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1st Bramhall Scout Group

Report and Accounts

31 December 2021

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Trust Information and Administration Details
For the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Charity Name	1 st Bramhall Scout Group
Principal Address	The Bramley Centre, Bramley Close Bramhall, Stockport SK7 2DT
Charity Number	1019814
Group Registration Number	4861
Scout District	Ladybrook Valley
Scout County	Greater Manchester East

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1st Bramhall Scout Group. – Trustees Annual Report

Structure, Governance and Management

Introduction

2021 was again impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, but at least most of the restrictions were relaxed in the middle of the year, allowing a return to more normal scouting.

Tracing its origins back to 1909, only two years after the founding of the Scout Movement, we are one of the oldest Scout Groups in the country. The Group is part of the Ladybrook Valley Scout District, which itself is part of Greater Manchester East Scout County. The Group is registered with The Scout Association under Registration Number 4861 and is established as a Trust under its rules which are common to all Scout Groups. 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 of The Scout Association (POR).

The Group Management

The Group is managed by a Board of Trustees, assisted by two sub-committees who manage the non-Section related activities of the Group. This structure complies with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Collectively, the members of the Board of Trustees act as "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 Board of Trustees consists of:

- "Ex-Officio" Members, appointed by virtue of their role. These are the Group Chairman, Group Secretary, Group Treasurer, Group Scout Leader (GSL) and Assistant Group Scout Leader (AGSL).
- The President and Vice-Presidents are nominated by the Group Scout Leader. The President also takes the lead on Risk.
- Chairs of the two sub-committees.

The two sub-committees are:

- Operations. This sub-committee is responsible for the Group's physical assets and so manages the Building, Equipment, Transport and Trailers, together with Hirings, Finance and Insurance.
- Scout Active Support Unit. This sub-committee is responsible for engaging with parents and external parties as well as organising Group Events and Fund raising. The aim is to have more parents involved in the Group, so that the Group can be more successful in achieving its aims.

The members of the Operations sub-committee during 2021 were David Staley – Hirings, Graeme Weatherall - Fire Safety, Paul Rawcliffe – Communications and Website, Julie Bottomley – Health & Safety, Buildings and Hiring, David Reynolds – committee member, Steven Vinten – Transport, Tim Taylor – secretary and Richard Baker – Finance, Buildings and Chair of Operations sub-committee. The Group thanks them all for their hard work during a difficult year. Due to covid, the Scout Active Support Unit did not meet during 2021.

The two committees exist to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting his administrative responsibilities, leaving the Leaders to plan activities and run the Section Programmes. Whilst the sub-committees undertake the administrative duties in accordance with formal Terms of Reference, the Board of Trustees remains responsible for:

- The protection and maintenance of Group property and equipment;
- The raising of funds, the setting of subscription rates and the administration and management of the Group's finances;
- Approving the Annual Report and Accounts and presenting it to the Scout Council at the Annual General Meeting;
- The payment of Capitation Fee to District and County;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Developing local scouting and promoting a positive local image of scouting;
- Ensuring that safety and safeguarding procedures are implemented and operating effectively;
- Organising Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisers other than those who are elected.

Risks and Internal Control

The Board of Trustees has identified the following major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed. These have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate them.

Coronavirus. Scouting is fundamentally a face-to-face activity and by changing to online meetings and other restrictions due to the coronavirus, risked losing Young People as members. The Group recognised this risk and by keeping the vast majority of the Young People engaged and involved, very few left the Group. From a Finance perspective, strict cost control, coupled with applications for grants and other income sources enabled the financial risk to be mitigated.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. Through payment of the Capitation Fee to the District and County, the Group contributes to The Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk assessments are prepared for all activities and communicated to all adults taking part. Training and the correct qualifications are integral to our safety management process. There are nominated trained First Aiders on all activities. The Group has a Safety Adviser and a Fire Safety Officer who undertakes Fire Safety Assessments, provides Fire Training to Adult Volunteers and Hirers and conducts practice evacuations. The Operations sub-committee reviews and updates the Buildings Risk Assessment. All adult leaders and volunteers in the Group are required to complete the appropriate safety and activity training courses, including the Scout Association Ongoing Safety Course and are expected to be familiar with the Purple Card 'Safe Scouting: A Code of Conduct' and to understand that Safety is a joint responsibility of all adults in the Group, irrespective of their role.

Safeguarding. Keeping young people safe is the paramount responsibility for all adults in Scouting. The AGSL, together with the District Appointments Advisory Committee, ensures that adults are checked through the DBS and the Scout Association's systems before appointment, and that renewal takes place prior to expiry. All adults in the Group are required to complete the Scout Association Safeguarding Awareness Course. The Yellow Card which contains essential information on safeguarding is given to all adults. The GSL is the appointed officer responsible for safeguarding issues to whom all safeguarding concerns should be addressed. Young people are encouraged to

raise any concerns affecting them or another member of the Group with a trusted adult and/or with their own parents.

Leader Competence. In order to underpin safe quality Scouting for young people, it is very important that all adults holding Scout appointments receive training that is appropriate to their roles. Undergoing training within a stated period is a requirement of all appointments. The Scout Association's module-based training scheme for adult volunteers is managed at County level in Greater Manchester East Scout County. In the District, a nominated Assistant District Commissioner working with line managers and the Appointments Advisory Committee support and assist adults to fulfil their training commitment within the time allowed. The AGSL works with the District personnel to ensure that all training is up to date. Furthermore, as all appointments are for a limited period, a system is in place for reviewing appointments and identifying any further training needs.

Damage to buildings, property and equipment. The Group has sufficient insurance cover in place with Unity Insurance for the buildings, contents, public liability, vehicles, trailers, canoes, boats and equipment. Appropriate training is given to all users. Certain items of equipment have been identified for regular checking, testing or maintenance.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The Group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the Group. If there was 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. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group. A similar risk exists from a reduction or loss of young people.

Reduced income. The Group is reliant upon income from both subscriptions and the hiring of the Bramley Centre to third party organisations. Hiring income could fall due to reduced demand or due to reduced availability as a result of more section activities.

