

IST HEXHAM SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1050271

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1995-10-30

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, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL,NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES.

Activities: To deliver Scouting in the Hexham area.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£82,385	£93,656	-	-
2024-03-31	£60,716	£65,625	-	-
2023-03-31	£65,625	£86,215	-	-
2022-03-31	£49,873	£36,676	-	-
2021-03-31	£32,651	£17,902	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CHRIS PAYNE	Chair	2016-07-01
Adam Alexander Davidson		2024-07-08
Bradley Stead		2023-07-11
DAVID HEFFERIN		
David Newman		2016-05-18
Stuart Ford		2020-05-15

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Accounts

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Hexham Scout Group for the year ended 31/03/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Hexham Scout Group 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 1st Hexham Scout Group 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 1st Hexham Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other 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.

Signed:



Name: IAN JEFFERSON

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): A.C.A. (ICAEW)

Address: 5 Backhouse Lane, Woolley, Wakefield, WF4 2LB

Date: 23/04/2025

1st Hexham Scout Group (Charity no. 1050271)

Receipts and payments account

Year start date		Year end date	
For the year from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025

Receipts and payments

	2024/25	2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership Fees	12,093	12,563
Donation	1,275	362
Gift Aid	2,293	5,410
Other similar income	500	-
Sub total	16,161	18,334
Grants		
Grants	4,750	4,785
Sub total	4,750	4,785
Fundraising events (gross)		
Fundraising	1,103	996
Sub total	1,103	996
Lookwide Centre Income		
Hire of building	12,786	11,935
Hire of equipment	-	55
Other Scout hut income	-	-
Sub total	12,786	11,989
Uniformed Income		
Uniform, Badges	-	537
Camps & events	47,373	23,939
Sub total	47,373	24,476
Investment income		
Bank interest	213	135
Sub total	213	135
Total Gross Income	82,385	60,716
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	82,385	60,716

1st Hexham Scout Group (Charity no. 1050271)

Receipts and payments account

For the year from		01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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Receipts and payments

	2024/25	2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	7,195	6,376
Youth Programme and activities	1,303	447
Adult Support & Training	1,895	60
Water, Sewerage, electricity, gas, Broadband	3,994	4,110
Insurance	1,022	994
Repairs and Renewals	3,661	2,973
Material and Equipment	2,674	1,776
Admin	594	584
Events & Activities	57,554	15,217
Uniforms	672	392
Minibus	2,238	1,594
Badges	402	1,580
Projects	10,307	5,656
Sub total	93,510	41,757
Fundraising expenses		
Fundraising events costs	146	297
Sub total	146	297
Total Gross Expenditure	93,656	42,054
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	93,656	42,054
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 11,271	18,662
Cash funds last year end	35,132	16,470
Cash funds this year end	23,861	35,132

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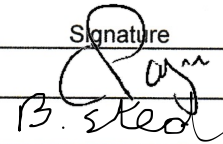
Receipts and payments account

For the year from	Year start date 01/04/2024	To	Year end date 31/03/2025
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Group Current Account	4,625	11,238
Group Deposit Account	18,837	11,576
Troop Current Account	-	11,689
Explorer Current Account	294	357
Expenses Card Account	104	272
Total cash funds	23,861	35,132
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	ok	ok
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	100	300
Land and buildings	417,643	335,097
Motor vehicles	5,000	6,500
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	67,340	35,000
Sub total	490,083	376,897
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total net assets	513,944	412,029

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

 B. Stead

Print Name
 Chris Payne Chair
 Bradley Stead Treasurer

1st Hexham Scout Group

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) **01 April 2023** to (end date) **31 March 2024**

Section A	Reference and administration details
Charity Name	1st Hexham Scout Group
Registered charity number	1050271
HQ registration number	10010811
Charity's principal address	Lookwide Centre Maidens Walk Hexham Northumberland NE46 1DP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Stuart Ford	Group Lead Volunteer	
Chris Payne	Chair	
Bradley Stead	Treasurer	
Kim Metcalfe	Secretary	
David Newman		
David Hefferin		
Adam Davidson		

Section B Structure, Governance and Management

Type of 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 of The Scout Association. The Group has a constitution based on the Model Constitution provided by the Scout Association in its Policy, Organisation, and Rules.
How the charity is constituted	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
Additional governance issues	The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, 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 Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 4 Trustees (including 1 Ex Officio Trustees) and meets every 2 months. Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board. This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.
Risk and Internal Control	The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are: Damage to the building, property, and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property, and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the churches, community centres and other Scout Groups. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss. Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters, and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. Reduced income from building rent. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and building rent. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, 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 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.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as 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.

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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

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- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The Scout Group provides fun and adventurous programmes and activities through the work of its volunteer section teams for its youth members. This is achieved through provision of the weekly programme and additional activities, camps and expeditions at weekends. The programme is based around each sections challenge awards which utilise the Scout Method to deliver its purpose following its values. This can be evidenced through our youth members achieving their top awards – Chief Scouts Bronze Award (Beavers), Chief Scouts Silver Award (Cubs), Chief Scouts Gold Award (Scouts), and Chief Scouts Platinum, Diamond, DofE Awards as the Kings Scout Award (Explorers)

Additional details of the objectives and activities

The Trustee Board will consider any requests from youth members for grant towards membership costs due to financial difficulties or for representation of the group at international scouting experience (World Jamboree or World Scout Moot). The Group recognises and is continually grateful for the contributions made by its volunteer teams and the trustee board for their work to ensure Scouting can be delivered to its youth members and the continued viability of the group.

