

A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENT



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CARDIFF AND THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN
AREA SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual Report
2012 / 2013



From the Area Commissioner & Chairman ...

Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Area Scout Council



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The membership figures for the last year have again shown an encouraging increase in both the numbers of youth members and adults. However, the availability of adults both as leaders and administrators remains crucial to the continuing success of Scouting in Cardiff and The Vale of Glamorgan and the search for and recruitment of suitable adults will continue to be a key objective in the forthcoming year.

The Executive has taken a close interest in a number of issues and, in particular, the provision of a high standard of training for leaders and non-uniformed members at district and group level. The issue of how this should be paid for is currently the subject of a consultation process, and we hope to be able to put forward firm proposals to members before the end of the summer.

Amongst the various grants it has made, the Executive has also provided a loan to St Brides to enable the potential redevelopment of the old Scout Hall into a District Activity Centre to be explored and for Scouting to regain its foothold in the western fringes of the Area.

We would like to pay tribute to the 'hidden army' of folk who work tirelessly as supporters and helpers in Groups and Districts, and to Fay Harding-Lewis for her hard work in dealing with Area matters and keeping The Hub running smoothly. It continues to provide a well-used and valuable resource for adult training and activities, as continues to provide a successful venue for private hire.

Following another active year we are grateful for those who ensure that a wide and diversified programme is provided for all our members. This includes our campsites at Jubilee and Miskin, the Activities Team, (Hill walking, water, archery, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and target shooting) Gang Show, Swimming Gala, Scout Post and Training. It is only the dedication and commitment of all our outstanding leaders and adults that makes Scouting possible.

The Scouts Wales Outdoor Activity Weekend held at St Fagans National History Museum, Cardiff with its "Urban Adventure," and the Sea Scout event in Barry were very memorable, successful and worthwhile events. Everyone enjoyed the experiences on offer and it was pleasing to see that all the Scout sections Beavers, Cubs, Scout, Explorer Scouts and Network, supported by their Leaders, participated in a range of activities whilst having the opportunity to meet and socialise with other members of the Scout Association in the Area. Our Chief Scout, Bear Grylls attended and this added to the enjoyment and sense of occasion. It allowed young people to go outdoors, do things and have fun, which is what it is all about! Our thanks to everyone who participated, planned, facilitated and contributed to these brilliant and unforgettable events held within Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan.

Congratulations to all those who lead, supported and contributed to the successful Cardiff Gang Show in November 2012, which has been recognised by gaining a prestigious national award. The Cardiff Scout & Guide Gang Show was the National Operatic and Dramatic Association Wales and Ireland District Winners in the Best Youth Production 2012 category with their presentation of "The Magic Walking Stick."

Many members also serve on Area committees and some take on additional responsibilities as chairs, treasurers or secretaries, 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.

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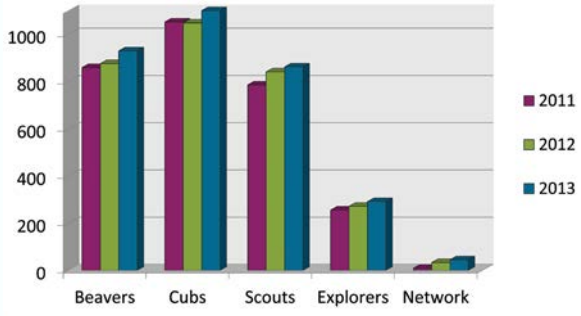


Highlights of 2012/13 ...

