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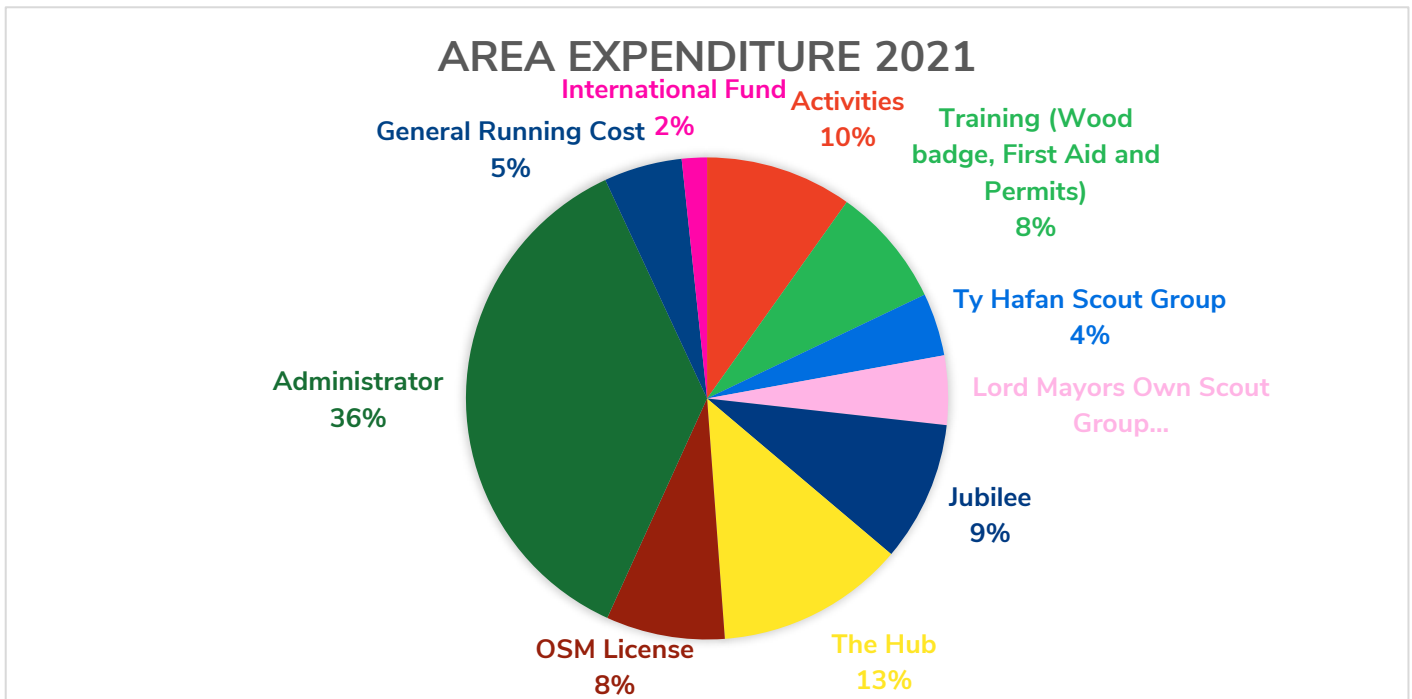
### Area Membership Fee 2021

Dear Scouters

As you know from my letters over the summer, we were looking at reducing the Area Membership fee to £4.50 for 2021. I can confirm as an Area we are able to do this. This week there have been calls from UK members to outline more details on the financial difficulties at The Scout Association and some details on the Hardship grant that will be in place for Groups in 2021.

We know it is going to be difficult to do the census in 2021, but it is an important activity and the membership fee that goes with it is an important part of ensuring we have the support and governance in place to run the largest coeducation youth organisation in the United Kingdom. The census will happen as normal, with the census date being 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021. As part of the census, there will be questions that support accessing the Hardship grant for those Groups that will need it. As we get more details on the census, we will share with Group Scout Leaders and Commissioners.

As stated above the 2021 we will have one **Area levy per youth member of £4.50** and the **OSM levy per section of £21.60**.