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We welcomed 24 new members (13 Beaver Scouts, 5 Cubs, and 6 Scouts) during the year.

1 Beaver Scout achieved the Bronze Chief Scouts Awards

3 Explorer Scouts earned the Bronze DofE Award and 1 Explorer the Silver DofE Award.

7 Beavers earned their Bronze District Cairn Award, 3 Scouts and 1 Explorer Scout earned the Gold District Cairn Award.

The Beaver Section won the inaugural District Annual Ten Pin Bowling competition

The Troop won the annual District .177 Air Rifle Shooting competition.

The Beavers took part in the County Beaver Fun day and a District Camp at Dukeshouse.

The Cub section has been taken over by a new leadership team who have been running a varied and interesting programme in their first term.

The Troop took part in an adventurous and interesting District Camp to Adelboden in Switzerland taking part in rafting, hiking, tobogganing, and cultural tours.

Section E Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

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 Group Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £10,000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £18,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this is because the reserves include monies set aside for minibus replacement.

Section F Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

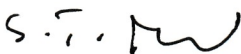
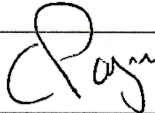
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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures

	
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Full Names

Stuart Ford	Chris Payne
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Position

Group Lead Volunteer	Chair
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Date

16 April 2025

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Section D

Achievements and performance

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Section E

Financial Review

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Other Optional Information

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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures	S. T. Ford Chris Payne
Full Names	Stuart Ford Chris Payne
Position	Group Lead Volunteer Chair
Date	8 July 2024

1st Hexham Scout Group (Charity no. 1050271)

Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024

Receipts and payments

	2023/24	2022/23
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	12,563	10,425
Donations	362	1,486
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	5,410	-
Other similar income	-	-
Sub total	18,334	11,912
Grants		
Maintenence grant	-	13,289
Other grants	4,785	2,011
Sub total	4,785	15,300
Fundraising events (gross)		
Fundraising	996	785
Sub total	996	785
Scout hut income		
Hire of building	11,935	10,450
Hire of equipment	55	44
Other Scout hut income	-	-
Sub total	11,989	10,494
Uniformed Income		
Uniform, Badges	537	-
Camps & Events	23,939	27,105
Sub total	24,476	27,105
Investment income		
Bank interest	135	29
Sub total	135	29
Total Gross Income	60,716	65,625
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	60,716	65,625

1st Hexham Scout Group (Charity no. if applicable)

Receipts and payments account

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Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	6,376	5,546
Youth programme and activities	447	338
Adult support and training	60	225
Rent	-	-
Water, Sewerage, Electricity, Gas, Broadband	4,110	3,821
Insurance	994	928
Repairs and Renewals	2,973	2,637
Materials and equipment	1,776	2,244
Admin	584	392
Events & Activities	15,217	38,232
Uniforms	392	-
AGM and trustee expenses	-	-
Minibus	1,594	2,146
Badges	1,580	927
Projects	5,656	28,675
Sub total	41,757	86,111
Fundraising expenses		
Fundraising events costs	297	101
Sub total	297	101
Total Gross Expenditure	42,054	86,212
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	42,054	86,212
Net of receipts/(payments)	18,662	- 20,587
Cash funds last year end	16,125	36,716
Cash funds this year end	34,787	16,128

1st Hexham Scout Group (Charity no. if applicable)

Receipts and payments account

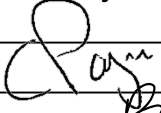
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Cash funds		
Group Current Account	11,231	5,168
Group Deposit Account	11,689	9,950
Troop Current Account	11,238	558
Explorer Current Account	357	67
Expenses Card Account	272	386
Total cash funds	34,787	16,128
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Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	300	200
Land and buildings	335,097	335,097
Motor vehicles	6,500	6,500
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	35,000	35,000
Sub total	376,897	376,797
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total net assets	411,684	392,925

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 30th April 2024 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature




Print Name

C Payne Chair
 B Stead Treasurer

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Fundraising events (gross)		
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Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
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Admin	584	392
Events & Activities	15,217	38,232
Uniforms	392	-
AGM and trustee expenses	-	-
Minibus	1,594	2,146
Badges	1,580	927
Projects	5,656	28,675
Sub total	41,757	86,111
Fundraising expenses		
Fundraising events costs	297	101
Sub total	297	101
Total Gross Expenditure	42,054	86,212
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	42,054	86,212
Net of receipts/(payments)	18,662	- 20,587
Cash funds last year end	16,125	36,716
Cash funds this year end	34,787	16,128

1st Hexham Scout Group (Charity no. if applicable)

Receipts and payments account

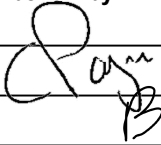
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For the year from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Group Current Account	11,231	5,168
Group Deposit Account	11,689	9,950
Troop Current Account	11,238	558
Explorer Current Account	357	67
Expenses Card Account	272	386
Total cash funds	34,787	16,128
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	ok	ok
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	300	200
Land and buildings	335,097	335,097
Motor vehicles	6,500	6,500
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	35,000	35,000
Sub total	376,897	376,797
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total net assets	411,684	392,925

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 30th April 2024 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature


B. Stead

Print Name

C Payne Chair

B Stead Treasurer

IST HEXHAM SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1050271

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Hexham Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1 0 5 0 2 7 1

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

Lookwide Centre

Maidens Walk

Hexham

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Chris Payne	Chair	
2	Emma Howitson-Morley	Treasurer	
3	Anna Vellinga-Oakes	Secretary	
4	Stuart Ford	Group Scout Leader	
5	David Hefferin	Committee Member	
6	David Newman	Committee Member	
7	Lee Chambers	Committee Member	
8	Wayne Allan	Committee Member	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B	Structure, governance and management
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Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's governing documents are those of the 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.

