

A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENT

CARDIFF AND THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN
AREA SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual Report
2011 / 2012



FROM THE AREA CHAIRMAN ...



Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Area Scout Council

12.06.2012

The Area has been fortunate in having a tremendous Executive Committee, albeit one which has seen a few changes over the last twelve months. During the year Keith Burfoot stood down as Chairman in order to spend more time with his family. Keith has long been an enthusiastic member of the Scouting movement and over the years his contribution to the success of the Area in his many and varied roles has been significant. Fortunately, he has not left us altogether and his skills and expertise will still be available within the Area team.

The Executive Committee are happy with the manner that Dominic Winfield has taken a firm grip on our accounts, while our new secretary John Evans has quickly found his way around the complexities of the Area's management structure. I am pleased to note that both are willing to continue in their roles, should the AGM choose to appoint them.

I would also like to thank Fay Harding-Lewis for her hard work and patience in dealing with Area matters and keeping The Hub running smoothly to provide a valuable resource for adult training and activities, as well as a successful venue for hire.

The membership figures for the last year have again shown an encouraging increase in both the numbers of youth members and adults.

However, the recruitment of adults both as leaders and administrators is crucial to the future success of Scouting in Cardiff and The Vale of Glamorgan and the recruitment of suitable adults will continue to be a key objective in the forthcoming year.

In the background and supporting our front line uniformed leaders is a large army of folk who work tirelessly as supporters and helpers in Groups and Districts. Many also serve on Area committees and some take on additional responsibilities as chairs, treasurers or secretaries. We are fortunate in that every Group and every District is well served by such people, and I would like to pay a particular tribute to this 'hidden army', without whose help our work with young people would be impossible.

As an Area, we are very fortunate to have such colleagues, who bring a wealth of expertise and common sense to our work to support Scouting. As a Movement, we are richer for their significant contribution to our work and it is through their actions and their continued involvement that Scouting in Cardiff and The Vale of Glamorgan is so successful.

R. Thomas

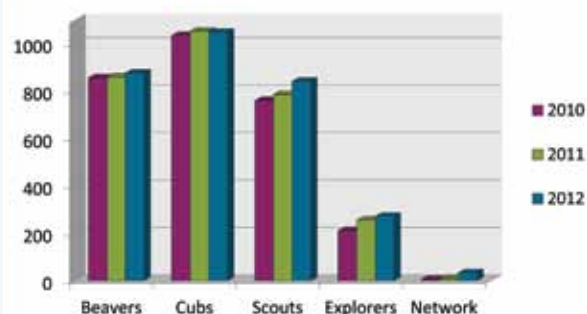
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Highlights of 2011/12 ...

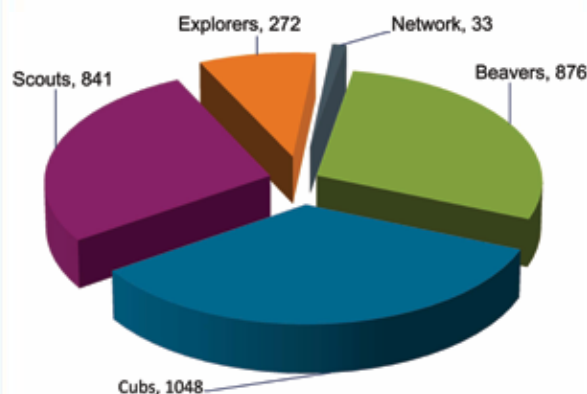
- Scout Post is now in its 28th year and again this year was highly successful in raising valuable funds for the groups taking part with stamp sales exceeding 750,000.
- A Scout Network was formed in Penarth District catering for the 18-25 age range. The Network is going strong due to the dedication of its leaders and membership.
- The Chief Scout Bronze award was presented to 36 Beaver Scouts by the Lord Mayor of Cardiff at the Mansion House.
- After a 10 year absence, Barry District saw the return of the St George's Day Parade through the Town centre.
- 125 Beaver Scouts from East and South celebrated the 25th anniversary of Beaver Scouting with a day of fun including over 25 activities to take part in.
- The Annual Barry District Scout & Guide Fete featuring a Field Gun Display and Stunt-world motorcycle display team was a huge success raising over £12,000 for the groups involved.
- Several groups took part in the Big Welsh Walk celebrating the opening of the 870miles of coastal path in Wales.
- 1st Barry Sea Scouts celebrated with a Centenary Camp taking place near Porthcawl.
- 1st Whitchurch Beavers planted a tree to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.
- Members of 11th Barry Sea Scouts spent a night locked in Fairwater police cells to raise valuable funds for the Group.
- 51 Wood Badges have been presented by the Area Training Team during the last 12 months. An increase of 6 over last years 45.
- The Scout shop continues to thrive with good sales every week and all Groups who support the shop receive a 10% commission based on purchases made in the name of the Group.
- 2,800 nights away were held in East and South District between September 2011 and May 2012.
- The Lord Mayor of Cardiff invested 67 Scouts & Explorer Scouts into the Lord Mayor's Own Scout Troop at the annual presentation evening.
- Several members from the Area were invited to join Chief Scout Bear Grylls live on stage at his Mud, Sweat And Tears tour in Cardiff.
- Another successful Annual Swimming Gala took place with more Scout Groups than ever taking part.
- 26 Explorer Scouts from around the Area met 38,000 other Scouts from 146 countries at the 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Kristianstad, Sweden.
- The Training team had another highly successful year with many Leaders attending Training Weekends at Miskin in addition to the Modules run during the evening and the Open Evenings. These continue to be well attended.
- The Vale District held its first Archery Master at Arms course. Thanks to the Sports Council for Wales who provided the funds for the equipment.

Youth Membership



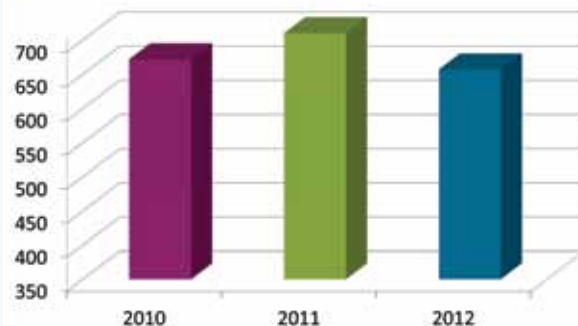
For our seventh consecutive year we have increased our overall youth membership by 3.65%. Apart from the Cub Scouts, all other sections showed an increase, in particular the Network with a record increase of 267% from 9 members in 2011 to 33 in 2012.

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 (34.14%) and Beavers (28.53%).

Adults in Scouting



The number of Adults (657) in the Area decreased slightly this year by 7.46%, a decline of 53 adults over last years 710.

Area Membership

Overall Area membership totals 3,727, up by 1.50% over last years 3,672.

WELL DONE ALL!

A YEAR OF ADVENTURE



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

St George's Day Award Recipients 2012

ROLL OF HONOUR

"The following Awards and Decorations were recognised on St George's Day for outstanding and exceptional contributions made in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan."



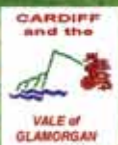
Silver Wolf:
Edward Newman - East and South



Bar to the Silver Acorn:
Anthony Thomas Walter Green - East and South
Roger Kingdom - Penarth District
Mo Lewis - Afon District



Silver Acorn:
Gillian Ella St. Clair Clay - Vale District
Peter Evans - Barry District
Peter Gladman - East and South
Stephen Howarth - Afon District
Nicholas Phillips - Penarth District
Christine Roberts - East and South
Lynn Thompson - CATVOG Area



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