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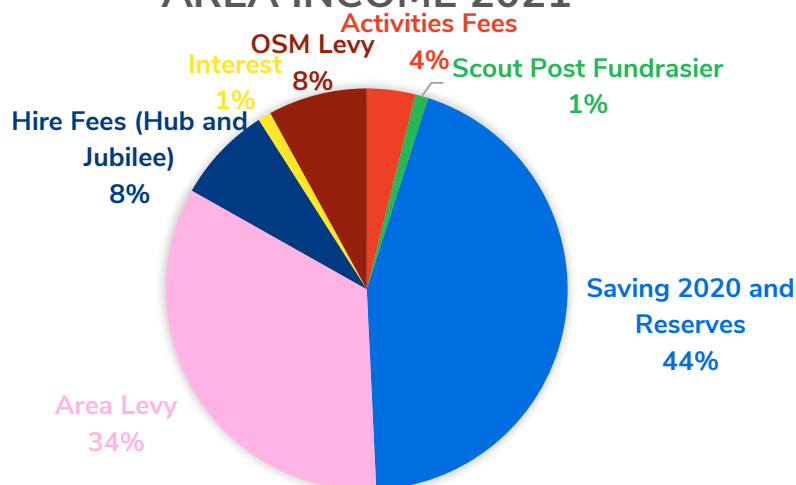
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## AREA INCOME 2021



Area Expenditure		Area Income	
Activities	£4,665	Activities Fees	£1,850
Training (Wood badge, First Aid and Permits)	£3,830	Scout Post Fundraiser	£500
Ty Hafan Scout Group	£2,000	Saving 2020 and Reserves	£21,003
Lord Mayors Own Scout Group	£2,200	Area Levy	£16,092
Jubilee	£4,460	Hire Fees (Hub and Jubilee)	£3,700
The Hub	£6,000	Interest	£500
OSM License	£3,780	OSM Levy	£3,780
Administrator	£17,200		
General Running Cost	£2,490		
International Fund	£800		
	<b>£47,425</b>		<b>£47,425</b>

You will see from the tables and charts above that in 2021 the Area will need to use Savings and Reserves from 2020 of £21,003 (44% of the Budget) to balance the budget. This is due to not running Scout Post in 2020. We encourage all Groups to use the current fundraising scheme running. <https://www.cardiffandvalescouts.org.uk/2020/11/scoutpostfundraiser/> We hope to run Scout Post in 2021 but the impact highlights the reliance the Area funding has on Scout Post and the Area Executive is looking at other income streams to reduce this reliance.

To confirm the levies for Area for 2021 will be:

1. Area Levy - £4.50 per youth member (a decrease of 50p from 2020). As detailed above this will represent 34% of the Area income.
2. OSM Section Levy - £21.60 per section (as per 2019). Online Scout Manager is a great asset to help and support volunteers run their sections. We want every Leader to have the option to use it without having to look at funding options and we have made it a Section levy to make sure the Sections with larger numbers do not have to pay more. The levy is 10% cheaper than buying from OSM directly. The code is still "CardiffOSM".

The breakdown of membership fees for 2020 is as follows:

UKHQ fee - £36.50 (an increase of £7.50, but with £1.50 ring-fenced for hardship funding for Groups who can't access funding. As normal a discount of 50p for paying before the 31st March)

Scout Cymru fee - £15.00 (a decrease of £1)

Area Levy - £4.50 (a decrease of 50p)

**Total per person - £56.00 with the 50p discount £55.50**

**OSM Section Levy - £21.60**

(District Levy set by the Districts to be added)

We continue to work with ScoutsCymru to get the most we can from the fees paid and more details of the ScoutsCymru and UK Membership fees are attached with this letter.

We hope this letter as in previous years gives you a picture of what the membership fees at Area level are for and that this will help your Groups and Sections with delivering the great Scouting you do week in week out.

Thanks for all the time you give to Scouting, especially in this incredibly challenging year. Keep Safe.



Julian Jordan  
Area Commissioner



Geraint Evans  
Area Chair