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group/District/Area/County (delete as appropriate) is a trust established under the rules of th Scout Association which are common to all Scouts and various amendments relating to the governance and management of the Lookwide Centre. The Constitution is available as a stand alone document.

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

Policies and procedures adopted for:

- a) the induction and training of trustees;
- b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, 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, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility), 2 GSL nominated members, and parent's representation and meets every 2 months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- 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 Advisors other than those who are elected.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1) The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are: Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as District Executive- Dilston Scout Hut, churches, community centre and other Scout Groups. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss. Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. Reduced income from building rent. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and building rent. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, 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 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. Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as 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. Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 2) The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	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.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	We aim to give all young people in Hexham and surrounding areas the opportunity to take part in Scouting and learn our values through weekly programme, weekend activities and residential events including camps abroad.
Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)	
You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about: • policy on grantmaking; • contribution made by volunteers; • policy on investments.	The Trustee Board will consider hardship grants for costs of membership and activities and can advise on options available. Our objectives and activities are only possible through the hard work and dedication of our Trustee Board and Section Volunteers, this contribution cannot be underestimated, without it the group would not be able to exist. We have investments in a savings account to cover loss of income and to put towards replacement of the Group Minibus which is a vital item for the group.
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.

Section D	Achievements and performance
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Group had a very succesful camp in the Lech Valley in Austria in August 2022. The Scouts and Explorers attending got to take part in White Water rafting, 2 Mountain Coasters, Cable Car, High Ropes, Water Park, Swimming Pools as well as helping out in the kitchen with the cooking and chores (a most valuable experience!).

Our Partner Explorer Scout Unit presented a Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and has currently got one group working on Bronze, One working on Silver and will look to start others on Bronze, Silver and Gold after the summer holidays.

We have seen a number of Top Awards gained across the sections.

We have been succesful in grants applications, saw the Kitchen refurbishment completed and works begin on making a safe space at the rear of the Lookwide Centre for all members and have recently completed our new Campfire Circle area "Heff's Hangout".

Section E	Financial Review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	Reserves Policy 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 Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £10,000. The Group held reserves of approximately £X against this at year end. This is above the level/below required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by
Quantify and explain any designations	
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	
Further financial review details (optional information)	
You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about: - the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); - how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; - investment policy and objectives;	Investment Policy (Specimen 1) The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence 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 to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service. The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements. Investment Policy (Specimen 2) The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.
Section F	Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

We are currently planning for a trip abroad in 2024 and are looking to complete the work behind the Lookwide Centre in the coming months. We have been getting ideas from across the sections how we can make the space better for nature.

We are continually looking for new volunteers to help us provide activities for our youth members as well as to help out around the centre with maintenance etc. Anyone interested should speak to any of the Trustees or Section Volunteers.

Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
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Full name(s)	Christopher Payne	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Chair	
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Date	1	1	0	7	2	3
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	2022-2023	2021-2022
Income		
Activity Equipment	44.00	36.93
Bank Interest	29.34	2.50
Donation	1,486.33	2,910.00
Events	710.65	0.00
Events - Beavers	0.00	276.46
Events - Explorers	679.56	0.00
Events - Scouts	25,714.85	9,966.31
Fundraising	784.63	743.29
Gift Aid	0.00	237.62
Grants	2,011.00	17,460.00
Membership Fees	10,425.40	9,891.96
Projects	13,288.87	1,000.00
Rent	10,450.00	6,775.00
Training	0.00	573.07
Total Income	65,624.63	49,873.14
Expense		
Activity Equipment	1,030.29	1,432.90
Admin	391.72	304.78
Badges	926.87	778.13
Bank Fees	2.97	0.00
Camping Equipment	1,213.29	0.00
Events	546.98	0.00
Events - Explorers	463.88	0.00
Events - Scouts	37,221.60	2,549.35
Fundraising	100.83	0.00
Grants	1,962.70	0.00
Insurance	927.88	803.81
Meetings - Beavers	53.87	154.25
Meetings - Cubs	0.00	63.45
Meetings - Explorers	63.75	0.00
Meetings - Scouts	220.76	521.61
Membership Costs	5,545.72	4,659.50
Minibus	2,146.27	1,407.01
Projects	26,712.65	18,086.67
Training	225.00	1,740.77
Uniform	0.00	133.96
Utilities	3,821.00	2,098.35
Venue Maintenance	2,637.03	1,941.87
Total Expenditure	86,215.06	36,676.41
Account balances		
Troop Current Account	558.17	8,068.04
Group Current Account	5,164.63	11,437.92
Group Savings Account	9,949.69	17,209.61
Expense Account	385.71	0.00

Lookwide Explorers	66.94	0.00
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Summary

Account balance brought forward	36,715.57	23,518.84
Total income	65,624.63	49,873.14
Total expenditure	86,215.06	36,676.41
Net income	-20,590.43	13,196.73
Account balance carried forward	16,125.14	36,715.57

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Hexham Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Hexham Scout Group 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 1st Hexham Scout Group 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 1st Hexham Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other 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.

