

FIRST HELSBY SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1018532

Details

Other names 1ST HELSBY SCOUT GROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-03-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS AS INDIVIDUALS.

Activities: Provision of the Scout Association's 'Balanced Programme' to young people in the Helsby area.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Cheshire West & Chester

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£24,162	£27,480	-	-
2023-12-31	£26,694	£33,688	-	-
2022-12-31	£20,959	£25,175	-	-
2021-12-31	£30,111	£22,721	-	-
2020-12-31	£45,686	£18,346	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Benjamin Savage	Chair	2024-05-14
Brian Doran		2016-09-20
Christopher Ellams		2023-05-13
David King		2020-06-23
Diane Jones		2019-10-01
JUDITH POTTS		2015-04-28
James Bainbridge		2019-10-01
Jennifer Tiplady		2024-05-14
Jocelyn Ellams		2023-05-13
KAREN THOMAS		2019-10-01
Robert Berrie		2020-06-23
Sally Dilley		2023-05-13

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Accounts

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Trustees Annual Report

01 Jan 2023 to 31 Dec 2023



1 Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: First Helsby Scout Group
Charity Number: 1018532
Principal Address: Lower Robin Hood Lane, Helsby, Cheshire WA6 0BW

Trustees:

Anna Tiplady	Chairperson	Ex-officio Member
Deborah Marsden	Secretary (Until 13/5/23)	Ex-officio Member
Vacant Position	Secretary (From 13/5/23)	Ex-officio Member
James Bainbridge	Treasurer	Ex-officio Member
Judith Potts	Group Scout Leader (GSL)	Ex-officio Member
Diane Jones	Deputy GSL	Ex-officio Member
Karen Chalmers	Scout Leader	Ex-officio Member
Jo Milton	Squirrel Leader (From 13/5/23)	Ex-officio Member
Michelle Foulkes	Beaver Leader (From 13/5/23)	Ex-officio Member
Jocelyn Ellams	Inclusivity & Membership(From13/5/23)	Elected Member
Brian Doran	Building Manager, Ass't Cub Leader	Elected Member
David King	Quartermaster, Ass't Cub Leader	Elected Member
Karen Thomas	Deputy Treasurer	Elected Member
Robert Berrie	Deputy Chair	Elected Member
Chris Ellams	IT Coordinator (From 13/5/23)	Elected Member
Sally Dilley	Trustee (From 13/5/23)	Nominated Member

2 Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document:

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of the Scout Association.

Constitution:

The Group is a trust established under the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

Trustee Selection:

The trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Group Trustee Board (Previously Executive Committee):

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board (previously called the Group Executive Committee but updated in 2023 in line with POR changes), the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees, they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Secretary and Treasurer together with the section leaders and parents' representatives.

The Trustee Board exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment and is responsible for:

- Compliance with Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association
- The maintenance of Group property
- The raising of funds and administration of Group finance
- The insurance of Group persons, property and equipment
- Group public occasions
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support
- The appointment of sub-committees
- The appointment of Group Administrators and Advisors other than those elected

Risk and Internal Control:

The Group Trustee Board has identified the following major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed:

- **Damage to the building, property and equipment**
The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.
- **Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters or members**
The Group supports compliance with the Safety Policy and ensures appropriate risk assessments, elimination, reduction and control measures are taken to reduce the likelihood of any injuries or adverse impact to health. In addition, through membership fees, the Group contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy.
- **Reduced income from subscriptions and fund raising**
The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The Group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The committee could also raise the value of subscriptions to increase the Group income either temporarily or permanently.
- **Reduction or loss of leaders**
The Group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the Group. If there were a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the Group as a whole, then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section or, in the worst case, the closure of the Group.
- **Reduction or loss of members**
If there were a reduction in membership of a particular section or the Group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section or, in the worst case, the closure of the Group.
- **Internal Controls**
The Group has in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mis-management or loss; these include dual signatories for all payments, a robust management of expenses and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

3 Objectives and Activities

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values

- Integrity – We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal
- Respect – We have self-respect and respect for others
- Care – We support others and take care of the world in which we live
- Belief – We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes
- Co-operation – We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- Learn by doing
- Share in spiritual reflection
- Take responsibility and make choices
- Undertake new and challenging activities
- Make and live by their Promise

2023 has been a productive and successful year for 1st Helsby Scout Group. The 2023 programme delivery details can be seen in the Section 4 reports for Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Thanks go to all our Volunteers & Leaders. The team has a wealth of experience and we are always keen to engage more volunteers as Leaders or Trustees. We regularly invite parents and members of the wider community to contribute to and get involved with 1st Helsby Scout Group and pride ourselves in being a welcoming and inclusive community.

Public Benefit Statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

4 Achievements and Performance

4.1 Group Scout Leader's Report

2023 has been another busy year for us all at 1st Helsby. We have done so many activities and achieved so much across our four sections over the year that I did not really know where to begin with my report and how to prevent it from being too long!! So here's my (condensed!) A-Z of 1st Helsby's 2023 ...

A is for **awards** – **46 Chief Scouts Awards** were achieved across our youth sections, the pinnacle of the badge work. Well done to all!

B is for **badges** – an astounding **1,260 badges** were gained by our young people in 2023. A big thank you to the leaders for planning such fantastic programmes, our youngsters for their hard work and to Diane for ordering and distributing them all!

C for numerous **Christmas celebrations** including our Group Carol Service led by the young people of each section and kindly hosted by Helsby Methodist Church.

D is for the **District** team that support us along the way – thanks to Oli and team!

Engagement with our local community has taken on many forms including Scouts and Cubs helping at the Four Villages Half Marathon and delivering Helsby News as well as taking part in the village coronation celebrations as part of the Big Help Out.

F is for the **fire station** visits (and train rides) to both Frodsham and Ellesmere Port – these were popular nights for all sections.

G for the **grant** money from Helsby Parish Council, put to good use for our new PA system and laptop.

Hoho Helsby brought hundreds of people to our Scout Hut and we raised lots of money – some we donated to charity and some we kept towards our new “calm zone”

I for **investitures** aplenty!

Jamboree On The Trail – the final one ever - was participated in by all sections last May.

K is for the **King's Scout Award** achieved by our Cub Leader Charlotte (Shere Khan) – we are very proud of her!

L is for the **life skills** learnt across all sections from our mini medics in Squirrels to outdoor survival skills in Scouts to name but a few.

Manley Mere Trail – this was a highlight for Scouts from summer 2023.

N is for **navigating**, a skill that our Scouts put to good use at Cheshire Hike and the London Monopoly Run among other events.

O is for the many **outings** that our sections have enjoyed to Helsby Quarry, Helsby tennis club, Boulder Hut, Runcorn Ski Centre to name just a few.

P is for the new **pizza ovens** at QCW put to good use by Cubs and Scouts on their visits last year and also for the **pyjama party** held by Beavers last summer.

Q has to be **Queen Charlotte's Wood**, the "summer residence" of our Squirrels and loved by all sections and leaders alike! We made the most of our visits there in 2023 both in our evening meetings and for camps.

Royal Mail paid Beavers a visit in 2023, in the guise of Lenny Letter and Penny Parcel.

S is for **Spirit of the Herd** – each section has visited, helped to muck out and the Beavers held a fundraising event for them too.