The Group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board of Trustees has the option to increase subscriptions and/or increase income from fund-raising activities.

General Data Protection Regulation 2018 (GDPR). The Group is fully aware of its responsibilities and obligations under GDPR and uses the system for electronic storage and communication managed by Greater Manchester East Scout County. This system ensures that all Personal Data and Scouting Data is held on County servers rather than on personal computers. New procedures on the paper storage of information have also been introduced. GDPR training has been undertaken by all persons with data handling responsibilities. The Assistant Group Scout Leader and Communications Manager advise the Trustees and Leadership team on GDPR issues with responsibility resting with the Board of Trustees.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the group are as a unit of The Scout Association. The aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We encourage our young people to do more, learn more and be more. Each week, we give young people in our local area the opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed.

The Scouting Programme is provided to young people between the ages of 6 and 25. The Beaver Section covers the ages from 6 to 8, Cubs cover 8 to 10½, Scouts cover 10½ to 14. 14 to 18 year olds are in the Explorer Unit which is administered by the District. 18 to 25 year olds are in the Scout Network section which is administered by the County.

In 2021, the Scout Association launched a younger section, called Squirrels, to cover ages 4 to 6. After the 2021 year end, the Trustees approved a proposal from the Group Scout Leader to introduce a Squirrel section, which will start in mid 2022.

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under the advancement of education heading.

CHAIR'S REPORT 2021

As the Group gets back to normal operations, I would like this year to take time to thank all our adult volunteers; and I use that term specifically as it is not just the Leaders you see in their beige uniforms delivering a fantastic programme for our young people, week-on-week; they are supported by a large number of volunteers working hard behind the scenes to keep our fantastic Group running smoothly.

Both the Operations Team and the Trustees, as well as a host of other adult volunteers, dedicate their free time to managing the Bramley Centre and maintaining the equipment within it. For example, it's thanks to the support of our Transport Manager that we have two minibuses available at the turn of a key. Similarly, the work of our Lettings Manager on a weekly (sometimes daily) basis is vital to keeping our tenants happy and income flowing; and these voluntary roles go on covering everything from the upkeep of our accounts and records to adherence with legal obligations. There are many people spending many hours a week facilitating the delivery of our programme and we couldn't do it without them.

If 1st Bramhall was classified as a business, it would be classed as an SME (Small to Medium-Sized Enterprise) and would require a team of paid staff to keep it operational. Instead, we rely on the work of our volunteers and I want to take this opportunity once again to thank them all on behalf of our young people, who I know, get so much from their time with us.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the JOTT BBQ and AGM this year and further, I hope you will join us on Family Camp in September - it was a great weekend last time we ran it, and I'm sure that as we emerge from the pandemic, it's just what we all need.

Best regards

Richard 'Ric' Buckley

Group Chair

GROUP SCOUT LEADERS REPORT 2021

I finished my report for last year's AGM by saying "Certainly a year like no other, but we're back now and raring to go! We've bounced back and the world is our oyster!"

Well what an understatement that turned out to be - as you will see from all the Section's reports, 1st Bramhall has had an incredible year full of a mind-boggling array of activities, camps, trips, challenges, and adventures for everyone from the most timid to the most adventurous.

Scouting For All

We deliver around 10 hours of structured youth work every week, and then on top of that are all the days of camps. We help to develop key skills and attributes including focus, discipline, physical fitness, teamwork, self-confidence and trust in others. The evidence of all of that is the impressive number of badges that are seen on uniforms.

But I want to highlight two things in particular. First is how much every Section has regularly connected with the wider community whether through meeting Megan and her medical assistant dog, collecting crisp packets for a Macclesfield charity that make them into blankets for homeless people, making up Christmas boxes for Age Concern, or fundraising for St Ann's Hospice, the Samaritans, and Manchester Children's Hospital. Thinking of, and helping, other people has been such a core part of our programme.

And by the time you read this 1st Bramhall will be actively welcoming and supporting our Ukrainian friends. Through the initiative of our Cubs and Scouts their fundraising projects have already enabled us to send a \$1000 donation to the Ukrainian Scouts Humanitarian Fund.

Secondly has been our Group's participation at the Remembrance Day Parade where we had over 70 young people and Leaders, plus our Explorers at a similar event at the summit of Great Gable in the Lake District, and the District St George's Day Parade with a terrific turn-out from 1st Bramhall who were an absolute credit to the Group, and to themselves.

For the future we have much to look forward to – including our Family Camp 23rd-25th September.

And the most exciting development will be the opening of our brand new Section – Squirrels – the only one in the District and one of the first in the UK.

None of any of this would be possible without the dedication, commitment, energy, and enthusiasm of a truly outstanding team of leaders, and other volunteers both at the coalface and behind the scenes to all of whom I express my sincere thanks – and a particular welcome to our many additional new leaders.

Andrew Corrie ("Skip")

Group Scout Leader

ANNUAL CENSUS

The **annual census**, taken at 31 January 2022, showed 149 (prior year:157) young people in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts with a further 32 (prior year:29) in the Explorer Unit, which is a District Section. All sections operate waiting lists.

Young people	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Beavers: Colts	19	21	24	23	23	24	22	42	24
Kits	21	21	25	23	25	24	25		
Cubs: Pine	28	32	33	34	24	33	24	54	36
Fir	25	27	28	27	24	27	29		
Scouts	56	56	65	41	59	41	44	50	50
Total	149	157	175	148	155	149	144	146	110
Explorers	32	29	22	23	27	39	47	41	35

Leader/Sectional assistants	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Beavers: Colts	4	2	4	3	4	3	8	6	2
Kits	4	2	4	3	3	3	6		
Cubs: Pine	5	3	6	5	3	4	4	8	5
Fir	6	3	3	9	7	5	10		
Scouts	16	13	15	11	14	10	9	11	9
Total	35	23	32	31	31	27	37	25	16

These numbers don't include all the Occasional Helpers and Young Explorer Leaders who are so valuable in assisting on section nights and other activities.