Signed:



Name:

MARK MUDDLING

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

CIMA QUALIFIED, LECTURER
IN ACCOUNTING.

Address:

2 SUMMERS PARK, HEXHAM, NE46 3BJ

Date:

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Scouts

1st Hexham



Lookwide Centre

Maidens walk

Hexham

2022 Annual and Special General Meeting and BBQ

At

Lookwide

20th May 2022 6.30pm

1st Hexham Scout Group, Lookwide Centre, Maidens Walk, Hexham

Notice of Scout Group Annual General Meeting 20th May 2022 at 6.30pm at Lookwide.

Agenda

The Scout Group holds an AGM every year, to report the activities of the past year and plans for the future. We also formally report the finances and membership of the Group and reports are presented by each Section. You are very welcome and are encouraged to come to hear how the group is being managed. We also welcome questions if you wish, and to raise subjects of interest to you. You may wish to help group activities or be on the Committee of volunteers, in which case we would be happy to discuss this too. **There will also be BBQ at Jacks Shelter and decking behind the Centre.**

The Agenda is:

- Welcome and apologies.
- Chairmans/Group Scout Leader Introduction: Stuart Ford
- Minutes of last AGM (draft Minutes attached for approval)
- Treasurers Report: Emma Hewitson-Morley
- Section brief reports;
 - Group Scout Leader report:
 - Scout Leaders report:
 - Group Cub Leader report:
 - Group Beavers Leader report:
- Election of Officers and Committee for 2022/2023
- Approval of updated Constitution (copy attached): Tim Elliott

We have a current Constitution (adopted in 2000) which has now been updated to bring it into line with the current Scout Association model constitution whilst retaining the essential contents of the previous adopted one.
- Any Other Business.

Please let us know if there are any items you would like discussed or raised, beforehand. Copies of last years Minutes and the Updated Constitution 2022 will be available at the meeting and are attached in this pack. Nominations for Officers (Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary) must be made in writing (email acceptable) to the Secretary giving not less than 7 days notice.

HEXHAM SCOUT GROUP AGM 2021

Via Teams

20th May 2021 6.30pm

Present: Andrew Corder Ken Kerr Stuart Ford
 Tim Elliott David Hefferin Chris Payne
 David Newman Wayne Allen Christoph Atkins
 Lee Chambers

Apologies: Adam Murphy

Item No.	Subject	Action
1.	Minutes of Last Meeting (2020) and Matters Arising	
	• The minutes of the 15th May 2020 meeting had been prior-circulated and were approved by those present. • Matters arising- All items to be covered in the remaining Agenda items. • An AGM pack comprising Agenda (including nominations for the proposed Officers and Executive Committee; Minutes of the 2020 meeting; Financial Report; GSL Report; Scout Report; Cubs Report and Beavers Report were made available prior to and at the meeting.	Minutes agreed.
2.	Chairmans Address. Andrew Corder.	
	A further year had passed with disruption to Scouting at Hexham as a result of Covid and Sections were only recently getting back to face - to face meetings and activities. AC expressed his thanks to Leaders, Helpers, Parents and Committee members for all their support and voluntary help in this difficult time. With the numbers on waiting lists (in effect Sections oversubscribed) additional help from parents and potential Leaders would be welcomed-	

	there was potential for expansion of the numbers of sections able to meet and carry out activities if the additional help is available.	
3.	Treasurer's Report: Ken Kerr	
	Ken presented his Financial Report (previously circulated). Financial Report for the year ended 31st March 2021: <u>RECEIPTS</u> • During unprecedented circumstances membership numbers reduced from 88 to 78, with the Group's make-up closing at 24 Beavers, 17 Cubs and 37 Scouts • This, and Lockdown restrictions prompting the Executive Committee to suspend Subscriptions for much of the year, has seen core revenue tumble from £ 9,386 to just £ 1,339 • Offsetting this in part has been the increase in rental income, £ 3,325 up from £ 2,080, where careful adaptation of our premises has been welcomed in particular by WECAN and Cygnet Healthcare • Most significant, however, has been the support from Government where Northumberland County Council granted the Group £ 23,303 in total (2020: Nil) • £ 1,000 of this related to Sports Equipment and another £ 1,000 was paid via the Community Chest, however the bulk was received in tranches in response to invited applications for help under Covid 19 'Business Interruption' and 'Local Restrictions Support'. As detailed below, some of the funds have been spent wisely and a sizeable proportion retained in our Savings a/c • Donations have increased from last year's £ 1,679 to £ 2,556 where we are especially grateful to Links Housing, Hexham Rotary and the Henry Bell Trust, together with sundry others. Tynedale Lions and Round Table regretted being unable to contribute but this was due to cancellation of their own event programmes • During the second half of the year we signed up to the Northumberland Lottery, raising £ 286 with annual potential for up to £ 832 from current Supporters • Finally, linked to 2019/20 Subscriptions, HMRC Gift Aid generated £ 1,644 (the claim for 2020/21 will be heavily impaired by the commensurate reduction in income) <u>PAYMENTS</u> • Membership Fees at £ 3,646 have benefitted from District waiving their share because of Covid	