Thanks to our amazing **Trustees!** They help to keep us safe, legally compliant and well resourced. However, we do need more support. We have a vacancy for Chair of Trustees and other governance roles. ***If you could offer some time, please do let me know.***

U is for **uniform** and our youngsters turned out smartly and respectfully in theirs to attend the 2023 Remembrance Sunday service – thanks to all who attended.

V is for our fantastic unpaid **volunteers** who give their time to put on amazing activities for local young people. At the last census, we numbered 38 but with a growing number of young people in our Group and many more on the waiting list, we are always looking for an extra pair of hands – ***why not come along and join us?***

Walks through Delamere Forest, along the Sandstone Trail, Helsby Marshes amongst others have been a big part of our programmes. We covered many miles in 2023!

Y is for our enthusiastic **young people** – **110 at the last census** and the highest number on roll since 2014 (***now you can see why we need more volunteers to join us!***)

Z for **zzzz's** Not a lot of sleep was had at the Cub Christmas Camp but all had an amazing time as did the Beavers (who slept well!) at their sleepover and the Scouts on their various camps throughout the year.

I hope that you have enjoyed this snapshot of 1st Helsby's year. As you can see, our young people have experienced a range of activities and achieved many things whilst having lots of fun in 2023. Now we need to future proof our thriving Group and recruit more volunteer leaders and trustees in order for this to continue so please consider whether you could help us in some way.

Yours in Scouting
Judith Potts, 1st Helsby Scout Group

4.2 Squirrel Section Report

Numbers

Throughout 2023 we had 20 Squirrel places available in the drey, during this year we saw most of the original Squirrels move on to Beavers, where they have been welcomed and continue to enjoy building on their Scouting knowledge and taking part in fun activities.

Leaders and Young Leaders

Squirrels Leadership responsibilities have been shared between Cath Clarke (Holly), Claire Sullivan (Chestnut), Helen Farrar (Laurel), Claire Beech (Beech) and Ethan Finlay (Oak) Denise Best (Hazel), Lily Nicholson and Jo Milton (Willow). Jo Milton became Squirrel Section Leader which had been an open vacancy since the drey started. Ethan joined the leaders in September and has brought valuable Scouting knowledge, Ethan is a District Youth Commissioner for Mersey Weaver and keeps us informed on the latest topics. Towards the end of the year Lily Nicholson who has been a young leader since the drey opened decided to become assistant section leader, Lily has been with Squirrels since the group launched, leaders were so pleased that Lily decided to join the team in a leader capacity. The Squirrel team have a breadth of knowledge and skills which all compliment one another.

Programme

We've enjoyed a varied programme of activities over the past 12 months. Some of the highlights have included:

Fire Station Visit – We were lucky enough to visit Frodsham Fire Station and be guided around by some of the crew. The Squirrels enjoyed trying on uniform, using the hose and sitting in the Fire Engine. It was great fun.

Queen Charlotte's Wood – From the end of February up until October we spent most of our Squirrel sessions in the Queen Charlotte Woods enjoying being outside. We enjoyed campfires, cooking, Easter egg hunt, scavenger hunt, exploring, nature art, experiments, rock painting, sports day, learning about sustainability and an assault course to mention a few of the activities enjoyed. We aim to spend as much time in Queen Charlotte Woods as possible as we all thoroughly enjoy our time there.

JOTT 2023 – A number of Squirrels and Squirrel Leaders joined the 1st Helsby Beaver group on the 13th May to follow a planned walk along Helsby marshes. It was a lovely sunny day.

Xmas party – Our year was wrapped up with a party in Coco's play barn, where the Squirrels enjoyed playing amongst the different levels and activities whilst listening to Christmas music and received a Christmas gift of a hat with a torch.

Christmas Carol Service – The Squirrels sang one of their favourite songs, Twinkle Twinkle little star with a slight adaption to make the song even more meaningful for the service.

District Events

Helen and Denise attended the Skills Day on 30th September 2023, where they enjoyed learning new skills they could bring to the Squirrel programme.

A number of the Squirrel leaders also attained their first aid certificates.

Badge Achievements and Chief Acorn Awards

Eleven Squirrels achieved their Chief Acorn Awards in the past 12 months. The Squirrels continue to earn badge credits each week and we plan our sessions carefully to be as varied as possible.

Thank you

We'd really like to say a huge thank you to our Super Squirrels who make the sessions fun and enjoyable. They throw themselves in to every task and should be so very proud of themselves and what they've achieved so far. We would also like to say massive thank you to the parent helpers who join us and help us to run the sessions because we really couldn't run the sessions without your support. Thanks to Judith and Diane for continued support and to all the section leaders. Thanks to everyone on the Trustee Board who put many hours in behind the scenes.

4.3 Beavers Section Report

Numbers

Our Beaver numbers remain consistent. We currently have 28 Beaver members, with a couple of Squirrels coming to join us as they turn 6 at the end of this term. It is always sad to see children leave but glad they are continuing with their Scouting adventure.

Leaders

We have unfortunately lost some of our leaders in 2023. However, we have been lucky, as some parents have stepped up to help us and become leaders and Jennifer Tiplady joined us from the Cub team. At this time, we have five leaders running the section, alongside parent helpers who are on a rota each week.

Programme

We have had another busy year, doing lots of fun activities. We have been on numerous walks, whether it be through Helsby, litter picking or finding leaves and plants in Helsby Quarry, to obtain nature and community badges. Alongside this, the Beavers have enjoyed their JOTT to Helsby Marshes and a coin flip walk in the village.

Programme continued

Last May, we visited The Spirit of the Herd Pony Sanctuary in Helsby, learning about the ponies and how they were looked after. The Beavers have also made the most of having Queens Charlotte Wood on the doorstep by holding meetings there in the summer, playing lots of team games and having campfires in the large space available. During the winter months, we have been mostly in the hut learning about disability by competing in Boccia games and healthy eating by making mini pizzas and fruit sticks. We also have been learning about other countries in the world by having several international nights and celebrating Burns night.

The Beavers have had a number of nights visiting different places in the community. We have had a night at Frodsham Fire Station, learning about fire safety and exploring the fire engine. The Beavers also had the opportunity to spray water from the hoses. We also visited Helsby Library to learn about books and IT which everyone enjoyed. May we say a thank you to Helsby Methodist church who in addition to hosting the Scout Group Carol Service in December have run two workshops for the Beavers, one about the Harvest festival and another about Easter.

Although in the summer we were unable to have a sleepover in the hut, due to some work taking place, we did have an end of term party with lots of games and activities till late. However, in November, once the work had been done, we had our first sleepover in the hut since lockdown, where the Beavers enjoyed an animal show together with crafts.

Awards

The Beavers gained 371 badges in total during 2023, with a fantastic 17 Chief Scout's Bronze awards being earned.

4.4 Cubs Section Report

It has been another busy year in Cubs with numbers remaining steady. We have really enjoyed our first Cub outdoor camp since Covid and have loved welcoming new leaders and Cubs into our pack. We have been very lucky to have the opportunity to take part in a number of trips visits and activities with support from other organisations and members of the scouting community.

