

Chairman's Speech – District Exec – Gainsborough District Scout Council – 2021/22

I'd like to welcome you all to this year's AGM.

I'd like to pay a special mention to all the volunteers across the district who work tirelessly week in, week out, for the benefit of young people across Gainsborough and the surrounding area.

This year, the keyword has been progress. We have invested over £15,000 at the campsite on replacement hot water systems, toilet and shower refurbishments. We also benefitted from time volunteered by the Environment Agency, giving the exterior of the toilet and shower blocks a new lease of life. The campsite is now a much more attractive prospect to Scouters from within the district, and beyond.

There have been challenges throughout the year, and I'd like to give a special mention to the various committee members who have worked extremely hard to overcome these.

Thank you to the committee who have welcomed me with open arms, a strange lad from outside the district, with some whacky ideas about innovation. Putting up with my poor choice of biscuits and chocolate, and often "just in time" punctuality, I know it can be frustrating at times.

It was an absolute pleasure being invited to St Georges day service, organised brilliantly by Jonathan and Bill. To see so many young people, and parents, celebrating achievement throughout the District was fantastic, and a worth while reminder of why we should volunteer.

Jimmy Doolittle once said, "There's nothing stronger than a heart of a volunteer". Given what I've seen over the past 12 months, I have to agree. You should all be very proud of what you achieve, week in, week out, and please do not underestimate the impact that you have on the lives of the young people within the District.