	- HQ-related expenses have increased from £ 4,403 to £ 6,317 with opportunity taken during Lockdown to improve and upgrade lighting and alarm systems - Minibus insurance fell from £ 835 to £ 370, Fire & Theft only because the vehicle has been laid up (we also received £ 110 by way of Road Tax refund), whilst nothing has been needed under maintenance - Group Expenses (Badges etc. and Camping & Activities) significantly reduced at £ 629, down from £ 3,746 again because of circumstances - Under Capital Projects, work has started to construct additional Decking platforms adjacent to Jack's Shelter, whilst catering facilities (pizza and tandoor ovens) have been installed alongside – to date £ 5,574 has been spent (£ 1,000 via NCC Community Chest fund) with c. £ 3,100 due upon completion - Finally new archery equipment has been purchased, almost fully funded by above Sports Equipment grant <u>STATEMENT OF CASH FUNDS HELD</u> - Our Savings Account comprises contingency funds covering Property Maintenance £ 1,002, Minibus £ 5,796 and Capital Projects – Decking £ 544, with £ 14,659 retained separately under NCC Grants - All of this together with the Current a/c's £ 765, means Year End Cash stands at a healthy £ 22,767 The circulated and posted accounts for FY end 31-3-20 were duly approved unanimously.	Approved
4.	GSL Report Stuart Ford ASL (Provisional GSL awaiting District confirmation)	
	2020/21 had been a challenging year due to the effects and disruption and restrictions as a result of Covid. - However, Sections had risen to the challenge and virtual and some outdoor meetings had been possible, with some indoor meetings now possible. - Lee Chambers was welcomed as new ASL. - Dave Hawkins had stepped down (but had offered to continue on the Committee)- thanks were expressed for his long and dedicated service to Hexham Scouts. - Malcolm Coulthard had stepped down and Matt Shaw and Christophe Atkins had taken his place; Wayne Allen, Niels Van Der Brant and Amy Turner continued their involvement. - Adam Murphy (GSL) had stepped down in April and thanks was expressed for his input, and thanks also to helpers and for Committee support.	All Noted
5.	Scouts: Stuart Ford (ASL)	

	- Virtual meetings had continued over most of the past year with 21 taking part in camp at Home. The work day had also been very successful, as well as pizza making etc events. - The Chief Scouts Award had been made to Elliott Ford. - Stuart thanked all who had helped and participated over the last year.	All Noted												
6.	Cubs: Christoph Atkins													
	- Cubs had shutdown during lockdown. - At home activities has re-started with participation with Virgin Galactic and Astronomer badge activities.	All Noted												
7.	Beavers: Wayne Allen.													
	- Zoom meetings had continued successfully with badges being completed with home activities (including Virgin galactic). - A parent helper had become a potential leader; if this progresses there will potentially be 4 leaders which is excellent.	Being actioned												
8.	Elections													
	It was proposed that the existing Committee would be re-elected en-bloc, and all had confirmed that they were willing to stand. Proposed TE seconded DN. Approved by unanimous vote from those attending. The Officers duly elected to the Committee are as below. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th><th>Proposed</th><th>Seconded</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Chairman – Andrew Corder</td><td>Dave Newman</td><td>Dave Hefferin</td></tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer – Ken Kerr</td><td>Andrew Corder</td><td>Dave Newman</td></tr> <tr> <td>Secretary – Tim Elliott</td><td>Dave Newman</td><td>Andrew Corder</td></tr> </tbody> </table>		Proposed	Seconded	Chairman – Andrew Corder	Dave Newman	Dave Hefferin	Treasurer – Ken Kerr	Andrew Corder	Dave Newman	Secretary – Tim Elliott	Dave Newman	Andrew Corder	
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	Confirmation of Stuart as GSL is expected soon, and the continuing involvement of DN and DH on the Committee was welcomed.	
9.	Any Other Business	
	There was no other business.	

Tim Elliott

Secretary

Signed:

Date:

1st Hexham Scout Group Reg. Charity No. 1050271 Financial Report for the year ended 31st March 2022

RECEIPTS

- Membership numbers have increased from 78 to 92, with the Group's make-up closing at 22 Beavers, 30 Cubs and 40 Scouts. This is back in line with the numbers seen in FY 19/20.
- There has been a year on year increase in rental income, £ 6,675 up from £ 3,325, with regular use by Cygnet Healthcare.
- We have continued to receive support from the Government where Northumberland County Council granted the Group £ 8,934 which is down from £23,303 in 2021.
- We have also received some substantial grants for Capital Projects, thanks to the efforts of Stuart Ford, including £8,526.00 to go towards new Solar Panels as well as securing funding for the kitchen to be re-developed which we should see in the next FY.
- Donations have increased from last year's £ 2,556 to £ 3,010. We are especially grateful to Stephen Irish and the Henry Bell Trust, together with sundry others.
- During the second half of the year we signed up to the Northumberland Lottery, raising £ 693.50, up from last year's £286.
- As predicted, the HMRC Gift Aid generated was heavily impaired in 2020/21 with a reduced income of £237.62, down from 2019/20 income of £ 1,644.