Numbers

The Cub pack remains popular, and we currently have 30 members. We have had a large number of Cubs move to Scouts this year so have filled their places with members moving up from Beavers and children from our waiting list. Moving forward looking at numbers in other sections, we expect numbers to remain at this level as members join us from Beavers and move on into Scouts.

Leaders and adult support

This year we have been very lucky to get 3 new adult leaders. We have welcomed Fiona Diaz, Jonathan Best and at the start of 2024, Lynne Nadiu will join the group. All three have made extremely valuable contributions and the extra adults have given the Cub team some much needed flexibility. We have also lost two of our leaders. Kerry Ann Holloway (Rama) has moved on due to work commitments and Jennifer Tiplady (Rikki) has moved from the Cub section to Beavers. We would like to thank both of them for their efforts and help while they were part of the Cub section and wish Jennifer the best of luck with the Beavers.

During this year we have had a very successful rota for parent help at meetings which has enabled us to do activities which require a higher level of supervision. We really appreciate the help and skills that parents have brought to the group, both at pack nights and on camps; without you some activities would not have been possible. In the autumn term, additional leader numbers meant that we had a trial period without a regular parent rota which has been successful as parents remain willing to help with one off events.

Programme

In 2023 we have completed a variety of different activities as part of our programme of meetings and events. We have been on a number of trips including: visiting Chester Mosque, Spirit of the Herd Pony Sanctuary, the Fire Station in Ellesmere Port, climbing on Frodsham Hill with support from the district explorer group, swimming and bouldering at Climbing Hut in Ellesmere Port. As ever, we have been busy working towards a range of badges including the science, world faiths, hobbies and international badges. In total during 2023 we awarded well over 200 activity badges! We have spent a lot of time out and about including the water station at Helsby half marathon, den building in Delamere, cycling, taking photographs of a local nature reserve, athletics at various local parks, delivering the Helsby News and memorably catching the train into Frodsham and walking home. We hope the Cubs enjoyed it as much as we did.

Nights Away

In the last year we have offered several opportunities for Cubs to take part in overnight experiences. In February some of our Cubs took part in the sleepover in Chester Cathedral, along with other members of Cheshire Scouts. It was a unique experience, and I don't think anyone who was there will forget it in a hurry. We also had a summer camp at Cox Wood campsite near Wrexham in June. This was the first opportunity for many of our Cubs to take part in an outdoor camp and despite the insects, we had a great time exploring the campsite, doing archery, pedal carting and taking part in team games. At Christmas we had our annual indoor camp at The Hideaway in Queen Charlotte's Wood. As well as shooting and a variety of other outdoor activities we were particularly pleased that we were able to offer the Cubs the opportunity to try crate stacking, which has been a long held ambition of the Cub team. Sincere thanks to Karen Chalmers (Scout Leader) who has been willing to accompany the Cub pack as the permit holder on several camps including the Cox Wood camp in the summer. We are extremely pleased that Charlotte King has now earned an outdoor camp permit so the Cub pack are now able to support more overnight experiences.

District and County events

In March some of our Cubs took part in a Cub craft competition with other local groups. They made cards, posters and models and the event was a lot of fun. Many of our Cubs have also taken advantage of the opportunity to take part in district shooting sessions with the district target sports teams. As previously mentioned, some Cubs also took part in the Cheshire Scouts sleepover at Chester cathedral. Thanks to Mersey Weaver district and Cheshire Scouts for all their work organising these activities.

Awards

In 2023 fourteen cubs gained their silver challenge awards which feels like this must be a record! Congratulations to all of these Cubs who have put in a massive amount of work and demonstrated a real 'have a go' attitude to Cub activities.

Finally, we'd like to thank all of the Cubs and parents who have taken part in and contributed to Cubs' activities in the last year. We have many happy memories of fun and adventure. We look forward to exciting new challenges in 2024.

Bagheera, Baloo, Chil, Hathi, Oo, Kaa, Raksha, and Shere Kahn.

4.5 Scouts Section Report

Scout Section has had an amazing year through 2023, with a huge increase in numbers and a real return to all scouting activities.

Numbers

Scout numbers have exploded through 2023; we started the year with just 17 scouts and finished with 34!! And numbers are still increasing!!

4 scouts turned 14 through the year all moving to explorer sections (One to Draco, three to Beacon).

Leaders

Karen, Lucy, Alan, Jim and John have formed the core leader team for scouts through 2023 with ad-hoc support from Colin and Fiona. Thanks also go to Charlotte, Judith, Diane and Robert who all popped in to lend a hand on our summer camp.

Programme

The spring term focussed on preparing some of our older scouts (and training up the younger ones) for Cheshire Hike at Easter. This was the first time we have had scouts take part in Cheshire Hike since before Covid and there was significant skills gap in all our scouts. So, we set about practicing our navigation skills, learning how to pack a rucksack with all the kit we need for a weekend hike, practicing cooking hike meals on the Trangias and of course getting our boots on and practicing it for real! We are SO proud that four Scouts all completed the hike at Easter with one Scout and their partner winning the Mersey Weaver District Winners award for the Pathfinder Plus age group.

Programme continued

Another highlight of our spring term was our “Air Activities” weekend camp at Ashley Guide Centre near Manchester. We had a lot of fun learning about everything to do with aeroplanes and had a wonderful visit to Manchester Airport’s Runway Museum where the scouts got to learn about how the airport worked, dress up and be pilots in the cockpits of several planes, push the trolley up and down as cabin crew and got to see Concorde “exercise” it’s nose in its hanger and the Airbus A380 take off!!!

In March Alan and Karen took 4 scouts to London, where we joined over 8000 Scouts and Guides for the Monopoly Run Live. We walked nearly 14 miles, traversed London on bus and underground and visited virtually every property on the board winning our game. We celebrated with a Pizza tea before catching the train home – absolutely exhausted but buzzing from a brilliant day.

After Easter we moved our Monday evenings outside, taking advantage of the light evenings, cooking on campfires and firing crossbow at QCW, cycling round Delamere Forest, completing the athletics badge on the field and practicing putting tents up in preparation for our summer camp. Oh, and a lot more hiking!!

Our summer camp was at Milldale, near Nantwich. We had this amazing site to ourselves for the weekend where, led by our patrol leaders, our scouts catered for themselves and took part in activities such as stream walking, cave-shack, assault course, go karts and camp Olympics.

September saw us return to the hut where we completed a variety of badges including making videos to send to our South African “pen-pal” scouts, a variety of cooking and craft activities and studying the history of scouting. Other highlights included a couple of taster sessions skiing at Runcorn dry slope and some campfire cooking at QCW.

Autumn term also saw us complete a hike camp weekend around Beeston and Bickerton. Our older scouts walked independently over 2 days to complete their expedition challenge with our younger scouts walking in small groups with leaders on the Saturday to test their navigation skills. Congratulations to five senior Scouts for completing their expedition (and to two more for doing it “just for fun”!!). At Christmas we had a fun sleepover in the hut playing silly games and sleeping in our homemade dens.

Through the year we have taken part in a number of community events including running a water station at the 4 Villages Half Marathon, the Helsby Coronation event, Remembrance Day Parade our Christmas Carol Service and delivering the Helsby News.

Awards

Huge congratulations to the four senior Scouts who achieved their Gold Award in 2023 (the top award in the Scout section) and for completing Cheshire Hike in April.