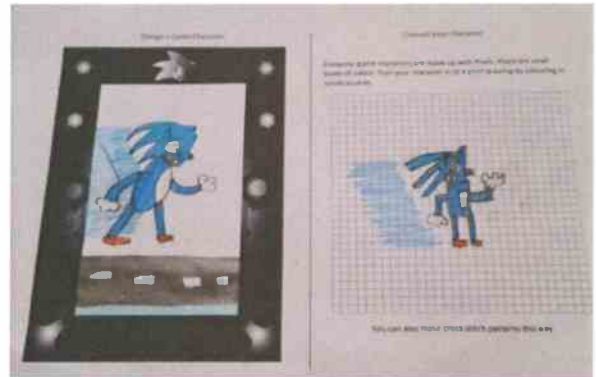
SECTION REPORTS

Colts Beaver Colony - 2021

2021 was definitely a year of three parts as we transitioned back to our new level of normal in Beavers. We had the virtual term, the back together outside term and the 'almost' normal term. Whilst the different rules and guidance delivered creative challenges for leaders, our young people continued to amaze us with their resilience, adaptability and desire to engage in fun activities however they were delivered.

We started off in January, in lockdown and on zoom. We had a joint meeting with Kits where we had fun with magician and entertainer 'Skittleman', as he made us laugh and taught us some tricks; and we completed our Faith badge by going on a virtual visit to a mosque.

February started with a meeting themed around Poo, always a topic that grabs the attention of young minds; and a meeting celebrating Chinese New Year. We had a half term challenge spelling Beavers Fun in photographs for our Photography badge. We made mug cakes together and noted that cooking with Beavers virtually had the distinct advantage of no washing up!



In March we made Welsh Rarebit and daffodil book marks for St David's day, and completed our Digital Maker badge. This was a good example of a badge we'd never worked on in normal meetings and how working virtually stretched us to try new things and learn new skills.



Summer term brought us back face to face. Outside, in masks, socially distanced. We had to establish new rules for being together, and re-establish our Beaver routines.

We planted sunflower seeds with both yellow and red flowers as the start of our sunflower growing challenge. We had a night themed around flight, with a competition to see whose paper aeroplane could fly the furthest.



In May we joined in JOTT earning ourselves a Hikes badge, and spent a meeting learning about 'bugs' and how important they are to the world before building a bug hotel for our gardens (sorry parents! J). We had a fun night playing games with bubbles and seeing how large a bubble we could make together as a team.



We also started our Disability Awareness badge and learnt to sign the Beaver Promise. We played games that made us think about what it would be like to have different disabilities. Then we went back on zoom where we met Megan, a young Cub leader who had a serious accident in her teens, that resulted in severe brain damage that affected her vision, hearing, balance and left her susceptible to fits. Megan introduced us to her dogs, particularly Rowley, her trained guide, assistance and medical alert dog, who had given her the ability to lead an independent life.

June and July saw us in Happy Valley bug collecting, pond dipping and enjoying the great outdoors. We spent some time introducing some key scouting skills, such as fire lighting with flint & steel and pioneering. Akela Fir Pack came and ran sessions on the traversing wall for us which we all really enjoyed. We completed an orienteering challenge around Bramhall Park in our lodges.



The Autumn term brought us back to a version of normal. We started the term with a focus on friendship and teamwork as we welcomed new Beavers. We had a fun night themed on Construction as we built indoor dens and got out our large box of Lego.



October brought the highlight of the year with our sleepover at Abney. Fun activities and games on our one night sleepover, run back to back with Kits, with a chaotic daytime overlap with both colonies! Great fun was had by all as we put up tents, took part in archery, made sail boats and dissected owl pellets. We played wide games in the dark and enjoyed a traditional campfire. Scouting at its absolute best!



We continued in October with our International badge, learning about our Beaver equivalents in France and then having a night on Japan run by some of our younger leaders in the Group who were fortunate to be able to visit Japan with the Explorer unit in 2018.



November started with our Halloween party, fun and sweet filled games, only a day late! We made poppies for Remembrance Day and then spent two meetings completing the new Beaver Money Skills activity badge. It is always fun doing a completely new badge and the Beavers enjoyed the challenge of shopping for ingredients to make a meal for their lodge, even if the shop keeper was a bit grumpy! But the best challenge was the saving challenge where the Beavers learnt the concept of forgoing something now to earn a bigger reward in the future with Maltesers and a Curly Wurly!



December saw the Beaver year brought to a close with the traditional Christmas themed activities and our joint Christmas party with Kits.

I always summarise the year in stats to demonstrate the achievements of our young people. We awarded 260 badges in 2021 including a massive 13 Chief Scout Bronze awards, 70 Challenge badges and 162 Activity badges across 19 different badge types. 2021 was definitely an incredible year.

I must end as always by thanking all the team who make Beavers possible. It really is a team effort. 2021 saw a great deal of change within the Leadership team. We sadly said goodbye to Ariel; and our regular parent helpers Nemo and Jill, as their Beavers moved up to Cubs; but we welcomed Silva as Section Assistant, Skater and Keego as Assistant Beaver Leaders and at the start of 2022, Tigger. Thank you all for your support and all the different skills and interests that you bring.

Thank you to our Young Leaders who continue to provide a valuable source of help, Sprinter has supported us for nearly 3 years now and was joined in 2021 by Coffee and Edge.

Thank you to all of our parents who supported the Beavers so well during our zoom sessions and are on standby for those meetings where we need a bit of additional adult help. Thank you to the Exec who work behind the scenes ensuring the sections have whatever they need to deliver our programmes, and particularly to Richard Baker for being our Treasurer and my go to person for everything! And to the other leaders in the Group who help and support us, but especially to Teddy, BSL for Kits who we work so closely with, and Akela Fir Pack who stepped in frequently though the year to bridge leader gaps, thank you all for your continued support.