PAYMENTS

- Capitation fees for Hadrian District were £ 4,623.
- HQ-related expenses have reduced slightly from £ 6,317 to £ 5,361.87 including new signage, servicing of the fire extinguishers and the fitting of alarm panels.
- Minibus insurance increased slightly on the FY19/20 from £ 835 to £ 873.59. Maintenance, including the MOT, Road Tax, Insurance and a diagnostic check on the battery came to £ 533.42.
- Group Expenses (Badges etc. and Camping & Activities) increased to pre-COVID levels of £ 3,043.48 (£ 3,746 in FY19/20)
- Significant spend has been made on various Capital Projects, including the Fire Pit Circle, Decking and Kitchen projects.
- Finally new crossbow equipment has been purchased.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (incl 2020-2021)

	2021-2022	2020-2021
Income		
Activity Equipment	36.93	0.00
Bank Interest	2.50	0.00
Donation	3,010.00	0.00
Events - Beavers	276.46	0.00
Events - Scouts	10,787.55	174.66
Fundraising	743.29	0.00
Gift Aid	237.62	0.00
Grants	18,460.00	0.00
Membership Fees	9,891.96	0.00
Rent	6,675.00	400.00
Expense		
Activity Equipment	1,539.70	163.20
Admin	5,027.78	0.00

Badges	1,135.44	0.00
Capital Projects	14,276.67	0.00
Events - Scouts	3,627.52	50.00
Insurance	1,677.40	0.00
Meetings - Cubs	63.45	0.00
Meetings - Scouts	315.71	0.00
Membership Costs	36.50	0.00
Minibus	533.42	0.00
Training	840.77	0.00
Utilities	2,098.35	28.00
Venue Maintenance	5,361.87	0.00
Account balances		
1st Hexham Scout Troop	8,068.04	751.08
1st Hexham Scout Group - Com	11,437.92	765.94
1st Hexham Scout Group - Bus	17,209.61	22,001.82
Summary		
Account balance brought forward	23,518.84	626.42
Total income	50,121.31	574.66
Total expenditure	36,534.58	241.20
Net income	13,586.73	333.46
Account balance carried forward	36,715.57	23,518.84

Acting Chairmans Address and GSL Report. Stuart Ford. May 2022

Since May of last year we have slowly been returning to normality as a group and are seeing our sections get back to the adventurous activities we like to offer. We have new members young, and not so young, but all are very welcome. We still have a very large waiting list of nearly 100 young people and are keen to hear from anyone who would be interested in helping open a new Beaver Section or Cub Section to allow more young people get the adventure they deserve.

We have recently seen an Explorer Scout Unit open operating out of the Lookwide Centre in partnership with the Scout Group. Lookwide Explorers, as it is known, is the next step in the journey for young people to move to after Scouts. We hope this unit thrives.

A huge thank you to all the Section Leadership teams who volunteer their free time to provide fun and adventure to all our youth members, they are a truly inspirational group of people who we are very lucky to have.

As is usual with 1st Hexham the group has not stood still over the last year and our committee has managed to get funding for a new kitchen, serving hatch and fire shutter to improve useability of the Lookwide Centre for the group and hirers, they have also secured funding to install Solar panels and a 5kw battery to reduce our costs. On top of this they secured £1000 from the High Sherriff of Northumberland to go towards our planned campfire circle area. The kitchen and solar panels will all be done before the Summer holidays, and then we will concentrate on the campfire area. Following that we have other plans, but that's for next years AGM.

I would like to thank Tim Elliott for 25 years service to the group, Tim is standing down as Secretary and the group is very grateful to Tim for all his years on the committee and especially his role as part of the sub-committee responsible for providing this fantastic building.

As 2022 marks 20 years since the Lookwide Centre opened we had hoped to get the committee back together, unfortunately it hasn't been possible, but on behalf of all the members who have had the privilege to use the building and its facilities over the last 20 years I'd like to pass our gratitude onto Tim, Dave Newman, David Hefferin, Robin McCauslin, Graham Shore, and George Gray as well as the architect Tony Nicholson. We look forward to the next 20 years.

Thanks also to our Treasurer, Emma and committee members Chris Payne, Dave Newman, David Hefferin (Heff), and Dave Hawkins for their efforts, dedication and hard work over the last 12 months. The group would not be in the position it is without them.

Scouts: Stuart Ford (ASL) May 2022

As we currently have no Scout Leader, I'll quickly give an update on the Scout Section.

The Scout section has really started to get the programme back on track after Covid including activities and camps outside of the weekly programme. We had a very successful joint paintballing adventure with Corbridge, Stocksfield, and Haydon Bridge. Heff organised an inter troop shooting competition, and we have the District Back to Basics camp to look forward to in June and, fingers crossed, our trip to Austria. We had our first camp at the end of April attended by 28 Scouts who, apart from getting up at 5am on the Saturday, were all amazing and did fantastically well.

Our 2024 adventure abroad is already in the early stages of planning

Cubs: May 2022

No specific report but all going well.

Beavers: Wayne Allen. May 2022

The Beaver colony is doing very well and we have had a great year. At present our colony is running at 20 Beavers with more potentially joining over the next few weeks, as some of our current Beavers move on into Cubs. The waiting list is still quite large; however, we have a couple of people who volunteer regularly, and we are looking to see if we can formalise this so that we can increase numbers. Over the last twelve months, some of our activities have included focusing on enabling the Beavers to achieve badges such as their Cook badge by cooking on open fires at Dilston and using the fire pits at the Scout Centre. They have also been able to work towards their Adventure badge by attending the District Fun Day at Dukeshouse, where they were able to try some new activities and test their height skills!!