Congratulations too for the five Scouts who completed their expedition challenge in September, they are all well on their way to “gold” in 2024.

Karen, Lucy, John, Jim, Alan and Colin.

5 Financial Report

Financial Report and Independent Examination

The financial report for 2023 has been subject to independent examination and has been found to be an accurate reflection of the Group’s financial position.

Financial Status & Reserves Policy

We were successful in being granted £1000 from Helsby Parish Council Grant Fair, with other donations gratefully received from local residents or community groups.

Gift Aid has been received for 2019 and 2020, this amounted to £4,739. Gift Aid is in the process of being claimed for 2021, 2022 and 2023.

The management of subscription and other payments to the Online Scout Manager (OSM) system has worked well in 2023 making financial transaction management easier for Leaders, Parents and our Treasurer.

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The appropriate level is judged to be circa £14k.

Although the cost of delivering Scouting is increasing in the current economic climate, we held subscriptions at the 2022 rate throughout 2023. However a further modest increase has been agreed for 2024.

The Group ended 2023 with total funds, including reserves and grant monies, of £37,878.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments, such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopt a low risk strategy and all funds are held in cash with a mainstream bank. The Group consolidated all savings into the bank deposit account from the Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

6 Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature:	<i>Anna Tiplady</i>	Anna Tiplady
Position:	Chair of Trustee Board	
Date:	23/4/24	

1st Helsby Scout Group - Statement of Account
1st January 2021 to 31st December 2023

Receipts and Payments	2021	2022	2023
Receipts			
Subscription Receipts	£11,985	£13,873	£14,962
Camp Receipts	£1,060	£2,820	£4,966
Donations		£1,390	£390
Gift Aid			£4,739
Interest	£7	£49	£356
Scouting Activities	£70	£150	£260
Other	£82	£10	£21
Grants	£16,907	£2,667	£1,000
Total Receipts	£30,111	£20,959	£26,694

Payments			
Membership	£4,046	£5,253	£5,184
Camp Expenses	£1,261	£3,237	£4,009
Badges and Uniform	£1,560	£2,818	£1,996
Donations			
Insurance	£1,301	£1,413	£1,616
Utilities	£1,615	£1,958	£2,306
Equipment	£4,016	£3,771	£1,742
Building Maintenance / Lease	£3,776	£2,926	£12,182
Other Scouting Activities	£5,109	£3,541	£3,854
Bank Charges	£0	£258	£799
Subscription Refunds	£38		
Total Payments	£22,721	£25,175	£33,688

Surplus / Deficit	£7,390	-£4,216	-£6,994
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Opening Net Funds	£39,697	£47,087	£42,872
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Closing Net Funds	£47,087	£42,872	£35,878
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Assets and liabilities as at 31st December 2023

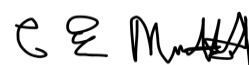
Cash Funds			
Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£3,978	£3,991	Closed
Barclays Premium Account	£36,853	£36,888	£32,204
Barclays Current Account	£6,257	£1,992	£3,674
Total Funds	£47,087	£42,872	£35,878

James Bainbridge, Treasurer



16/04/2024

Cath Mudford, Independent Examiner



18/04/2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Period

I report on the accounts of 1st Helsby Scout Group for the period 01 January – 31st December 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)b of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
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FIRST HELSBY SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1018532

Accounts

1st Helsby Scout Group

Trustees Annual Report

01 Jan 2021 to 31 Dec 2021



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3 Objectives and Activities

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values

- Integrity – We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal
- Respect – We have self-respect and respect for others
- Care – We support others and take care of the world in which we live
- Belief – We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes
- Co-operation – We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- Learn by doing
- Share in spiritual reflection
- Take responsibility and make choices
- Undertake new and challenging activities
- Make and live by their Promise

4 Achievements and Performance

2021 has been another extremely busy year for Leaders, Young People, Helpers and Executive Committee at 1st Helsby Scout Group. The 2021 programme delivery details can be seen in the reports for our sections: Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. We were proud to receive a special award in 2021 from the High Sheriff of Cheshire Robert Mee DL. The Award was for 'Outstanding Contribution to Scouting in Cheshire & the Local Community during the Coronavirus Pandemic.' The citation said '1st Helsby worked as a team under the amazing leadership of Judith (Potts) GSL and Diane (Jones) DGSL and put on an engaging & interesting programme of weekly meetings and camps'. A certificate was awarded at a special ceremony in November 2021.

4.1 Group Scout Leader's Report

2021 was a rollercoaster year for us all at 1st Helsby but thanks to some amazing teamwork from our volunteers and the enthusiasm and support of our young people and their families, the Group continues to grow and flourish.

The year began with another Lockdown which saw us returning to virtual Scouting once again. Our hopes of face to face activities had been high as the new year arrived but it turned out that we had to find more inventive ways of Scouting for most of the Spring term. As the year progressed, we were able to get back together although various Covid outbreaks in schools meant that at times our young people had to complete challenges at home with the support of their parents instead of at section nights.

The District 365 Steps to Wellbeing challenges have provided a great focus for our young people and they have benefitted from these – a big thank you to Jake and the Explorer Scouts who put this initiative together. Events such as the Super Saturdays and Sundays were also embraced and enjoyed by many of our youngsters.

Over the summer months, children and adults from each section worked together with artist Rebecca Jones to produce our “Akela wall” to celebrate the enormous contribution that our Cub Leader Martin Horsley made to both the Group and the young people of our District. Martin was too poorly to visit the wall in person by the time it was completed but we sent him lots of pictures and he loved it. Thank you to Rebecca for volunteering her time and expertise and to our “backroom maintenance gang” for doing all of the necessary DIY!

The autumn term was bittersweet – Scouts camped for the first time in two years which was very exciting and we also opened the first Squirrel Drey in Mersey Weaver where our youngest members are thoroughly enjoying their first taste of Scouting but very sadly our wonderful Akela passed away, leaving a very large hole in our team. Martin was talented, empathetic and inclusive with a cracking sense of humour and he will be missed very much. Rest In Peace Martin. I am sure, however, that he would be touched to know that our team of adults completed a fundraising walk in aid of the Hospice Of The Good Shepherd and that, along with monies raised at our HOHO Helsby stall and our carol service collection, raised a total of £1,657.21 for the hospice that cared for him and his family.

The end of year activities did not go exactly to plan with both Covid outbreaks and bad weather curtailing our Christmas celebrations but we did manage a carol service where we bid a happy retirement to Scout Leader Fiona after a decade of service to 1st Helsby. We thank her for all of her hard work and dedication over the years and very much hope that she will continue to make “guest appearances” – you will always be made very welcome Fiona!

So a year of highs and lows for 1st Helsby but thanks to the support of a fantastic team of adults and young people, we weathered the storm. We have remained active and full across all of our sections and awarded a total of 808 uniform badges including 23 Chief Scout awards, thanks to the volunteer leaders and exec committee members who work so hard and also to 1st Helsby families for their continued support. From our youngest Squirrels to our “more mature” adult volunteers, 1st Helsby is a Scout Group to be proud of and I am so glad to be a part of it. However, in order for us to continue to go from strength to strength we do need more volunteers on the team, both running section nights and on our exec committee that work more behind the scenes. If you can spare some time to get involved in any way, please let us know. Yours In Scouting, Judith Potts GSL

4.2 Beavers Section Report

We would like to preface this report to acknowledge the support and guidance we have received from Martin Horsley since forming our leader team. He was such a great help and guide to our efforts and is such a great loss to us all.