But the biggest thank you of all goes to the Beavers, their desire to try new things and have fun is what makes this role so enjoyable. I look forward to 2022 building on the successes of 2021 and furthering their sense of adventure and scouting skills whilst making memories together.

Amanda Hudghton – Beaver Scout Leader (BSL): Colts Beavers

Kits Beaver Colony - 2021

2021 started on Zoom with various online craft and cooking events and a virtual visit from the magician Skittleman! We met the wonderful volunteers from The Macclesfield Crisp Packet Charity, who turn empty crisp packets into sleeping bags for the homeless. Kits Beavers rose to the challenge of collecting their empties as part of the Community Impact badge. We initially set ourselves a target of 200 packets but smashed this by going on to collect over 1000 packets which when cleaned, collected and delivered made over 25 sleeping bags!



By April we were meeting face to face albeit outside, and with the weekly 'Leader Sun-dance' to keep the rain at bay, we enjoyed being back with our friends, playing games as a group and focusing on nature by learning about birds, trees, leaves and bees. We went on a nature trail through Benja Fold matching leaves with trees and observing mini beasts. We made bird masks and planted bee friendly shrubs and flowers as part of our gardening badge.



We said goodbye to some of our older Beavers who moved on to Cubs and welcomed some new Beavers in the September term.

The summer came and went and by Autumn term we saw an ease in covid restrictions which allowed us to not only meet inside, but plan a Beaver camp! At one of our favourite venues, Abney Park in Cheadle, Beavers took part in an overnight event where they learned traditional scouting activities including, orienteering, archery, den building, a campfire and hiking. They received their official camp blanket and overnight badge and played wide games at dusk in their head torches.



Our meetings indoors allowed us to celebrate the writings of Roald Dahl and meet the Community fund raisers from St Ann's Hospice, who shared some songs written specially to celebrate the Hospice's 50th year. The Beavers came up with the idea of turning a forthcoming walk into a sponsored event for the Hospice and raised over £300.

As part of the Navigation badge, we learned about maps and took a tour of Bramhall village centre, which included a stop to invest our newest Beavers.

With Remembrance Day events allowed to go ahead, the Beavers learned about the local heroes whose names are displayed on the Cenotaph and they decorated pebbles which were proudly displayed ahead of Remembrance Sunday parade.



We completed the year with a trip to the Cinema to see a preview of the CBBC panto, and enjoyed a joint Christmas party with our friends in Colts Beavers, with pizza and a virtual visit from Santa.



2021 has been a difficult and unpredictable year both from a planning and organisational perspective. However, the resilience of the Beavers, Leaders and wider 1st Bramhall Community has been evident throughout. Rising to the challenge of turning up week after week and having as much fun as possible.

Despite the restrictions, Kits Beavers remain at 21 and we awarded over 100 badges (including 3 Chief Scout Bronze Awards.) We start 2022 with a renewed vigour, 3 new leaders and an exciting programme.

My thanks to the Kits parents (past and present) Pogo, Rikki and Harrier who remain my constant support, and Suds for being my 'WhatsApp' buddy and sounding board.

Teddy

Kate Vincent

Beaver Scout Leader 1st Bramhall Kits Beavers

Fir Cub Pack - 2021

2021 turned out to be an amazing year for Fir Pack Cubs. After COVID lockdowns it turned around for Fir Pack and we got quickly back into scouting with the cubs adjusting really well.

2021 saw our team change. We started with Akela, Sheer Khan, Rocky and Skip and by the end of 2021 we said goodbye to Dan (Sheer Khan) who is taking a break and Owen (Rocky) who is now one of the Scout team. We have said hello and welcome to our new team. So I would like to welcome Chris (Kinder), Mikaela and Adam (Little Beever and Kwasim) and Angela (Baloo). We also have two Explorer helpers in the team: Jacob (Coffee) and Alex (Shaw Shaw)

In March we were in the final stretch of lockdown and we did a Sixer challenge. The sixers had to cook with their group over Zoom and create recipes and send photos in for Skip to judge. It was really good fun for the cubs and Banana bread was the winner



2021 started out with a fun packed camp at home, in which Cubs slept in dens in their homes and then we were allowed our first face-to-face meetings. We did archery and rocket building in Benja Fold field. We did photography as a base and the Cubs and families did a hike around Bramhall. We did a Sunday barbecue at the Bramley Centre and a bike ride for both the bubbles. (For Covid, we split the pack into two bubbles). The weather for that weekend was snow, rain, sleet and some sunshine...proper camping weather!



April was a busy month learning about disability and showing the Cubs that you can paint with your mouth and feet - not just hands. It was great fun making a sandwich with one hand, then finally being blindfolded and guiding each other around a course. We then had a visit to Walthew House in Stockport to complete the final badge requirements;. We learned some sign language and heard from a local gentleman, Kenneth, who talked to the Cubs about life being visually impaired.



July saw the return of some normality. We held the annual bike ride down Middlewood Way and of course ice cream from the local ice cream shop.



In September we were back to camping and our first trip to Ashworth Valley was great. Cubs had a good time and did some lovely activities. We covered climbing, crate stacking and did a blindfold trail in the woods and obviously cooked marshmallows! We made boats and raced them in the river. We even found time to fit in a hike to wear them out. You couldn't go on camp without a campfire and songs.



September was a busy time. We managed to go on our water sports trip to Sale Waterpark, that had been postponed due to Covid. All the cubs jumped in the kayaks and spent a lovely evening having a great time.



In November, Fir Pack were back for an indoor camp in the Bramley Centre to mark Remembrance Day weekend. After our hike from Poynton to Lyme Park it was back to Bramhall for baking, cooking and making a poppy wreath. And then it was the parade and the Cubs were a credit to the Scout Group, and themselves.



In February 2022 we got to go and celebrate Chinese New Year with Rainbow 88 and the lovely Linda and her team. In 2021 we had promised Linda we would not be on Zoom but back in person so we took everyone to celebrate and join in the festivities. We ate and learned so much about Chinese New Year and the Cubs had a lovely evening.