We have tried to put together a programme which, weather permitting, enables us to be outside as much as possible. Other activities that we have completed recently have included a hike through Dukeshouse woods; building rafts at Dilston; building shelters at the Lookwide Cairn; a Water Safety night at Tyne Green and a games night at the Sele Park. We have also arranged some indoor activities and these have included indoor archery, lego building competitions and completing an indoor obstacle course at the Scout Centre.

The parent helper situation is good. We have several parents who are happy to help us out when they can and to ask us if we would like any help before they leave, after dropping off their Beavers. This is something which is always very much appreciated. As mentioned, the colony is doing well

and all of the Beavers who come along are very keen to get involved in the activities that we arrange and are enjoying the opportunities that are offered to them.

Elections May 2022

- Election of Officers and Committee for 2022/2023:**

	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman – Vacant	-	-
Treasurer – Emma Howitson-Morley	Stuart Ford	Dave Newman
Secretary – Anna Velinga-Oakes	Stuart Ford	Tim Elliott
Committee members Dave Newman Dave Hefferin Chris Payne Lee Chambers Wayne Allen	Chris Payne	Dave Hefferin

Any Other Business

Approval of updated Constitution (copy attached): Tim Elliott

We have a current Constitution (adopted in 2000) which has now been updated to bring it into line with the current Scout Association model constitution whilst retaining the essential contents of the previous adopted one.

Jill Scott remarked that at Dilston, District had been required by TSA and the Charity Commission to have a separate Constitution for the site and a separate Committee, and suggested that this might be the case for Hexham 1st/Lookwide- it was agreed that the proposed updated Constitution would be approved by the AGM and this issue would be looked-into, in due course by the new Committee in time to report at the next AGM.

The updated May 2022 Constitution was approved unanimously and was signed by Stuart Ford (acting Chair) and Tim Elliott (Secretary).

There was no other business.

1st Hexham Scout Group

Lookwide Centre ,Maidens Walk, Hexham, Northumberland. NE46 1DR

CONSTITUTION OF THE 1ST HEXHAM SCOUT GROUP

Updated May 2022

NAME:

The name of the Group shall be the 1st Hexham Scout Group.

The Group is a registered charity. Registration number: 1050271

AIMS & OBJECTIVES:

- a. In accordance with the aims of the Scout Association to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving this aim is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the scout promise and law and guided by adult leadership.
- b. The Lookwide Centre will be made available for use by the local community for other activities at the discretion of the Group Scout Council and Executive Committee.
- c. To accommodate members of the community, giving equal opportunities to all, regardless of age, gender, ability or race in the pursuit of their leisure activities.
- d. To encourage all user groups to take a full and active role in the running and management of the Lookwide Centre and to make it possible for all such groups to have representation on the Executive Committee.

MANAGEMENT:

The management of the Scout Group shall be controlled and overseen by the Group Scout Council and Executive Committee and these are described below.

a) The Group Scout Council

The Group Scout Council is the electoral body, which supports Scouting in the Scout Group. It is the body to which the Group Executive Committee is accountable.

i. *Membership of the Group Scout Council* is open to:

Ex Officio Members

- All adult members and associate members of the Scout Group.
- Scout Patrol Leaders;
- all parents of Squirrel Scouts, Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Scouts;
- all parents of Explorer Scouts and Explorer Scout Patrol Leaders where there is an attached
- section and suitable agreement;
- District Commissioner
- District Chair

Nominated members

- Other supporters of the Group appointed by the Group Scout Council on the recommendation of the Group Scout Leader and the Group Executive Committee.
- Representatives of user groups from the community on the recommendation of the Group Scout Leader and the Group Executive Committee.
- The number of Nominated Members must not exceed the number of Ex Officio members.

- Nominated members must be appointed for a fixed period not exceeding 3 years. Subsequent reappointments are permitted.
- ii. *The District Commissioner and District Chair*** are ex-officio members of the group Scout Council.

iii. *Membership of the Group Scout Council* ceases upon:

- the resignation of the member;
- the dissolution of the Council;
- the termination of membership by Headquarters following a recommendation by the Group Executive Committee.

iv. *The Group Scout Council must hold an Annual General Meeting* within six Months of the financial year end to:

- receive and consider the Trustees' Annual Report and the annual statement of accounts (following completion of their examination by an appropriate auditor, independent examiner, or scrutineer); prepared by the Group Executive Committee,
- approve the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chair and nominated members of the Group Executive Committee;
- elect a Group Secretary and Group Treasurer;
- elect members to the Group Executive Committee;
- appoint an auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer as required;
- adopt (or reconfirm) certain resolutions:
 - agree the quorum for each of meetings of the Group Scout Council, meetings of the Group Executive Committee and meetings of any sub-Committees
 - agree the number of members that may be elected to the Group Executive Committee
 - adopt (or re-confirm the adoption of) the constitution of the Group Scout Council
- appoint (or re-appoint) any Group Presidents or Vice Presidents

b) The Group Executive Committee

The purposes and responsibilities and structure of the group Executive Committee are as follows:

i. *The Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader* in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment.

ii. Members of the Group Executive Committee must act collectively as *charity Trustees of the Scout Group*, and in the best interests of its members to:

- Comply with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association
- Protect and maintain any property (including the Lookwide Centre) and equipment owned by and/or used by the Group.
- Manage the Group finances.
- Provide insurance for people, and property and equipment owned by and/or used by the Group.
- Provide sufficient resources for Scouting to operate. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting recruitment, other adult support, and fundraising activities.
- Promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area.
- Manage and implement the Health & Safety Policy locally.
- Ensure that a positive image of Scouting exists in the local community.