Programme

We continued to be challenged by the Covid pandemic but also continued to take opportunities to make the most of being on line and outdoors wherever possible. Our Beavers and their families really rose to the occasion and many embraced opportunities to 'scout at home'. Our highlights included being on line with Au Wai Ming 'live' from Hong Kong to celebrate Chinese New Year, our fabulous annual space night, and other new activities included a tennis coaching evening at the new community sports facility, our JOTT walk and a hike around Lewis Carroll's Boyhood Walk near Warrington. Our summer 'treat' to Go Ape was brilliant and it was great to see so many Beavers swinging through the trees (a sentence David Attenborough has never been able to use !!). Unfortunately we were unable to hold our planned sleepover at Christmas but look forward to planning sleepovers in 2022.

Numbers

Beaver numbers continue to remain at its maximum (24) and we have seen a steady flow joining cubs where it is great to see so many of them flourish on the next stage of their scouting journey. There continues to be a high demand to join Beavers and we look forward to welcoming our first Squirrel.

Leaders and Young Leaders

We have a great leader team and they have continued to support the hybrid model of activity with great skill and commitment. In September we welcomed Bubbles to the team and Jenny Wren moved over to the Cub section. We have a fantastic 'team' of Young Leaders who bring lots of skills and enthusiasm to their roles. Our Beavers think they are great and they are linked in to the District Young Leader training programme.

District Events

We continue to be well supported by the Mersey Weaver District and a number of our Beavers availed themselves of the opportunity to attend district hosted activity days.

Badge Achievement and Bronze Awards

Given that we have had yet another challenging year, our Beavers have really risen to the challenge of achieving badges and, where possible, have gone on to achieve the Chief Scout's Bronze Award. Thank you to our Beavers and, of course, our families for this fantastic effort ! The annual report provides us with the opportunity to present special awards to our Beaver of the Year and a Runner Up. Deciding who this should be gets more and more difficult.

Thank You

As ever we'd like to offer a big thank you to all the Beavers for making it so enjoyable and well done on all you have achieved. Thank you to parents for helping your Beaver make it happen. Thank you to our DGSL for organising the steady flow of badges to award and to

our GSL for her support and supervision. Thank you to our other section leaders for being so supportive and thank you to everyone who works so hard in the background to make sure things happen.

The Beaver Leader Team

4.3 Cubs Section Report

The cub section has enjoyed returning to a slightly more recognisable form of normal Scouting this year, although we have been glad of 'online' on occasion. It has been fantastic to see all of our young people taking part in a range of exciting activities and we've been able to make use of outdoor spaces as well as returning to indoor meetings in the hut.

Akela

The biggest challenge faced by the Cub group this year has been the passing our much loved Akela, Martin Horsley. All of us who worked with him in Cubs and the many parents whose children have passed through the Cub section during his time as leader have been touched by him. Many of the Cub leaders consider him to have been an inspiration to them and he was a good friend to all of us. We miss him greatly and would like to take this opportunity to thank all the other members of the 1st Helsby Group and the wider community who have been so supportive in this difficult time. RIP Martin.

Numbers

As in previous years, Cub numbers have remained high and steady this year. The pack remains full with 36 members and unfortunately we are still unable to take children from our waiting list as all of our places have been filled by Beavers who are moving up.

Leaders

We have been very pleased to welcome 3 new leaders to the Cub sections this year. Kerry Ann Holloway (Rama), Jenny Mills (Hathi) and Jennifer Tiplady (Riki). They are all fantastic additions to the Cub team and we are really happy that they have chosen to join us. The Cub section currently doesn't have any young leaders, but we would welcome any who would like to come and join us.

Programme

We started 2021 with meetings back 'online' and had lots of fun with a range of activities including dancing, drumming and who can forget Chil's cress seed bonanza. During the summer term we were very pleased to once again be able to offer face to face activities and we took the opportunity to visit Castle Park and Delamere forest as Cubs tackled activities and worked towards the athletics, astronomer and scientist badges. During the autumn term we were finally able to return to activities in the scout hut and we enjoyed working towards the environmental conservation and naturalist badges.

Nights Away

Continuing restrictions have meant that we have been unable to do a residential camp in the last year. During the autumn we had planned a full day activity at Queen Charlottes Wood but storms in the evening before the event brought down trees and meant that at the

last minute we had to divert to using the hut. We still managed to work on our pioneering skills, play lots of games and we were treated to a lovely meal. Many thanks to those who helped out with the event.

District events

Many of our cubs have taken advantage of opportunities to take part in activities organised by the district including a series of “Super Saturday” and “Super Sunday” events plus district shooting events. These provided fantastic opportunities for adventurous scouting activities and were much enjoyed by the Cubs. Many thanks to those from all over the Mersey Weaver District who were involved in organising and running the events. Many of our Cubs have also been very active in working towards a new set of badges called the Mersey Weaver 365 steps of wellbeing awards. With regular challenges set by our Group Scout Leader, along with other sections, the Cubs have worked on these over the last 6 months and many have been very busy at home achieving these awards.

Silver Awards

Despite the challenges of the last year, we are delighted to report that seven cubs were successful in completing their silver challenge awards during 2021. Congratulations to Imogen, Harry, Lucas, Noah, Lucy, Harry A and Henry.

Finally, we’d like to thank all of the Cubs and parents who have been part of our pack for the last year. The Cubs make is so much fun and we’ve really appreciated the support from parents. We look forward to another exciting year of scouting in 2022.

Bagheera, Baloo, Chil, Hathi, Kaa, Raksha, Rama and Rikki.

4.4 Scouts Section Report

A varied year, beginning with another lockdown

The final Scout meeting of 2020 had been two firelighting sessions at Queen Charlotte’s Wood (QCW), our first meeting in more than 6 weeks, and hopes were high that 2021 would see a return to regular face to face meetings. However...this was not to be the case, as the new January lockdown lasted for most of the spring term.

Leaders became more inventive, and again we attempted badges never tried before – circus skills theory, craft activities like paper cutting, a drumming workshop, which was very popular. As part of the science badge, Lucinda from the Catalyst Museum helped us survive on a desert island, and Karen led a homemade ice cream activity that was very energetic!

In the summer term, it was a great release to play socially distanced wide games, cycle round the Greenway in Chester, do some orienteering in Delamere, complete the circus skills, and go on a treasure hunt around Alvanley. Axe work and knife work was done at QCW and the term ended on a high at Wild Shore Aqua Chimp, where the weather was kind to us.

To prepare for the autumn term, and a planned return to patrols, leaders drew up challenging activities for a Patrol leader training day, which was held in July at Forest Camp. The scouts all had a chance to lead an exercise, and they all worked well together.

We were also the first Scouts on the site in two years!

