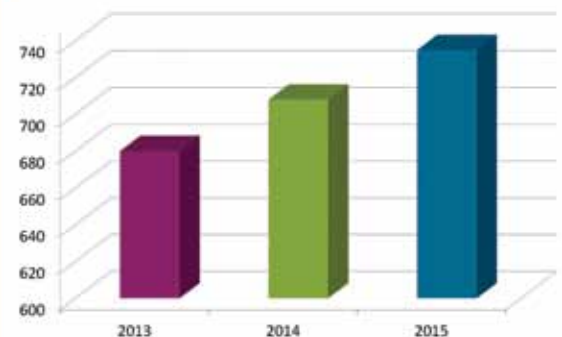
For our tenth consecutive year we have increased our overall youth membership with a total of 3,462 members. The Cub section in particular showed a fantastic increase of 8.06% from 1104 members in 2014 to 1,193 in 2015.

Sectional Membership



Youth membership spans from 6 to 25 years, enabling 19 years of Scouting. Most of our youth membership comes from our two youngest sections, Cubs (34.46%) and Beavers (29.35%).

Adults in Scouting



The number of Adults (735) in the Area increased slightly this year by 3.81%, an increase of 27 adults over last years 708.

Area Membership

Overall Area membership totals 4,138, up by 4.57 over last years 3,957.

WELL DONE ALL!



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

St George's Day Award Recipients 2015

ROLL OF HONOUR

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



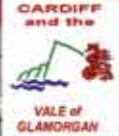
- Silver Wolf:**
 David Pendlebury, Afon District
 Gary Reeves, Afon District
 Peter Maskell, Afon District
 Barry Angus, Penarth and District
 Derrick Musk, Penarth and District



- Bar to the Silver Acorn:**
 Les Hancock, Afon District
 Barry Mawson, Afon District
 Rhod Walters, Afon District
 Keith Williams, Barry District



- Silver Acorn:**
 Ian McDowell, Afon District
 Robert Murphy, Afon District
 Gillian Irwin, Afon District
 Cynthia Jeffery, Vale District
 Jill Burge, East & South District
 Andrew Glencross, East & South District
 Mary Griffiths, East & South District
 Daniel Herlihy, Penarth and District
 Elizabeth Spackman, Penarth and District
 Stephen Jones, Area Adviser for Water



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