

1st Catisfield Scout Group

Period of Report

For the year 1st February 2021 to 31st January 2022

Presented at the virtual Annual General Meeting on 29th May 2022

Registered Charity Number: 1036211



1st Catisfield Scout Group

Name of Charity	1st Catisfield Scout Group
Principal / Contact Address	134 Blackbrook Road, Fareham, PO15 5BY

Names of all trustees (all voting members of the committee)

Andrew Prescott (AP), Chair | **Becci Hatt (BH)**, Treasurer | **Dave Braines (DB)**, Secretary | **Lesley Bruton (LB)**, Group Scout Leader | **Jess Sansom (JS)**, Leader – Squirrels | **Angela Kerfoot (AK)**, Leader – Mountain Beavers | **Sabine Braines (SB)**, Leader – Discovery Scouts | **Melissa Chorlton (MC)**, Leader – Merlin Explorers | **Will Chorlton (WC)**, Representative | **Liz Brugsch (LB)**, Representative | **Derek Kelson (DK)**, Representative | **Daren Emmons (DE)**, Representative | **Lisa Blair (LB)**, Representative

Governance

All decisions that are either material to the group or relate to any form of financial approval are approved via the Executive Committee that is formed by the above Trustees.

The Executive Committee meets every two months (or more regularly as required for key decisions) and has a standing agenda that includes Financial Statement from the Treasurer, and update on group sections from the Group Scout Leader.

All meetings have a formal agenda with Actions and Decisions, along with key discussion points documented. This includes all voting decisions.

The Group executes activities as defined in the Scout Association Policy Organisation and Rules (POR) as available on the Scout Association website and updated as required.

Trustee training is available from the Scout Association.

Sections

Squirrels - Monday Evening

Mountain Beaver Colony – Wednesday Evening

Python Cub Pack – Thursday Evening

Discovery Scout Troop – Wednesday Evening

Merlin Explorer Unit - Thursday Evening

Chair's Update

Another challenging but successful year for the group. It's really fantastic to see the group grow to over 120 young people, and open a new section for 4-6 year olds (Squirrels). It's great to see the HQ busy every week with these sections back regularly face to face, after so long with disruption.

The focus for the exec team has been on continuing to support the group, and this period has seen the new disabled ramp and defibrillator installed, and substantial funding for new camping equipment for a number of sections (including new tents that had their first outing at Cub camp!). Subs, combined with the rental of the HQ across the week really helps to ensure we can continue that support.

As a growing group, we are still in need of more adult volunteers, so if you can spare even a small amount of time, then there is undoubtedly something you can contribute to help the group - just chat to any of the section leaders, myself or Lesley.

Finally I would like to thank the leaders and assistants across all sections - their efforts are vital in making the group the success it is.

Andrew Prescott, Chair

Group Scout Leader's Update

The last year has seen the welcome return of proper face to face Scouting.

Member numbers are back up and all sections are running at full capacity which is great to see.

November saw the opening of our first ever Squirrels Drey 'Blackbrook Squirrels' and we were delighted to welcome the new Squirrels leaders Jess, Rosie, Sarah, Julie, Gemma and Young Leaders Jayne & Chloe. They are doing a great job.

The 4 – 6 year olds are embracing Scouting and very smart they look in their bright red jumpers!

One of our longest standing leaders Clive Searle retired this spring at the venerable age of 82 years – he'd notched up over 40 years of sterling service and he will be much missed by those of us who know him.

The Explorers have been away camping a couple of times and Melissa Chorlton gained her Nights Away Permit – the Explorers Unit is proving very successful with member numbers continuing to grow.

Rachel Butcher, assistant Explorer leader has now stepped down and we wish her well and are grateful for her service.

Discovery Scouts are doing well and some of them are off to the New Forest next weekend on an Expedition Camp which will help them gain their Chief Scout Gold award.

Pythons Cubs have just had their first camp in 2 years.

We were at 'Cricket Camp' at Hamble River Country Park and had a splendid time. 29 Cubs attended and on the second day we had 14 Beavers come along and join us. We had the entire site to ourselves which was a treat.

All the children did really well, especially as it was the first night under canvas for the majority of them.

District Camp at Lyons Copse is coming up over the Jubilee long bank holiday weekend and we have already got lots of Young People signed up to attend.

This year the theme is Star Wars and all the Sections will be dressing up, always good fun.

We are really pleased to say that the disabled ramp at the hut is just being finished and the defibrillator has just been fitted to the outside of the gates.

The defib is available to the general public as well as anyone using the hut and we thank Fareham Council for funding towards both the ramp and the defib.

I'd like to finish this report by thanking the Young People for their enthusiasm, it makes it all worthwhile. Thank you to all the Parents / Guardians for your support and a massive thank you to the leadership team as without you all there would be no 1st Cat Scout Group.

Lesley Bruton, Group Scout Leader

Approval

The Trustees (Committee) declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed by two trustees on behalf of the Committee

The committee considered and approved this report on 29th May 2022.

Signature	Printed name	Role / Designation	Date of Signature
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1ST CATISFIELD SCOUT GROUP

Treasurer's Report for Year Ending 31st January 2022

Financial Year 1st February 2021 – 31st January 2022

Note the accounts are prepared on receipts and payments basis and not on accruals basis

Full account detail is within 1st Catisfield FreeAgent Reporting.

INCOME STATEMENT

Income for the year was £40,985. The income detail as summarised below:

Category	Value (£)
Subscriptions	12,893
Clothing Purchase	530
Donation	2,153
Camps & Activities	1,067
Gift Aid	2,773
HQ Rental	5,535
Jumble Sale Proceeds	20
Fundraising	64
Grant Income	15,943
Interest Received	7
TOTAL	40,985

MAIN COSTS

Gross Expenditure for the Year is £18,144 for the Receipts and Payments Account as presented for the year end submission. The expenditure is summarised below:

Category	Value (£)
Water Supply Costs	489
HQ Maintenance	2,506
Badge Costs	794
Clothing Purchases	1,439
Sundries	53
Bank/Finance Charges	30
Insurance	707
Energy Costs	1,234

HQ Refurbishment	1,950
Camps & Activities Costs	1,148
Leaders Expenses	1,248
Equipment Purchase	1,956
Capitation	4,590
TOTAL	18,144

PROFIT/LOSS

The profit for the current year is £22,841 (Income less Expenditure).

BALANCE SHEET

Shows Assets of £35,594 which is made up of:

Category	Value (£)
Current Account	35,594
Accounts Receivable (inc Invoices not paid)	0
Accounts Payable (inc Camp & Event Funds held)	0
TOTAL	35,594

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Catisfield Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Catisfield Scout Group for the year ended 31st January 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no material concerns and have come across no other significant matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Betteridge'.

Paul Betteridge FCA LLB
3th May 2022