

## County Commissioner

"Having just returned from the Scout Associations Conference - Summit 17, along with a member of the Exec, 2 youth commissioners, a number of DCs and a DDC,

I think we have all returned refreshed, and energised about the future of Scouting and hope we can enthuse you too.

There were a number of positives that came out of the Summit including a growth nationally in female youth membership of 5.2%, an increase in Cub numbers of 1.3% and an increase in young leaders of 2.4%.

However there was a decrease in Explorer numbers nationally of 0.9%. We discussed our vision moving beyond 2018 and it looks like we'll be keeping our 4 strategic objectives of Growth, Youth Led, Community Impact and Inclusivity, all underpinning a focus on People, Perception and Programme.

More locally, we are moving towards having DCs in place for all Districts and I have managed to recruit some real talent to many of the ACC roles, including a team to focus on Inclusion. I have now set my Vision going forward and the Strategy to achieve it which has been circulated to all District teams and should be cascaded to groups and section leaders as time goes by.

I've been set a target by HQ to offer at least another 600 young people the chance to be involved in Scouting by Census 2019, which I know will be challenging but then I think East Sussex will rise to that challenge!

I'm still seeking someone who fancies joining the team to support the Cub section, so if you know of someone that would like to take that on, please let me know.

As always, you have my contact details so feel free to get in touch directly if there is something you want to discuss.

John Easton

## County Executive

The County Executive meeting on 11 April welcomed Susan Cooke as a member, and the new Chairwoman of the Appointments Advisory Committee. Susan takes on the role following Melanie Failes resignation....thanks to Melanie for her past service. We also noted the resignation of, and thanked, Megan Tullis, due to a move to London. The CC reported on a number of new appointments which we were delighted to hear about and the County Team growing, with an increase in younger people taking on county roles.

The Executive approved the appointment of a Lewes based company to provide a new county website and support for the first year.....if you would like to assist in keeping the website up to date please let the CC know. Hopefully it will be operational by end of May. Thanks to Gordon Titherly who has kept our existing Newsletter & Marc Fallon our existing website running for several years.

We also welcomed and confirmed the CC's Strategy and Vision for the future, a major stepping stone in developing and growing scouting in the County. Our finances continue in good shape and we have been able to provide support to a number of activities, projects and individual scouts. If you need some help, do ask, we may be able to assist.

Broadstone Warren continues to make positive progress both operationally and financially. The recently completed accounts showed an operating surplus last year which will be reinvested in the site, not least toward major drainage improvements. We still await proceeds from the sale of a small part of the site, but as far as one can say at this moment the deal has been done and we await the lengthy legal process to complete; not helped because the site was never registered with the Land Registry when the Scout Association originally acquired it. There are still some campsite vacancies this year so get in touch with the Centre to book a day, a weekend or a week's great camping and activities. I'm told the weather will be brilliant all summer! so make the most of it with some outdoor activities and fun.

To those that don't regularly check P.O.R there has been an update this March, part of which relates to protection of personal data held by us all, County, Districts and Groups. New requirements come into force early next year....so make sure you are ahead of the game and review your systems for compliance. Whilst mentioning data and information, one other reminder, do you know where and who holds all your key documents—leases, licences, property lists, insurances etc.

## County Executive cont

The CC reported that East Sussex Scouts Association do not have any authorised teams/groups at Bewl Water and it was important to ensure that scouts using Bewl Water were properly covered by insurance and the qualifications and status of advisors and supporters; any queries? It might be useful to speak with him.

The County AGM is now confirmed for 7.30pm, Tuesday 5 September 2017 at Park Wood, Poyning. If you have never been here to Brighton and Hove District Campsite then suggest you take the opportunity to have a look round and see the recent improvements. Finally, the next meeting of the Executive Committee is on 11 June, if you have any items of county wide interest you would like the committee to discuss, please let me know.

David Powell  
County Chairman

## International Affairs



### World Scout Jamboree 2019

To start with just a quick catch up with regards to the 2019 World Scout Jamboree. Applications for the leadership team have now closed and everyone who has applied has been contacted with regards to an invitation for interview.

Moving forward the schedule is as follows:

May 2017	Interview and appoint unit leader.
June 2017	Interview and appoint asst. unit leaders.
Sep to Dec 2017	District selections
February 2018	First East Sussex Unit Meeting
July 2019	24th World Scout Jamboree
October 2019	County Report Back

In the near future I will be contacting each DC and letting them know their participant allocation based on the latest census figures.

## 2017 Trips Abroad

I have received Visits Abroad forms for a few trips this year and even next year which is great, I have contacted those going abroad this year to see how arrangements are going, if you are planning a trip abroad and we have not spoken recently could you get in touch.

Just to finish, John has asked the County team to write up a bit about ourselves and our plans going forward.

Well I started in the movement a Cub Scout in the 3rd Newhaven quite a few years ago I have enjoyed many roles in the Movement including CSL, SL, DSL being part of the County Team and currently I am ACC(I) and part of the Overland Hike organising team.

