

# REPORT TO EBOR AND MINSTER DISTRICT AGMS AND THE JOINT SCOUT TRUST AGM 2023

These reports cover the year ending up to and including 31 March 2023.

## YORK ACTIVE SUPPORT



York Active Support provides a service to the two Scout Districts of York Ebor and York Minster and to the Guide County of North Yorkshire South. This service includes running and/or assisting at events and providing social activities for members and leaders.

2022/2023 saw the resumption as the year progressed of a nearly normal service for YAS.

24 April saw the reinstatement of the traditional annual St George's Day Procession and Service at York Minster. Whilst the numbers were down from the pre-pandemic times it was good to have the two Scout Districts and the Guide County together and to demonstrate to the City of York that Scouting and Guiding was back in business. Also reinstated was the Chief Scouts Awards Evening at the Conference Centre, Askham Bryan College.

YAS assisted at the York Ebor Squirrels and Beavers Christmas Party in December 2022, the Hergarth Trophy in February 2023, the STEM Engineering Challenge in March 2023 and the Snowball Easter Family Fun Day and organised the Chess Competition in March 2023. Carol Service, Wednesday 14 December 2022.

Other traditions reinstated during the year included the annual Leaders and Supporters Carol Service at Holy Trinity Goodramgate, the St George's Day Dinner and the legendary Quiz Nights.

YAS organised a presentation event at Snowball for Don Saxton on gaining his 70<sup>th</sup> Long Service Award. Don has been a long-standing supporter of both York Active Support and its predecessor York City Scout Fellowship.

Following on from the success of the previous Q & A sessions for Explorer Scouts, Ranger Guides and Young Leaders (with Rachael Maskell MP York and Mark Khan the Police Superintendent for the York & Selby Command), a further session was held with Dr. Peter Wagner, Lecturer in Economics, at York University. Further Q & A sessions are planned.

## YORK SCOUT & GUIDE GANG SHOW



The 2020 Gang Show was cancelled. The Joseph Rowntree Theatre had been rebooked for November 2022 however this had been further slipped to November 2023. Following a consultation with the previous Production Team the two Scout District Commissioners and the Guide County Commissioners decided that there was not sufficient support to take the financial risk of a 2023 Show. Hopefully the York Scout & Guide Gang Show will be reactivated in the future.

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