Our pack now has 27 cubs. As you are all aware, we will be asking for help on some evenings so if anyone is able to volunteer it would be gratefully appreciated– thank you. We had an amazing 2021 - here's to a fantastic 2022.

Akela (Caroline Noone)

Pine Cub Pack – 2021



The return of Cubs as normal

2021 was the year that started to feel a bit more normal. We spent the first term almost exclusively online but then spent the whole summer term outdoors and then in the autumn term managed our first camp for two years – happy days.

The cubs were brilliant about getting back to normal activities and meeting up again. Our first real night together was an evening hike over to Poynton. It was probably the noisiest night I can remember – the clear joy of being back together with everyone just bubbled over.



It was so great to have everyone back together – the sign says it all

Here yellow six are showing off some of their T shirts they decorated on camp

Watersports weekend

With the various lockdowns we weren't able to organise a camp in the summer but decided to have a watersports weekend instead and took the cubs kayaking and raft building. We all had an absolute blast, got very wet, had pondweed fights, ate burgers but still managed (mostly) to build a working raft



Some of the rafts worked really well...

...some didn't!

Camp

In the autumn we went up to Linnet Clough for our first camp in two years. I think we all were a little nervous after such a long time but we soon remembered why camping is the best bit about cubs



Breakfast chefs



The climbing tower and the cave bus were highlights of camp this year





A huge thank you to all the parents who came and helped on camp – although a surprising number did seem to fall over and need first aid from the Cubs whilst on our incident journey!



Long evenings on camp - it doesn't get better than this

Other things

As usual, Tuesday evenings revolved around a wide variety of activities. Many were outside and an improbable number seemed to end up at the chip shop – funny how all treasure hunts seem to lead to the same place.

We covered loads of badge work including the scientist, first aid and money badges. Seven of our Cubs were awarded with their Silver Chief Scouts Awards, the highest award a Cub can achieve. Not a bad rate given the challenges they had faced for most of their time in Cubs



JOTT in May was a bit damp but that was not going to stop us getting out

Cycling on the Middlewood way is a perennial favourite



The inevitable chips to end a treasure hunt



Remembrance Parade



Mini egg blondies for Easter – our last lockdown activity

And finally

The pack remains full with around 32 Cubs at any one time. We were really sorry to say goodbye to so many great Cubs who moved up to Scouts but we know they will have a fabulous time in the troop.

We also welcomed loads of new Cubs who have moved up from Beavers and who have settled in really quickly.



Investing new Cubs
by the camp fire and
saying good bye to
others as they go
over the gateway to
Scouts



We were also delighted that at the end of the year we welcomed two new leaders, Martin and Glyn. It's great to have such a great team of leaders and none of the activities we get up to would be possible without them.

This year I did want to say a huge thank you to all the parents however. They have been great at encouraging their youngsters back to Cubs, some of whom were pretty nervous. They have also been crucial, getting involved themselves in the watersports weekend and camp, and helping on Tuesday evenings. We really appreciate this.



Richard Edmondson – Akela

Scout Troop Section Report 2021

The year 2021 will be remembered for how our Scouts bounced back after the pandemic. Throughout 2020 and the start of 2021 the resilience of the Scouts and Leaders to keep scouting going, to not give up, and to actually thrive, is testament to the character of the young people and leaders in 1st Bramhall.

Scouting has traditionally been about getting outside and so, to enthusiastically join in Zoom meetings and create fun challenges week in, week out, showed the adaptability, creativity and commitment of our leaders, young leaders and Scouts.

Over Zoom we had a virtual winter expedition camp. The Scouts did everything they would normally do on our Ennerdale camp: planned hikes, planned the food, cooked, hiked, played games. It wasn't the same as being away together, but the Scouts were incredibly enthusiastic and really enjoyed themselves.

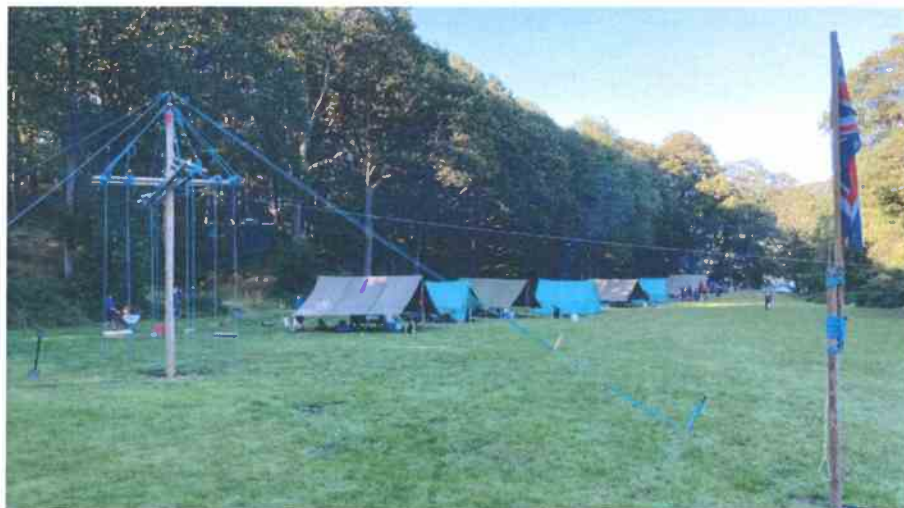
We continued Zooming through February and March and raised £1,485 for The Samaritans by walking 10,000 steps a day, every day in March. Many of our Scouts and leaders completed the challenge.

At the end of March, The Scout Association allowed face-to-face meetings to return, but with some restrictions. Initially we could only have 15 Scouts outside, which created a challenge for us with so many Scouts, but we managed to stagger meetings and soon we were allowed full numbers, indoors and outdoors. We still weren't allowed to camp.

We were not able to have a Summer Camp in 2020. We can take for granted the skills that Scouts pick up on the various camps throughout the year. Our Scouts had missed so much and so we dedicated most of the meetings from April till July to learning camping skills such as fire lighting, cooking on open fires, pitching tents, campsite layout, working as a patrol, axe, knife and saw safety, and much more.