That the past what about the future obviously I want to see more young people going abroad whether that is as a Colony, Pack, Troop, Unit, Network or any other combination you can think of.

The Scout Association is now placing equal importance on getting UK scouts to attend not just the World Scout Jamboree but "The big 3" events, (WSJ, Moot and Roveraway) and hopefully with the help of the Youth Commissioners we can get East Sussex Scouts to all the big world events.

How do I see my role? Quite simple I am here to support you with all things International.

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## Appointments

- CYC - Jodie Bennett
- ACC Awards - Joanna Richardson
- ACC Beavers - Helen Preston
- ACC Explorers - Grant Kerwin-Nye
- ACC Inclusion - Sharon Allen, Lucy Collins & Vic Leon-Cutler
- ACC Network - Mason French & Joe Firth
- Chair of the County Appointments Committee - Susan Cooke
- County Media Manager - Dammy Sokale
- DC Senlac - Elaine Gausden

## A few Introductions to the Team

### ACC Explorer Scouts

I'm very excited and honoured to have taken on this role and am looking forward to meeting you all and supporting Explorers in East Sussex.

Some of you know me but for those who don't a little bit about myself...

I'm passionate about the Explorer section, it is a lively and vibrant age group that sees boys and girls mature into young adults. I have found witnessing, assisting and developing young people of this age group to be a truly rewarding experience.

I've been in Scouting a long time and have had various roles from Scout Leader, Venture Leader (as was), Explore Leader, Assistant Cub Leader and District Explorer Scout Leader. All this within Ashdown District so I'm extremely keen to get out and discover how Explorer Scouting is delivered in the rest of the County. I am also currently the ESL for the Tullis Explorer Unit and will continue in this role alongside my ACC Explorer commitments.

Outside of Scouting I have interests in Mountain Biking, Hill Walking, Running and the necessary evil that is DIY. I also have two daughters, 15 and 18 that keep me entertained and occupied!!

I can already see some fantastic events and activities that East Sussex Explorers are getting involved with. However, the wider Scouting Community does not necessarily know about this and my initial aim is to promote the Explorer Scout Section. Look out for #BangingTheDrum on Twitter amongst other Social Media outlets.

Also our Explorers are doing a tremendous job of supporting other Scouting Sections as Young Leaders so I'm looking for ways of supporting them in their Young Leader Training.

Other than the above I'm really looking forward to getting out and meeting the Explorers Units to get a taste of what they are up to.

I hope to see you all soon.

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### ACC Beaver Scouts

The new ACC Beavers is Helen Preston. I have been in Scouting for 12 years and been a leader for 11. I have been a DBSL for the last 5 years but have given that up to be ACC Beavers. I am currently one of the LTM's for Eastbourne as well as a Trainer and Training Adviser. I will be stepping down from the LTM role shortly to allow me to dedicate more time to this new position. I will remain a BSL though.

I am really excited about being able to take on this role which has been vacant for the last few years. I would like to bring the county together initially with our ADC's and eventually all Beaver leaders so that we are all one big team and everybody feels supported by county. This will also be done with DC's and ensure they know what is happening in the Beaver section. I know I won't be able to answer all the queries but I will try my best to find out the answers or who the queries need to be directed to. I shall attend meetings at county level so that Beaver views are represented. I have now met individually with most of the ADC's in the county and we have our first county meeting booked for next month.

### ACC Inclusion

I'm Vic Leon-Cutler, and will be working as part of team to cover the ACC Inclusion Role for East Sussex. I'm originally from Greater London South East but I've been a Leader in Brighton for the past 8 years. During my time as a leader I've worked with Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

I'm also the Deputy Unit Manager for FLAGS, which is an LGBT+ Scout Active Support Unit. Moving forward I aim to ensure that East Sussex becomes the path setters for increasing diversity and becoming a fully inclusive county.

Vic

## **ACC Network**

I thought I'd take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you who do not know me I'm Joe Firth ( Ginge .) I have just taken on the county role for ACC Network with Mason French.

First let me say a little about my self. I've been in the moment since the age of 6 (having previously been a Beaver, Cub, Scout, Explorers and Network)

I took an adult role for assistant cub scout leader at the age of 18, other roles I've got in scouting is Ass warden at Bushy Wood Scout camp , Ass Band Master for the Kingfisher scout band and Scout leader for the 23rd Eastbourne.

I have completed my Queen scout and D of E gold in 2013 and had the chance to do many internationals over the years Kenya,Holland, Canada and WSJ 2015 as the assistant unit leader to Japan.

Thats enough about me. what we are aiming as ACC network over the next few years for the county is to see every district having a Network up and running or becoming stronger with numbers, are aim is to help with support, guidance and give the right tools to help make Network run as smooth as possible.we are going to work close to get more Queen Scouts in are county and more events up and running.

I am looking forward to working with you all and looking forward for the challenge.

Joe Firth

## **Attachments in folders**

### **2017 Overland Report & Checkpoint Report**

## **Editor**

The next Newsletter is published in August any items for inclusion please let me have them by 23<sup>rd</sup> July