

# County Chair's Update

A presentation by  
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**My commitment to you**

**What I need from you (District Chairs and DCs)**

**How we can move forward together**

- **Information**

- Publishing Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes online

- Relevant Governance sessions at County Conferences

- Communications strategy between County Office and District Executives

- **Mobilising County Reserves, where appropriate to do so**

- **Links created with Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council**

- Review of development plans v Scouting provision

- Partnership with HCC Activity Centres

- Relevant HCC Contact Co-opted into Board of Trustees

- **Pushing online Trustee, Safeguarding and Safety training for Exec members**

- Co-ordinating training for Chairs, Treasurers and Secretaries when available and permissible

- **Creation of a best practice document for dealing with Developers for new build areas**

- **Constantly thinking what the next challenge for us will be**

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### What I need from you (District Chairs and DCs)

- **Support and Encouragement to get young people represented on District Executives**

It is tough, but achievable. Make your meetings relevant, interesting and engaging

- **Online or Face to Face District Annual General Meetings**

- \* If you did not have an AGM last year due to Covid, you MUST have one this year

- \* Online AGMs are actually easier and better attended, get your AGM booked, don't wait

Notify Lou in County Office of the date so that we can ensure we attend

- \* Send your Annual Accounts to Claire in County Office

- **Help to Groups to apply for grants from County where needed**

Group Grant Application Forms must be approved at a District level before submission to County

- **District Chair involvement in District Awards Advisory Groups (DAAG)**

Every District should have a DAAG and everyone should be reviewed for an award (in the first instance using 'Awards Assistant' and GSA Information on @scouts.org.uk website), both uniformed and Exec. Show your appreciation.

- **Trustee Training and Annual Trustee declaration for all Trustees**

- **Use the Tools that we have (Zoom, Teams, Office 365)**

If you need help ask [digital@hampshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:digital@hampshirescouts.org.uk)

- **Mobilise Group and District Cash Reserves for the good of Young People.**

If you are holding more than twice your annual spend, why?

Utilise reserves for the good of your Young People if they have sat dormant. It is not your money

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### How we can move forward together



- **Buddying up Chairs and DCs**
  - Coaching & Advice
  - Swapping ideas
  - Airing Concerns
  - Thinking out of the District
- **Succession Planning**
  - Who will take over from you and your colleagues when you finish ?
- **Be open to adapt to the new world post-Covid**
  - Just because we did it before, does not mean it is the way forward now
  - Audit your teams post Covid and plan to fill any gaps
  - Do we need to retain separate Groups and Execs or can we merge some
- **Speak to each other, speak to us, keep the communication open**
- **Celebrate getting back together**





Thank you  
Enjoy the rest of the Conference