We were planning the 2021 Summer Camp even though the restrictions were still in place, optimistic that they would change in time. The law changed just 3 weeks before camp so we responded by quickly creating a practice overnight camp at Linnet Clough campsite in Mellor. The Scouts were amazing and the Patrol Leaders (PL's) showed incredible leadership, especially as they hadn't done much camping themselves or had experience of leading a patrol.

So after a camping break of around 18 months we finally got to Windermere for our 2021 Summer Camp.



We were so happy to camp again; cook, sail, kayak, pioneer, hike, paddleboard, play games, have camp fires, sing and have fun. We all went Canyoning (like Ghyll Scrambling but downhill):-



The scouts were so hardworking, capable and helpful. Special mention must go to the PL's; Phoebe, Poppy, Aidan, Ollie and Ameen. They took on the Summer Camp with great enthusiasm and maturity. We had many scouts for whom this was their first camp so to lead an inexperienced patrol with little experience of their own was a real challenge. Our Patrol leaders really stepped up and made the camp one of the best Summer Camps ever!







In

September we were back to full on scouting, albeit with masks, social distancing and hand sanitisers. We enjoyed team building, program planning, skills challenges and loads more.

We had an Autumn Walking Weekend in Dufton, Cumbria where the Scouts took on High Cup Nick, the Grand Canyon of the North West.



While 2021 was a challenging year it showed how resilient and enthusiastic our Scouts are and we look forward with great excitement to 2022 with a full program and loads of camping.

We were delighted that the following Scouts achieved the **Chief Scout's Gold Award** in 2021*, the highest award a Scout can achieve.

James Moore
Harry Bickerton
Lucy Vine
Joshua Staley
Josh Betts
James Bradley
Luke Vincent
Hollie Vincent
Jacob McMunn
Nathan Bowman
Alfie Weatherall

*some Scouts achieved the award in late 2020

A Scout Troop of our size takes a huge amount of organisation and a massive thank you must go to all the Leaders and Young Leaders who give their time so enthusiastically.

Scout Leader	Peter Boxall	Whittle
Assistant Scout Leaders	Pauline Wardrop	Flipper
	Geoff Twiss	Coxswain
	Fleur Boxall	Kite
	Matthew Danby	Danby
	Holly Boxall	Paddle
	Chris Bowen	Kinder
	Molly Henshaw	Sprinter
	Nigel Prydderch	Mowgli
	Anna Gill	Tigger
	Sam Rogers	Rudder
	Jessica Watson	
GSL with us most Fridays	Andrew Corrie	Skip
Occasional helper	Bethan Tandy	
Young Leaders	Mae Boxall	
	Jess Lightowler	
	Henry Carolan	
	Josh Garvey	
	Hollie Vincent	
	Josh Betts	
Special Projects Team	Ric Buckley	Rohan
	Richard Baker	Cash
	Paul Rawcliffe	Rama
Treasurer	Ian Castledine	

Peter Boxall – "Whittle" – Scout Troop Section Leader

The XBU Explorer Section - 2021

Our Explorer section had such a different year like everyone else. We tried to have Face to Face meetings whenever we could, whatever the weather, as we felt it was 100% important our Explorer section got together, even if it was under socially distant guidelines. And when we couldn't, we did what we could on Zoom. To be honest, it took a while to get our MOJO on Zoom, especially with 14 to 18 year olds, but we managed to complete a wide range of digital activities, some daft, some creative, some online games, Quizzes, escape rooms, and even online Bingo. Our programme is always targeting communication, leadership, listening skills, negotiation, and practical life skills: all aimed at helping with the Explorers' own development, while maintaining the advised scouting Development Zones of **Beliefs and Attitudes, Community, Fitness, Creative, Global & Outdoor and Adventure**. Since May 2021, we did 100% outdoor activities and made the most of the fresh, but often wet and cool, air. Our Explorers need to be commended on continuing to attend despite some really cold and miserable conditions.

As we progressed through 2021 we started to do some much more traditional stuff. We completed a 29Km challenge hike in 8 hours from Crowden to Hayfield on a glorious June day,



Part of our challenge hike in June

We did an absolutely needed summer camp in Cornwall albeit with some pretty difficult COVID challenges and the most amazing help from 1st Bramhall leaders in helping ensure the camp could go ahead.



Beach BBQ at Chapel Porth, Cornwall

We invested 15 new Explorers in a cave on Chapel Porth beach, Our Cliff top night hike under a full moon was amazing, despite stumbling into a creepy midnight druid ceremony at a disused mine shaft. We managed to do loads of activities including water sports at Newquay and go-carting in blistering heat, as well as sampling as many pasties that we could get away with.



Paddle Boarding on a lovely warm day at Newquay

.My over arching memory was how, when we came into view of our first beach, the bus went quiet and you could hear the gasps from the Explorers at the most amazing views we were seeing.



Our first day on the beach at Porthtowan, Cornwall

We also did an "over 18's" Summer camp in Anglesey for those that missed their last summer camp due to COVID. We did the same type of stuff we always do but with the sensibly managed facility of having the odd pint in a pub.



Evening BBQ & Beach games on the Anglesey summer camp

In October we managed to run a weekend Camp in Sandiway with the overall theme of Campcraft, Games and a navigation-based challenge hike, where we drop the Explorers in the middle of nowhere and make them find our campsite.

In November we also climbed to the summit of Great Gable in the Lakes to be part of the annual Remembrance Day Service. This is such a poignant way to mark the occasion.



Lunch at the top of great Gable

We are proud to be able to provide a significant amount of volunteer help for the other sections, which continues to ensure a positive representation of the Explorer section within all the 1st Bramhall sections, showing Beavers, Cubs and Scouts where their scouting adventure can lead them.

DofE also provides an excellent basis for the programme where there is a heavy mix of "Out and about" activities involving navigation, survival, cooking and communication skills. DofE, without doubt, provides young people with the tools to tackle the challenges of their future lives and because it is led by the individual, it shows high levels of personal commitment which breathes life into any CV. This year, 5 Explorers attained Bronze, and 12 have signed up for Silver going forward.

