

Chair Annual Report

We have had a very unusual year of Scouting in Bradford North, from my last report the District has grown with the reopening of 10th Bradford North, running Beaver and Cub Sections, and the Investiture of Leaders & appointment of Executive Officers to support the group to start off the new year of Scouting in September. From there, our dedicated teams of volunteers rolled out the annual programme of target competitions, games tournaments, cooking competitions, our District Camp held at Blackhills and supporting the campsite with the annual Bonfire as well as all the hours dedicated by our Service and Activity Team volunteers. We've celebrated the achievements and milestones of our adults and young people with Good Service awards, Chief Scout section and high-level awards and also a Silver Wolf.

The excitement built for our young people for the upcoming WYS On Show cast members rehearsing at Bradley Wood and for all of us being together at West Yorkshire Big Camp in Harrogate. We also had the appointment of our new District Commissioner, Wendy Flatters, and we were looking forward to her vision for where to take the District. Sadly, our joy would be dashed when we had to suspend Face to Face Scouting, despite the barriers Coronavirus has placed between us, we have faced these challenges and adapted how we Scout. Using modern technologies in video calling and social media to stay connected whilst staying safe to deliver #SkillsForLife. Taking part in the Door Step Promise, Virtual St. George's Day and Virtual Big Camp from West Yorkshire County. Developing May Meanders and On Your Bike, which has gone viral gaining interest from far flung parts of the Country, to keep our young people engaged with The Scouting Method during these unfamiliar times. We also raised £400 for The National Children's Air Ambulance, our chosen charity for the last year.

As some of you may know, this will be my last term serving as the Chair of your District. I would like to thank you all for your hard work & dedication over the last 12 months and for all that you have done for our Scouting Family here in Bradford North. I would also like to thank past and present members of the District Team & the Executive for all that you have done during my tenure as Chair, it has been a pleasure to work with you since my appointment in 2016 as Deputy Chair and subsequently as Chair.

Although I am passing the torch on, the light and love I have for Scouting has not gone out, I am continuing to support Scouting in other ways within the local region. I hope we can all be together Face to Face soon, in the meantime stay safe and look out for each other.

Yours in Scouting,

Dave Rollins,
Chair,
Bradford North District Scout Council.