- East and South District were recognised as UK Leaders In Youth Empowerment. A great achievement that all should follow.
- Barry District held their annual St George's Day parade which was well attended and supported by the local community.
- Peter Evans of 11th Barry Sea Scout Group was congratulated by Jane Hutt, A.M. for his 40 years' service with the group. During this period Peter has had nearly 1000 children under his care.
- Gang Show's production of the Magic Walking Stick won Best Youth Production in Wales & Ireland's National Operatic & Dramatic Association awards.
- The Annual Lord Mayor's Own presentation evening saw 75 Scouts nominated for awards with 59 being presented on the night.
- 17 groups from around the area attended the highly successful Area Swimming Gala with 2nd Rhiwbina picking up a number of trophies.
- Members of the 14th Cardiff (The Lord Mayors Own) Scout Troop provided an escort for the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of Cardiff at this year's National Service of Remembrance for Wales in Cathays Park.
- Chief Scout Bear Grylls made waves in Barry District with an afternoon of water based activities as part of the Bear in the Air visits around Wales.
- Several Scouts from 5th Barry had a great hands on opportunity of life in the Royal Navy with a visit to HMS Illustrious as part of the Youth Affiliates Day.
- St Fagan's National History Museum was home to Urban Adventure, the Area's first all section activity day. Chief Scout Bear Grylls flew in to join 2,000 Scouts taking part in a range of over 80 activities as part of 'Bear in the Air' day.
- 5 members of Penarth and District Network achieved their Explorer Belts after hiking 100 miles through Luxembourg and Belgium and presenting their experience on return.
- More than 80 Beaver Scouts took part in the Welsh Beaver Event in Penarth. The day brought Beavers from all over Penarth and Dinas Powys together for an afternoon of fun and learning.
- 6 Network members completed the first Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition of Penarth & District Network.
- The Area Scout Shop was well supported during 2012. Over £800 was paid in commission to Groups and the remainder of the profits covered the cost of having CCTV installed at the Area Office.
- East and South District had a fantastic day with over 200 Cub Scouts attending the District Cub Badge day.
- During the year, 45 wood badges were awarded, well done to all those who have worked so hard to achieve this.

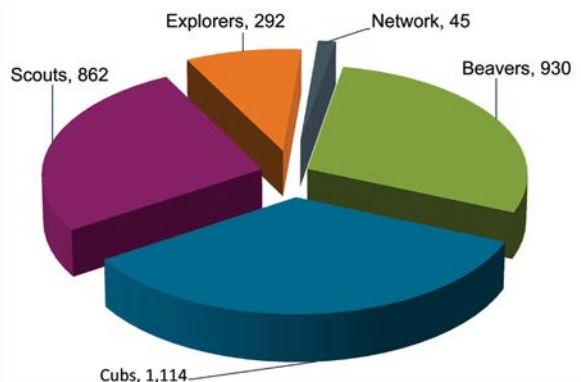


Youth Membership



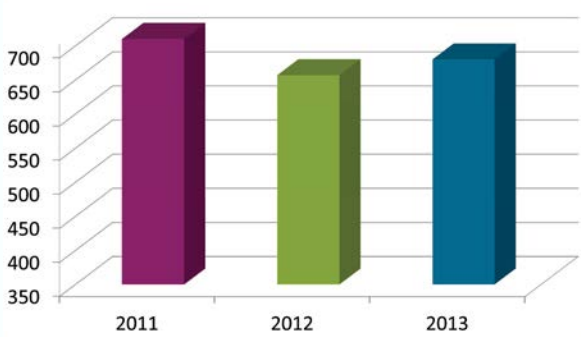
For our eighth consecutive year we have increased our overall youth membership by 5.64% making a total of 3,243 members. The Network section for a second year have a record increase of 36.36% from 33 members in 2012 to 45 in 2013.

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 (34.35%) and Beavers (28.53%).

Adults in Scouting



The number of Adults (680) in the Area increased slightly this year by 3.5%, an increase of 23 adults over last years 657.

Area Membership

Overall Area membership totals 3,923, up by 5.26% over last years 3,727.

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 2013

ROLL OF HONOUR

Each year we honour a few of the many leaders who give tirelessly of their time and energy to provide and support excellent Scouting adventures and activities for our young people.

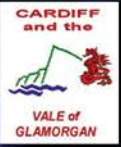
The following Awards and Decorations were recognised on St George's Day for outstanding and exceptional contributions made in the Area.



Bar to the Silver Acorn:
Stuart Gilmour Fraser - Barry District



Silver Acorn:
Paul Deere - Vale District
Lynne Flower - East & South District
Colin Wedgewood Turner - Penarth & District
Graham Ronald Wiltshire - Penarth & District
Susan Ellen Woodberry - AAC Beaver Scouts



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