One last thing is to thank all the leaders and support people at 1st Bramhall, because without their help and support, we would not have been able to run every camp last year. This is because at each camp at least one leader was incapacitated due to COVID. Albeit with a last minute panic, we always managed to ensure the camp could run with the help of someone.

Paul Winterburn – "Pedal" – Explorer Scout Leader

Financial Review

Despite the continuing impact of Coronavirus, the finances of the Group remain sound. We received a £9,669 grant from the local authority to mitigate the impact of the restrictions. The major financial impact was on Hirings income as the Bramley Centre had to close for part of the year. Consequently, Hirings income was £7,500 lower than in 2019, but £2,400 higher than in 2020, as our hirers returned with the lifting of restrictions.

Subscription income in the year fell by £2,300 (9%) as a result of lower numbers of young people. Although the Group numbers in the year fell by an average of 16, 7 of those moved to the Explorer unit, whose subs are not included in the Group figures. This fall in income was partially offset by an increase in Gift Aid income (£1,700) following an exercise to maximise the number of Gift Aid declarations.

The closure of our Headquarters building gave us the opportunity to undertake further refurbishment. Following the previous year's work on the Main Hall Floor, and the redecoration of the Entrance Hall and Accessible Toilet, it was the turn of the Main Hall and Small Hall to be redecorated. Also, the lighting was improved in the Small Hall and Garage. In addition, heavy duty vinyl floor tiles were installed in the Garage to create an additional activity area and a new staircase installed in the Stores. These latter two items were installed by our adult volunteers, on whom we depend so much. Finally, we replaced the Garage Fire Door and undertook various repairs and maintenance activities in the building.

In the year, we continued our programme of investment in Scouting activities by purchasing a variety of equipment. This included 6 stand-up paddle boards, 4 Stormhaven tents, 3 second hand Topper sailing dinghies with trailer, new archery equipment, plus a new canoe trailer for our new canoes which are expected in 2022. New equipment for camping included a gas powered fridge, a replacement gas Burco, a cool box and portable gas stoves. 4 new Altar Fires were designed and built by our Scout Leader.

As we moved out of the Covid restrictions, property expenditure increased to more "normal" levels – cleaning, utilities, rates, etc, and the demands on our minibuses also increased, leading to higher maintenance costs and insurance.

The annual operating deficit was £8,876, mainly as a result of the exceptional expenditure on the Bramley Centre and equipment, without which we would have achieved an operating surplus. Our cash reserves declined in the year by £2,104, but we still maintain a healthy cash position.

Future plans

Although we intend to continue our programme of improving our Bramley Centre headquarters and purchasing equipment to support the Scouting programme, the level of expenditure will not be as high as in recent years. However, we do intend to replace our canoes in 2022 and purchase a replacement minibus. Our finances will also be affected by the substantial increase in utility prices, with our Electricity fixed price agreement ending in 2022. Fortunately, our gas price is fixed until 2024.

2022 will see the Group expanding further with the introduction of a new Squirrels section for 4 to 6 year olds. This will increase our subscription income but will require some establishment expenditure.

The Development sub-committee is likely to reconvene in 2022 to continue the review of our activities and how we propose to deliver our scouting programmes in the future. This review, which

is ongoing, will consider the implications for volunteer numbers, financial resources and how we use the building.

Reserves Policy

The group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income fall short or large amounts of expenditure are required on, for example, repairs and maintenance on the Bramley Centre building or on transport. The Group transfers £3,000 annually from the General Unrestricted Fund into a Transport Reserve Fund in order to finance replacement minibuses. It is intended to replace a minibus every 3-5 years and the plan is to replace one in 2022. The Board of Trustees considers that the current level of reserves is sufficient.

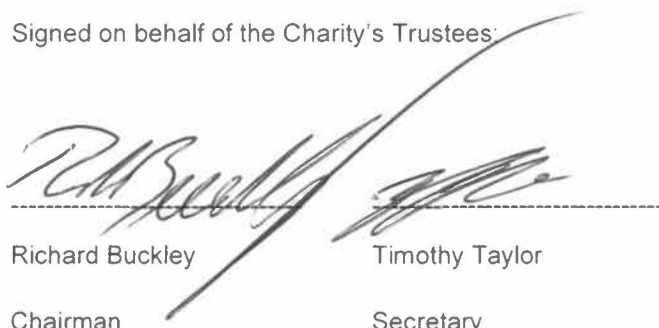
Investment Policy

The Group has adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its liquid funds which are held in cash using a mainstream bank. Longer term investments are split between a low-risk investment – a National Savings Investment Account and an Invesco Managed Fund.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

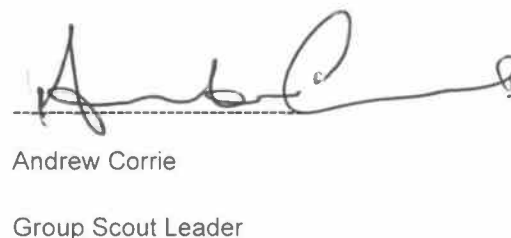

Richard Buckley
Chairman

Timothy Taylor

Secretary

Date: 14/5/22

Date: 14/5/22


Andrew Corrie
Group Scout Leader

Date: 14/5/22

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Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 42 to 50

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have 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.

Gary Wood, FCCA
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May 2022

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Balance Sheet

31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	2	332,841	335,964
Investments	3	80,857	80,850
		<u>413,698</u>	<u>416,814</u>
Current Assets			
Bank and cash (Group)		46,469	48,039
Bank and cash (Sections)		1,989	2,524
Debtors		-	2,807
		<u>48,458</u>	<u>53,370</u>
Current Liabilities			
Other creditors		1,580	198
		<u>1,580</u>	<u>198</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>46,878</u>	<u>53,172</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>460,576</u>	<u>469,986</u>
Funds			
General Unrestricted Fund		336,852	349,262
Revaluation reserve		111,458	111,458
Transport Reserve Fund		12,266	9,266
		<u>460,576</u>	<u>469,986</u>

Approved on behalf of the Group Executive Committee on 14 MAY 2022

 Chair

 Treasurer

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Notes to the Financial Statements

31 December 2021

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of accounting Receipts and Payments

The accounts for both the current and comparative years have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis as permitted under the Charities Act 2011.