September started with Ed Halliwell leading an orienteering night at Marbury Park. The following week, outdoors in fading light, patrols had to dramatize sections of the Countryside Code for the rest of the troop to interpret, which was both inventive and entertaining. We held a Jamboree on the Internet evening, for scouts to make contact with others around the world. Colin led a series of activities for the DIY badge, including making boards with castors on, which the scouts then played Hungry Hippos with. There were lots of craft activities, a wreath of plastic bottles for Remembrance Sunday, items to sell at HoHo Helsby, and some ghoulish edible creations for Halloween. Lucy spent a whole Sunday creating an escape room which was run twice because of keeping numbers to the correct levels, and was very disappointed with the speed at which the Scouts manage to solve all the tricky problems! The year ended with the carol service at St Paul's, and tubing, tobogganing and lugeing at the Chill Factor, followed by our first ever investiture on the snow.

Leaders

Fiona, Lucy, Karen and Colin have run the Scout section this year, as John Kerr's role as a key worker has made it difficult for him to attend meetings. Edward and Russell have helped occasionally, often at short notice when Covid at home has meant that leaders are not able to attend, or are isolating.

Numbers

Numbers remained constant at about 25, however Covid outbreaks in schools impacted at different times, making it hard for older Scouts to complete their challenge badges.

Achievements – Gold Award

Scouts were encouraged to take the initiative and work on parts of badges independently. To fulfil the Expedition badge, parents became their walking partners, and Leaders visited Scouts at home, to observe tents being put up and discuss cooking plans. The Scouts were required to give much more detail than usual in their written reports!

Congratulations to Ben A, Jack, Joshua, Callum, Oliver, Anna and Ben W, who achieved the top award in the Scout section in a difficult year.

Also congratulations to Oscar, who applied to go to the World Scout Jamboree to be held in South Korea in 2023, and participated in a district selection event.

Chief Scout's Personal Award

Three Helsby Scouts were nominated for the Chief Scout's Personal Award, for tackling anti-social behaviour in the village. Covid slowed down the presentation of the award, but our District Commissioner visited one evening to give the medals and certificates to Caleb, Oscar and Blake. This award is in the gift of the Chief Scout, and for three Scouts to achieve it in one troop is exceptional. Many congratulations to those Scouts.

District

The District offered Patrol Leader training in a weekend's camp at QCW, which Ben, Oscar and Callum all attended.

Camp 2021

Our first camp for almost two years was held at Forest Camp in September, where Karen achieved her camp permit, made more challenging by the additional Covid risk assessments. Thanks are due to Lorna McTeague of 3rd Frodsham and her daughter Ella who delivered a kayaking session on Sunday. The weather was warm and sunny, and we had a lot of parent help with putting up and striking camp.

Badges

Our Scouts have continued to earn their badges despite being at home during parts of the year, and leaders would like to thank Diane Jones for the amount of time she spends ordering and delivering the badges, which is much appreciated.

Thanks

The leaders would like to thank all our parents for their support this year, and for their encouragement of their scouts. A sincere thanks to all the leaders who give their time to offer this range of activities, in what has been a challenging year juggling home schooling and working from home.

And it's goodbye from Fiona

After a decade of scouting at 1st Helsby, and 5 years before that at 4th Frodsham, Fiona gave notice in January of her intention to retire at the end of 2021. It has been a wonderful ten years, and she would encourage any parent thinking about joining as a leader not to hesitate. Fiona would also like to thank the Executive for all their support to her as Leader.

Fiona, Karen, Colin, Lucy, and John.

5 Financial Report

Financial Report and Independent Examination

The financial report for 2021 has been subject to independent examination and has been found to be an accurate reflection of the Group's financial position.

Phase two of 2019 accounts examination was also completed with no changes to 2019 accounts.

Financial Status

During 2020 the group received a donation of £14,850 from MCBF for the purchase of camping and catering equipment. This had been ringfenced until the equipment could be purchased once Covid restrictions were eased – some expenditure has taken place in 2021 to purchase camping equipment for the Scout Camp in September. Remaining funds will be spent in 2022.

In addition to this £16,907 grant money has been received from CWAC, this has helped support further adaptations to the hut and the programme for Covid safe Scouting.

Gift Aid has not yet been claimed for 2019, 2020, 2021.

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The appropriate

level is judged to be circa £14k.

The Group ended 2021 with total funds, including reserves and grant monies, of £47k.

Investment Policy:

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments, such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy and all funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

6 Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:	<i>Anna Tiplady</i>	
Name:	Anna Tiplady	
Position:	Chair of Executive Committee	
Date:	21/4/22	

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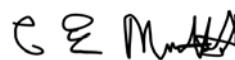
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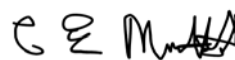
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3 Objectives and Activities

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values

- Integrity – We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal
- Respect – We have self-respect and respect for others
- Care – We support others and take care of the world in which we live
- Belief – We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes
- Co-operation – We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- Learn by doing
- Share in spiritual reflection
- Take responsibility and make choices
- Undertake new and challenging activities
- Make and live by their Promise

4 Achievements and Performance

2020 has been an extremely busy year for Leaders, Young People, Helpers and Executive Committee at 1st Helsby Scout Group. In March 2020 England entered into a National Lockdown in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Face to face (F2F) Scouting had to cease, and the whole Group had to adapt their programmes to accommodate online programme and meeting delivery. The Executive Committee formed a Sub-Committee through the Summer months, whose remit was to ensure the enabling work to facilitate a return to F2F scouting was carried out in a timely fashion. The 2020 programme delivery details can be seen in the reports for our sections: Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

4.1 Group Scout Leader's Report

2020 has certainly been a very different year for 1st Helsby but despite the many challenges brought about by Lockdowns and the cessation of face to face Scouting at various points throughout the year, we have found different ways to meet together and complete Scouting activities. Our leaders have found new ways to Scout and in turn have developed many new skills along the way – before 2020, “Zoom” had been an ice lolly from our childhoods, now it is the alternative Scout Hut!

Our young people have been magnificent in adapting and have undertaken lots of Home Scouting activities and, despite the difficulties that the year has posed, they earned 868 badges for their uniforms and lots more “fun” badges for camp blankets from a whole host of challenges such as our Group VE day and Earth day challenges, the Northumberland Camp At Home and a Hike To The Moon. They have camped in their homes and gardens, sent messages and cards to local care homes and perfected their cooking skills. When face to face Scouting sessions have been permitted, they have participated enthusiastically with orienteering, walks through Delamere and Helsby, rocket launching, firelighting, boules, den building and bug house making to name but a few. We have even still managed to “meet” with members of our wider community thanks to technology and have benefitted from online Science, fitness and musical activities. Even Santa was able to “zoom” into our Christmas Camp At Home!

It has not been an easy task to keep the Group running so successfully during this period but thanks to the support of a fantastic team, we have made it. I owe a huge vote of thanks to the volunteer leader and exec committee members who have helped with sorting finances, producing Risk Assessments, making our building secure and Covid safe, ordering resources and planning activities and also to 1st Helsby families for their continued support. Thanks also to the folks at District level who have always been there to answer questions and provide advice too.

1st Helsby is indeed a team to be proud of – from our youngest Beavers to our “more mature” adult volunteers – and we would love to welcome new members to the team. If you can spare some time to get involved in any way, please do let us know.

Now let's see what adventures 2021 will bring us!

Judith Potts

GSL

4.2 Beavers Section Report

Introduction

Wow, that was the year that was !

