



*Minutes of the Annual Meeting of*  
**WORTHING DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

**Kevin (district chair)** introduced the top table and made Health & Safety and domestic announcements.

## 1. Introduction and welcome

The chair thanked 2<sup>nd</sup> Durrington for the use of their facilities.

The chair Welcome members of the District Scout Council and guests

## 2. Apologies for absence

The chair notes that we've received apologies from 12 persons for their absence today, including the county lead volunteer and their names will be included in the formal minutes of this meeting (but omitted from the public summary for Data Protection).

## 3. Governance topics

### **3a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24 September 2024**

The meeting agreed that the minutes of the AGM held on 24<sup>th</sup> September, and agreed by the District Trustee Board represent a true record of that meeting.

### **3b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)**

The meeting agreed to the trustee board's recommendation that it adopt the model constitution for a Scout District from Chapter 5c of Policy, Organisation and Rules.

### **3c. Note the District's financial year**

The meeting noted our charity's financial year is 1 April to 31 March

### **3d. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board**

The meeting agreed to the trustee board's recommendation that up to 12-people be appointed to the Trustee Board (in line with the Charity Governance Code)

### **3e. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council (excluding this AGM)**

The meeting agreed the quorum for its future meeting be set at 15 people, following recommendation from the trustee board.



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## 4. Review of the previous year

### **4a. The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the Worthing**

This has been a year of growth and new opportunities for young people in Worthing.

At the youngest age group, Squirrel Scouts have gone from strength to strength. New Dreys at 1st Worthing, 1st Durrington and 2nd Durrington mean even more 4–6 year olds can now enjoy their first adventures in Scouting — making friends, building confidence and beginning a journey that will carry them into Beavers and beyond.

At the other end, we've celebrated the launch of Wyrd Explorer Unit in East Worthing. In just its first year it has attracted over 20 young people, showing the appetite for older sections remains strong.

Across the District, our programme remains a real highlight. From Nights Away permits ensuring safe camping, to specialist teams supporting climbing, target sports, international scouting and of course the Gang Show, we continue to offer experiences that young people simply can't find elsewhere.

Looking forward, our aim is clear: to expand Squirrel provision further, strengthen Explorer and Network opportunities, and ensure every young person has the chance to access Scouting in Worthing.

And while others will rightly thank our trustees and leadership team, I want to add my own appreciation for every section team across the District. Week after week you give your time to create safe, fun and adventurous programmes. It's your work on the ground that changes lives — and it's because of you that Scouting in Worthing is thriving.

### **4b. The County Lead Volunteer's Remarks**

[This was presented by Andrew Swayne in the absence of the CLV]

It been a transformative year in scouting with the move to teams to make scouting volunteering more flexible. Changes of names from leader to team lead and the introduction of the new system has had its challenges, but we are moving forward and continuing to scout and provide scouting to our young people.

I want to thank all volunteers and trustees for everything you do for Worthing and the County, and especially the district leadership team for helping scouting thrive in worthing. Thank you

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#### **4c. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board including the annual Statement of Accounts**

The chair noted that there was an overview of our accounts in the Annual Review, which is available physically and on our website.

The trustee board will approve a formal set of accounts for submitting to the charity commission.

The treasurer explained the accounts, and the meeting thanked the treasurer for completing the statements of account and all their work during the year.

## 5 Making appointments

The meeting noted and approved the following appointments

Name	Group/Team	Until the AGM in...
Kevin Jenkins	Chair of the Trustee Board	2027
Mags Williams-Fuller	Treasurer	2027
Alastair Chartres	Team Leader 14-24	2026
Stuart Burchett	Trustee	2026
David Willett	Trustee	2026
Barbara Wells	Trustee	2026
KD Williams-Fuller	Trustee	2026

The chair noted that the following are members of the trustee board by virtue of their role:

Name	Group/Team
Michael Hudgell	Lead Volunteer
Lily Wingrove	District Youth Lead

The chair reminded the meeting that any co-opted members of the District Trustee board are appointed by the District Trustee Board at one of their meetings, and only serve till the next AGM.

The meeting noted the following were appointed as Vice Presidents at the 2024 AGM until the following dates:

Name	Until the AGM in
Judy Marshallsay	2027
Angela Cooper	2027
Sally Endersby	2027
Robin Strange	2027

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The chair introduced the independent examiner who has verify the account, Colin Dadwell is happy to carry out this role for a subsequent year. The meeting made this appointment and recorded their thanks to Colin for his work on this.

The chair explained that as part of scouting's democratic process we can appoint two people in addition to the District Lead Volunteer, Chair, Treasurer and Youth Lead to be members of the county scout council (the county equivalent of this meeting) but Worthing currently had no people willing to stand for this role.

The meeting authorised the Trustee board to carry out an open selection process for these roles and to make the appointments until next year's AGM.

## **6. Closing remarks**

The chair closed the AGM, thanking everyone for attending and said that following the end of formal business we would present a number of awards, and then hear about an Explorer Belt that took place this summer.

The following received awards for good service:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Award</b>
Andrew Gilham	Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
Yvonne Barr	Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
Harvey Cranford	Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
James Flint	Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
Joseph Mansfield	Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
Hugh Tennant	Award of Merit
Kath Knight	Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
Claire Louise-Wright	Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

A number of higher years' service awards were also presented.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Award</b>
Stuart Burchett	15 years
David Price	10 years
Ted Thorpe	20 years
Paul Goater	20 years
Andrew Swayne	30 years

The meeting was then able to watch a presentation from a team who undertook an Explorer Belt challenge across Europe in Summer 2025, *Lily Wingrove, Josh Chartres, Harry Williams*.

Al Chartres, Team Leader 14-24 was pleased to confirm that they have achieved the explorer belt and presented it.



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## Appendix 1 – Present and Apologies received

This appendix is omitted in the public version of these minutes for data protection.