

# A YEAR OF ADVENTURE



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

**Annual Report  
2015 / 2016**



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# From the Area Commissioner ...

## Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Area Scout Council

Changing Lives With Everyday Adventure



14.06.2016

What a fantastic year we have had within Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Area! Every young person within the Area has been given the opportunity for some fantastic adventurous activities ranging from bouldering to shooting, caving to kayaking plus the usual scout activities.

We have been lucky enough to send our young people to many countries across the world including Norway and Switzerland. The World Scout Jamboree in Japan has been a highlight for many, and my personal thanks go to Martin Evans who led one of the three units from Wales and to the many other volunteers who went as part of the International Service Team.

All Districts across the Area have provided our young people with a sense of achievement, developing them as young people in their adventures, and that is down to the dedication of our 877 adult volunteers, which have increased by 19% in the last year.

Our explorer section is the strongest it has been in recent years, with an increase of 23% of young people being given the opportunity of participating in exciting programmes and having the opportunity to take on leadership roles with the young leader's scheme.

Our total membership now stands at 4,504 which includes 3,627 young people, an increase of 8% from last year.

We have celebrated 18 Queen's Scout Awards in the last year which is an amazing achievement.

The Area team has changed over the last year, we said goodbye to Richard Edwards as Area Commissioner, and on behalf of the Area Scout Council, I'd like to offer our appreciation for his 6 years of service to the Area. We also said goodbye to Martin Booy and Kay Holmes as District Commissioners.

Our provision of Scouting in Ty Hafan has gone from strength to strength, allowing more young people with complex additional needs to participate in Scouting. We are also in the process of opening a new Scout Group at the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales and are looking for volunteers to help.

We had volunteers attend Pride Cymru 2015, a real opportunity to celebrate diversity in the Area. Members are attending this year and if you would like to be involved please speak to Cathie Steele, AAC Inclusion.

The training of leaders and supporters has been a priority and we are currently looking at additional ways to embrace flexible volunteering to enable leaders to complete their wood badge within the allocated 3 years.

Continuing in the rest of 2016 and beyond, we are looking forward to taking part in community engagement events, we have a fantastic Gang Show in the New Theatre and many international trips planned including an Explorer Belt in the Czech Republic.

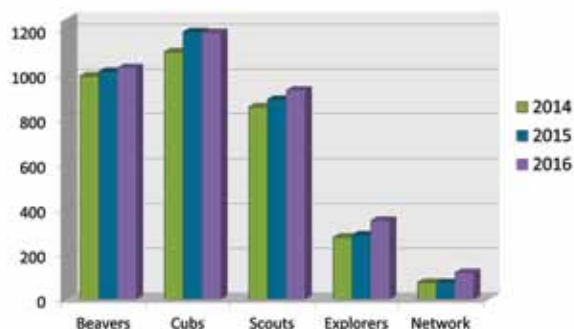
*Steve Evans*



# Highlights of 2015/16 ...

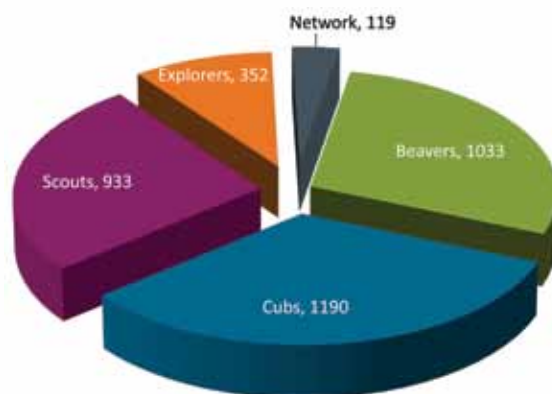
- Training weekends were well attended with the re-vamped practical weekends also being well received.
- The Area Swimming Gala was held in March and the winners were 1st 84th Cardiff, 2nd 1st Penarth, 3rd 61st Cardiff. Congratulations to all who took part.
- East and South District ran an Explorer Belt to Norway and was very successful 38 explorer belts were awarded. Well done to everyone involved!
- 1st Cathays Al-Huda Scout Group celebrated their 10th Birthday with an anniversary dinner at Cardiff's City Hall, attended by past and present members, leaders and friends.
- Former East and South District Commissioner Kay Holmes, was awarded a British Empire Medal in the Queen's birthday honours list for her work in the area.
- Scout Post had another successful year selling over 650,000 stamps and raising valuable funds for the area and groups involved.
- 11th Barry Sea Scout Group, were crowned overall winners of the Cardiff and mid/south Glamorgan Poppy Appeal awards.
- 4 reps attended a packed weekend at #YouShape talking about youth involvement on a national level.
- The area caving team had a great year introducing lots of first timers to exploring underground.
- Barry District awarded 7 Young Leader belts.
- The Annual Awards Evening hosted by the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor of Cardiff saw over 100 awards recipients receiving their certificates in front of their families, leaders and Scouting guests, along with awards being presented to our 12 Queens Scouts Award holders and 4 DofE Gold.
- Gang Show had another successful pantomime in Cardiff High School in November. It was called Sleeping Beauty - The Untold Adventure. Gang Show was nominated and won the NODA Best Youth Show 2015 Award for the Area!
- 6th Penarth Cubs and many other Cub Packs have had a great experience learning about fruit, veg, fish, cheese and the bakery in the Tesco Farm to Fork Scheme.
- Dragon and Phoenix Beaver colony at 5th Barry learnt about Dementia which is one of the Scout Association Million Hands project.
- Afon explorers ventured to Jersey for their Explorer Scout and Network Summer camp. Adventure had by all.
- The Vale District went to the Vale Agricultural Show at Fommon Castle.
- The Annual Jubilee field target competition for shooting was successful and well attended with 1st Dinas Powys and 13th Cardiff winning.
- Many groups gained experience on the water at the Barry Scout Boatbase based at Barry Docks.

## Youth Membership



For our eleventh consecutive year we have increased our overall youth membership to a total of 3,627 members. The Explorer section in particular showed a fantastic increase of 23% from 287 members in 2015 to 352 in 2016.

## 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 (32.81%) and Beavers (28.48%).

## Adults in Scouting

The number of Adults (877) in the area increased by 142 members, a fantastic rise of 19.31%

## Area Membership

Overall totals: 4,504 compared with last years 4,138. Up by 8.84%

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/](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/) and searching using our charity number 512034

St George's Day Award Recipients 2016

## 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:**  
Iris Owen,  
Penarth District  
**Peter Arentsen,**  
Afon District



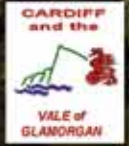
**Silver Acorn:**  
**Christine Brown,**  
East and South District

*Well done also to our Queen Scout Award recipients*

<b>Afon</b>	<b>Barry</b>
Elis Allsopp	Alyn Evans
Emily Davies	Cerys Evans
Ryan Bailey	Peter Williams



**East and South**  
Adam Cunningham  
Adam Johansen  
Alex Russell  
Barry Broadley  
Chloe Smith  
Daniel Brock  
Daniel Jones  
Emma Hudd  
Enda Mulville  
Gael Bouyer  
Lewis Docherty  
Rebecca Morrell  
Titus Wing



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