Last year we noted the ‘strangeness’ of our report being in two parts with the ‘new’ team having taken over from Falcon and Robin. This year's report is similarly ‘different’ given the impact of restrictions being placed on us. That said, we hope we have managed to adapt our programme and definitely had the opportunities to become ‘digital citizens’ (some of us being dragged screaming into the technological ‘world’!)

Membership

Despite the restrictions on the ways in which could do things we have continued to say 'farewell' to our 'older' Beavers as they have moved on to cubs (thank you, Martin and your team for supporting their transition sessions and our swimming up ceremonies). We have also welcomed new Beavers throughout the year and we would like to say a special big 'well done' to you for being such enthusiastic Beavers. Our numbers have remained steady at 24 and we feel that this has been a good number to design both face to face and on line activities.

Leaders

This year Zip stepped back because of new work commitments but remains available as a support to all sections. We wish her well in her professional role. One of our Young Leaders, turned 18 and joined the team as a leader – a big welcome to Jenny Wren. During the year Keo found it difficult to join us at face to face activities but proved to be a real 'zoom ace' and even received a 'thank you' from Bear himself for keeping those sessions going ! The Beaver Leader Team all deserve a special mention this year for keeping our activities going and thinking up different ways of doing things !

During the year we had a young school student on placement with us as part of their DofE but this was unfortunately curtailed because of the pandemic. One of our Young Leaders stepped down because of study commitments and we look forward to welcoming one of our scouts as a Young Leader in 2021.

Programme Highlights

We started the year having no idea that 2020 would turn out as it did but we had some definite stand out moments and also new ways of doing things that we should never forget.

We started the year taking the opportunity to meet our new PCSO and have kept our links with them throughout the year. We combined a talk about safety with our usual fire awareness and evacuation practice. We did activities to meet our international badge requirements and looked at food hygiene and health.

During our on line sessions we have used art based web sites, live demonstrations and had a number of invited guests, including a rather energetic evening of exercise (thank you, Mrs Rough !!).

We have enjoyed a number of national, County and District events as part of our programme. We are grateful to Judith (our GSL) for setting 'holiday' challenges which Beavers have participated in with great enthusiasm. We are also delighted to have participated in Group wide activities such as virtual camps and are really keen to keep doing shared activities. Beavers really look up to the cubs and scouts and we hope these provide opportunities for cubs and scouts to share their skills and knowledge with

their younger friends ! The Christmas camp was especially enjoyable and the highlight for many was Santa on zoom !

During our curtailed face to face programme we have spent longer periods out of the building and we are determined for this to continue. We spent time on the park field doing sports and exercise and visiting the new home of 'wild' Beavers at Hatchmere.

During the year we have built new and lasting community relationships with our care homes, Cheshire Wildlife Trust, the community sports centre and the allotments association (they provided us with a brilliant alternative to our usual harvest 'experience'). We also made bug houses and mini dens.

Our Beavers have continued to be so enthusiastic and our thanks must go to them and their families for supporting our 'scouting at home' efforts so positively. You really do make our volunteering so worthwhile !

Beavers continue to achieve a range of badges and we are especially pleased to see that most are continuing to achieve the Chief Scout's bronze award.

It will be interesting to see what 2021's report will look like !

We wish you all well.

Tic-Tac, Keeo, Sunshine, Rainbow, Jenny Wren and Hawkeye

4.3 Cubs Section Report

The Elephant in the Room!

We can't help but acknowledge that 2020 was a strange year! Much of our normal activity was curtailed by lockdown which hit us all especially hard in the spring term when we would typically have spent our Pack nights outdoors. However, we've adapted well (I hope!) to the circumstances, tried some new things and learnt some new skills ourselves in the process. We have even some activities that seem easier on the zoom platform...

We appreciate that virtual meetings aren't for everyone and we have missed the Cubs who haven't joined us. Hopefully we will be in a position to see you soon.

Numbers

Cubs numbers been steady and high through the year. We are still running at maximum Pack size with our current headcount at 36 and we do have Cubs age children on the waiting list who we are unable to offer places to.

Leaders

We have said goodbye to Hathi this year who had to leave us due to increased family and work commitments. Thanks for all the time you gave to Cubs Alison we will miss your calm and cheerful presence! Despite that we continue to have a fantastic team of leaders in the Cubs Section – thanks everyone for stepping up to all the challenges that 2020 presented!

Young Leaders

With all of our Young Leaders turning 18 this year we find ourselves at the end of the year in the odd position of not having any young leaders attached to our Pack. Hopefully we can rectify that in time for a return to face to face Scouting. Thanks Thomas, Alex and Kai for your contributions and good luck for your studies and the future.

Programme

We have had a few periods of face to face Scouting through the year when we have completed the Disability Awareness, Road Safety, Astronomer & Local Knowledge Activity Badges. We've then had to adapt to virtual meetings on the zoom platform where we have worked on Communicator, Global Issues and International badges among others. With Scouting at home being such a big part we awarded some badges we had never thought or been able to do as a Pack so well done to those Cubs who rose to the challenge to earn their Gardener badge. We also saw a lot of home activity towards Artist, Book Reader and Home Help badges. A massive well done to all the Cubs who have made such a massive contribution to the success of our virtual meetings.

Nights Away

We were able to squeeze one camp in before lockdown hit and had a fantastic time at the QCW Hideaway with our Harry Potter themed camp. Cubs learned how to "fly" a broomstick, brew potions, make their own wand, create keyrings in their house colours and more. A big shout out to Bagheera for the fantastic sorting hat she made for us! Many of our Cubs took advantage later in the year of the Great Indoors event and two further virtual camping weekends.

District Events

Obviously most of the usual District events have not taken place this year but we will take this opportunity to say a big thank you to the District team for all of the additional virtual events that they have provided or directed us to. This has really helped to flesh out the virtual programme.

Silver Awards

Huge congratulations to the six Cubs who completed their Chief Scout's Silver Award during 2020: Finley, Jess, Morgan, Charlie, Gemma & Charis.

Well done to all of you!

As ever we'd like to offer a big thank you to all the Cubs, every one of you makes our time as leaders hugely rewarding.

Akela, Bagheera, Baloo, Chil, Kaa & Raksha

4.4 Scouts Section Report

The Impact of Lockdown

In the past year, UK scouting has been mostly in red status meaning that the only way of delivering scouting has been online. At the end of the summer term, after a whole term of online meetings, we held a scavenger hunt where scouts and their families raced around their area looking for items and emailing photos as evidence, which was enjoyed by all.

In September 2020, we moved to amber status, permitting groups of up to 15 scouts to meet face to face with leaders. Meetings were held on a three week cycle: scouts enjoyed a face to face session one week, followed by an online activity the next week, and finally worked independently in the third week towards a badge. Before October half term, we ran the orienteering badge, with help from Edward Halliwell, and also tackled the Astronautics badge, something we had never done previously because of the amount of research needed.

With the return of Lockdown 2 after Autumn half term we reverted to virtual meetings, but that lifted in time for scouts to enjoy one face to face meeting lighting fires and eating marshmallows at Queen Charlotte's Wood at our final meeting before Christmas.

Section leader and section planning meetings have also been held on Zoom, meaning that our carbon footprint has been very light.