Land and buildings

Land and buildings have been revalued by the trustees and are included in the accounts at their valuation, in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

b) Capital expenditure

Fixed assets are shown in the accounts at cost less accumulated depreciation, with the exception of land and buildings, which is shown at the Trustees valuation of £340,000.

The cost of equipment is written off in full during the year of acquisition. For insurance purposes, equipment is valued at £61,321.

c) Depreciation

Provision for depreciation is made at the following rates:

Buildings	0.5 % straight line
Garage	5% straight line
Minibus, trailers and boats	25% on a reducing balance basis

2 Tangible fixed assets

	Land & Building	Garage & toilets	Minibus, trailers & boats	Total
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2021	340,000	29,230	24,734	393,964
Additions	-	-	2,200	2,200
At 31 December 2021	340,000	29,230	26,934	396,164
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2021	32,300	7,410	18,290	58,000
Depreciation for the year	1,700	1,462	2,161	5,323
	34,000	8,872	20,451	63,323
Net Book value 2021	306,000	20,358	6,483	332,841
Net Book value 2020	307,700	21,820	6,444	335,964

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Notes to the Financial Statements

31 December 2021

3 Investments	2021 £	2020 £
National Savings Investment Account	61,699	61,692
Invesco Managed Growth	19,158	19,158
	<u>80,857</u>	<u>80,850</u>

The market value of the Invesco Managed Growth Fund at 31 December 2021 was £24,696 (2020 £21,583).

4 Funds

The Group Executive approved a transfer of of £3,000 from the General Unrestricted Fund to a general designated fund, the Transport Reserve Fund. This fund has been set up to provide for future vehicle replacement costs.

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Beaver Colony Statement of Financial Activities

31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Subscriptions from group	1,058	569
Pantomime	332	-
Camps	750	-
Sundry income	25	-
	<u>2,165</u>	<u>569</u>
Resources expended		
Activities	603	529
Uniforms	11	-
Badges/trophies	163	-
Camps	528	40
Equipment and consumables	25	-
Pantomime	515	405
	<u>1,845</u>	<u>974</u>
Net incoming (outgoing) resources	320	(405)
Bank and cash balance at 1 January 2021	2	407
Bank and cash balance at 31 December 2021	<u>322</u>	<u>2</u>

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Pine Cub Pack Statement of Financial Activities

31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Camps	1,015	570
Subscriptions from group	500	500
	<u>1,515</u>	<u>1,070</u>
Resources expended		
Activities	221	189
Badges and trophies	144	35
Camps	1,448	224
Equipment and consumables	-	59
	<u>1,813</u>	<u>507</u>
Net (outgoing) incoming resources	(298)	563
Bank and cash balance at 1 January 2021	862	299
Bank and cash balance at 31 December 2021	<u>564</u>	<u>862</u>

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Fir Cub Pack Statement of Financial Activities

31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Camps	350	271
Activities	120	-
Subscriptions from group	1,530	727
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>998</u>
Resources expended		
Activities	1,584	556
Camps	456	554
	<u>2,040</u>	<u>1,110</u>
Net outgoing resources	(40)	(112)
Bank and cash balance at 1 January 2021	94	206
Bank and cash balance at 31 December 2021	<u>54</u>	<u>94</u>

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Scout Troop Statement of Financial Activities

31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Camps	8,548	2,165
Subscriptions from group	(112)	-
	<u>8,436</u>	<u>2,165</u>
 Resources expended		
Activities	1,188	-
Camps	7,572	1,799
Equipment and consumables	57	31
Uniforms	39	-
Bank charges	96	60
	<u>8,952</u>	<u>1,890</u>
 Net (outgoing) incoming resources	(516)	275
 Bank and cash balance at 1 January 2021	1,565	1,290
 Bank and cash balance at 31 December 2021	<u>1,049</u>	<u>1,565</u>

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Group Statement of Financial Activities

31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Gift Aid	6,551	4,843
Letting income	10,481	8,023
Other income	3,379	1,854
Subscriptions	22,626	24,949
Covid-19 grant	9,669	10,000
	<u>52,706</u>	<u>49,669</u>
Investment income and interest		
Bank deposit interest	11	44
Invesco Perpetual income	-	905
Interest receivable	-	393
Surplus on Sale of Invesco	-	13,198
	<u>11</u>	<u>14,540</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>52,717</u>	<u>64,209</u>
Resources expended		
Property costs		
Building maintenance	14,342	7,384
Cleaning	5,294	3,578
Electricity	1,526	1,378
Gas	630	550
General rates	214	123
Internet and telephone	281	325
Water rates	249	246
	<u>22,536</u>	<u>13,584</u>
Group Scout costs		
Camp	195	70
Capitation fee	6,280	7,263
Group Scout Activities	133	-
OSM costs	111	111
Other expenses	296	33
Payments to sections	2,976	1,795
Training	540	50
Uniform and badges	1,922	215
	<u>12,453</u>	<u>9,537</u>

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Group Statement of Financial Activities

31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other resources expended		
Examiner's fee	120	120
Bank charges	193	120
Depreciation	5,322	5,309
Equipment	7,110	323
Insurance	6,154	4,827
Other expenses	292	253
Postage	-	8
Printing, stationery and sundry	41	1
Vehicle and transport costs	7,372	2,876
	<u>26,604</u>	<u>13,837</u>
Total resources expended	<u>61,593</u>	<u>36,958</u>
Net (outgoing) incoming resources	(8,876)	27,251
Funds at 1 January 2021	356,005	328,754
Funds at 31 December 2021	<u>347,129</u>	<u>356,005</u>