Sadly the planned European Jamboree to be held in Poland, postponed from July 2020 to August 2021 was finally cancelled before Christmas 2020, a disappointment for Thomas, one of our scouts who had a place, and for Fiona, who had a place as Cheshire IST.

Leaders

Fiona, Lucy and Karen have run the scout section this year, as John Kerr's role as a key worker has made it difficult for him to attend meetings. Edward, Colin and Russell have helped occasionally, which was invaluable when we were trying to run parallel face to face an online sessions in the autumn. We urgently need to recruit new scout leaders.

Numbers

Online scouting proved challenging for some of our members, and by December 2020 numbers had reduced to 24. However two new young people joined towards the end of the Autumn Term, and three Cubs will move up after Christmas.

Achievements – Gold Award

Congratulations to Ryan, Thomas and Jonathan, who achieved the top award in the scout section in a difficult year.

District

From October, the District started offering free online sessions to all sections including Youth Forum, percussion, RNLI, and an astronomy evening, which some of our scouts have attended.

Camps 2020

Northumberland's camp

During April, we joined the Northumberland scouts in their #CampAtHome initiative, with 67 young people and 11 adults sleeping outside on Thursday 30 April as part of a successful Guinness world record attempt, with 94,000 people participating from all over the globe. A total of 27 scouts participated in this event. During April, scouts responded to a number of challenges set as part of the camp. Three scouts, Jonathan, Eve and Jack, all slept in a den or outside for the entire month, which was a real achievement.

Summer camp

The Scout Association advertised a national camp at home, 'The Great Indoors Weekender', which we adapted into a 26 hour camp with leader led activities. It was a different experience for leaders, as we didn't know in advance who would be at each session, scouts being able to choose which sessions they attended. We had some memorable challenges, with the toilet roll marble run, which was taken literally to new heights by the Jackson and Chalmers families. We asked scouts to take a photograph of a building in their village, and then they drew this as a gift for the care home residents, to help them feeling so isolated from family and friends. The stand out activity was 'Guess Who' where scouts and leaders were asked to attend wearing fancy dress and with disguised names, which was greatly enjoyed by all. It also introduced us to the eggy bread early morning cook-a-long, which was very well attended despite being held at 8am!

Christmas Virtual Group camp

At Christmas, we held our first ever virtual Group camp, the result of some considerable planning across all sections. The camp was opened on Saturday 12 December by our District Commissioner, Oliver Chambers, following which activities were held across all sections on Zoom. This had required careful timetabling to enable parents to manage juggling sessions on Zoom for their young people. 59 resource packs were given out to the participants, coordinated by Lucy Chapman Coward, and delivered by leaders in advance of the camp. Colin Ashcroft led a reflective session for Scouts' own on Sunday morning for all sections, and the young people enjoyed crafts, pioneering challenges

and of course baking, all with a Christmas theme. Attendance was very high in all sessions and we received many complements from parents, with their photos flooding in to 'prove' that their scouts had completed the activity. The memorable scout activity was mini pioneering, with three families competing to build the highest tower, with revised highest points!

Badges

Delivering scouting online has its challenges, and it has required leaders to think outside of the box. We thought we were being very inventive in the summer term of 2020, but it has become more difficult as time progresses to find things that sustain interest. Our online sessions in summer 2020 required a 5 minute exercise session online, and patrol leaders were challenged to create or build a flag that they could raise. It has enabled us to join in other sessions around the country, which we did for the Mechanics badge. All of our scouts have worked hard on the new 'Badges at Home' badge and many have achieved level one of this. Despite not being able to meet up, our scouts have achieved a significant number of badges in lockdown, thanks to their efforts and attendance. Special thanks must go to parents for their patient and encouraging support in supervising cooking activities, helping their scouts with crafts and challenges, scavenger hunting and allowing the linen cupboard to be raided in the interests of building a den – to name but a few!

A sincere thanks to all the leaders who give their time to offer this range of activities, in what been a challenging year juggling home schooling and working from home. We urgently need some new leaders so if this appeals to you, please come and talk to us.

Fiona, Karen, Lucy, and Colin.

5 Financial Review

Financial Report and Independent Examination

The financial report for 2020 has been subject to independent examination and has been found to be an accurate reflection of the Group's financial position.

Note about the 2019 accounts:

The first phase - detailed checks of cash book transactions to bank statements, and a review of the income and expenditure - have been completed by the independent examiner, and she has signed off the accounts and issued a clean IE report.

The second phase - detailed checks on the paperwork to ensure all processes and POR have been complied with – will be completed once she is able to travel. In the past, the phase two work has resulted in no changes to the IE report.

Financial Status

During 2020 the group received a donation of £14,850 from MCBF for the purchase of camping and catering equipment. This has been ringfenced until the equipment is purchased once Covid restrictions are eased. In addition to this £12,368 grant money has been received from CWAC, this has helped support adaptations to the hut and the programme for Covid safe Scouting.

GiftAid claims for the years 2017 and 2018 amounted to £4,692 and were received January 2020.

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The appropriate level is judged to be circa £14k.

The Group ended 2020 with reserves of £24.8k.

Investment Policy:

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments, such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy and all funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

6 Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:	<i>Anna Tiplady</i>	
Name:	Anna Tiplady	
Position:	Chair of Executive Committee	
Date:	27/4/21	

1st Helsby Scout Group - Statement of Account
1st January 2018 to 31st December 2020

Receipts and Payments	2018	2019	2020
Receipts			
Subscription Receipts	£ 11,219	£ 12,250	£12,230
Refunds	£ 83		
Camp Receipts	£ 4,236	£ 5,681	£640
Donations	£ 350	£ 1,057	£15,250
Gift Aid Tax refund			£4,692
Interest	£ 27	£ 31	£28
Scouting Activities	£ 236		£300
Other			£179
Grants			£12,368
Total Receipts	£ 16,150	£ 19,019	£45,686

Payments			
Membership	£3,042	£3,645	£4,361
Camp Expenses	£3,777	£4,464	£1,432
Badges and Uniform	£1,281	£1,573	£1,295
Donations	£19		£19
Insurance	£1,306	£1,293	£1,321
Utilities	£1,970	£1,981	£1,763
Equipment		£327	
Building Maintenance / Lease	£2,982	£4,653	£6,306
Other Scouting Activities	£3,992	£3,217	£1,850
Bank Charges	£2	£2	
Subscription Refunds			
Total Payments	£18,369	£21,155	£18,346

Surplus / Deficit	-£2,219	-£2,137	£27,340
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Opening Net Funds	£16,713	£14,494	£12,357
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Closing Net Funds	£14,494	£12,357	£39,697
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Assets and liabilities as at 31st December

Cash Funds			
Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£3,923	£3,948	£3,973
Barclays Premium Account	£3,007	£3,013	£3,015
Barclays Current Account	£7,565	£5,397	£32,709
Total Funds	£14,494	£12,357	£39,697

James Bainbridge, Treasurer



19/04/2021

Cath Mudford, Independent Examiner



19/04/2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Period

I report on the accounts of 1st Helsby Scout Group for the period 01 January – 31st December 2020.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)b of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Cath Mudford
11 Romilly Avenue, Barry, South Glamorgan, CF62 6RB

19 April 2021