- Appoint and manage the operation of any sub-Committees, which may include a users/community sub-committee including appointing a Chair to lead the sub-Committees.
- Ensure that Young People are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels within the Group.
- The opening, closure and amalgamation of Sections in the Group as necessary.
- The Group Executive Committee must also:
- Appoint Administrators, Advisers, and Co-opted members of the Group Executive Committee.
- Prepare and approve the Trustees' Annual Report and Annual Accounts after the examination of the accounts by an appropriate auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer.
- Present the approved Trustees' Annual Report and Annual Accounts to the Group Scout Council at the Annual General Meeting; file a copy with the District Executive Committee; and if a registered charity, to the appropriate charity regulator if the regulator's rules require it.
- Maintain confidentiality with regard to appropriate Executive Committee business.
- Where staff are employed, act as a responsible employer in accordance with Scouting's values and relevant legislation.
- Ensure line management responsibilities for employed staff are clearly established and communicated.

iii. The Group Executive Committee consists of:

Ex-officio Members

- The Group Chair;
- The Group Secretary;
- The Group Treasurer;
- The Group Scout Leader;
- The Deputy Group Scout Leader;
- The Explorer Scout Leader (if stated in a Partnership Agreement, and subject to that Explorer Scout Leader expressly indicating to the AGM (in writing or orally at the meeting) that they are willing to perform such a function);
- The Sponsoring Authority or its nominee;
- All Section Leaders (i.e. individuals holding a Squirrel Scout leader, Beaver Scout Leader, Cub Scout Leader or Scout Leader role) subject to that Section Leader expressly indicating to the AGM (in writing or orally at the meeting) that they are willing to perform such a function.

Elected Members

- persons elected at the Group Annual General Meeting;
- these should normally be four to six in number;
- the actual number must be the subject of a resolution by the Group Scout Council.

Nominated Members

- persons nominated by the Group Scout Leader;
- the nominations must be approved at the Group Annual General Meeting; the number of nominated members must not exceed the number of elected members.

Co-opted Members

- persons co-opted annually by the Group Executive Committee

- this may include representatives from user group/the community; each shall be allocated one member each. If the member represents more than one group they shall represent all such groups with one vote only.
- the number of co-opted members must not exceed the number of elected members.

Right of Attendance

- the District Commissioner and the District Chair have the right of attendance at meetings of the Group Executive Committee.

iv. Additional Requirements for sub-Committees:

- sub-Committees consist of members nominated by the Committee.
- The Group Scout Leader and the Group Chair will be ex-officio members of any sub-Committee of the Group Executive Committee.
- Any fundraising committee must include at least two members of the Group Executive Committee. No Section Leader or Assistant Leader may serve on such a fundraising sub-Committee.

v. Additional Requirements for Charity Trustees:

- All ex-officio, elected, nominated and co-opted members of the Group Executive Committee are Charity Trustees of the Scout Group.
- All trustees and assets of the Scout Group shall be vested in the Scout Association Trust Corporation as the trustees appointed by the Executive Committee following the completion of the Lookwide Centre.
- Only persons aged 18 and over may be full voting members of the Group Executive Committee because of their status as Charity Trustees (however the views of young people in the Group must be taken into consideration).
- Certain people are disqualified from being Charity Trustees by virtue of the Charities Acts.
- Charity Trustees are responsible for ensuring compliance with all relevant legislation including the Data Protection Act 2018.
- Complete Module 1 Essential Information, Safety, Safeguarding, GDPR and Trustee Introduction training within 5 months of the role start date.

c). The Group Leaders' Meeting

Membership of the Group Leaders' Meeting consists of the Group Scout Leader as chair, all Section Leaders, Section Assistants and Assistant Leaders and the Group Scout Active Support Manager. Explorer Scout Leaders may be included if stated in the partnership agreement.

The role of the Group Leaders' Meeting is to:

- consider the well-being and development of each Member of the Group;
- ensure the progress of each Member through the programme;
- plan and co-ordinate all the Group's activities;
- to keep the Group Executive Committee advised of the financial and other resource requirements of the training programme.

d). Conduct of Meetings

- a) Only members as defined above may vote in meetings of the Group Scout Council and the Group Executive Committee.
- b) Decisions are made by a majority of votes cast by those present at the meeting. In the event of an equal number of votes being cast on either side the chair does not have a casting vote and the matter is taken not to have been carried.

- c) The Group Scout Council must make a resolution defining a quorum for meetings of the Group Scout Council and the Group Executive Committee and its sub-Committees. Such a quorum shall be not less than six members, two of which must be the Chair or Vice Chair and the Group Scout leader.
- d) Electronic voting (such as email) is allowed for decision making of the Group Executive Committee when deemed appropriate by the Chair. In such instances at least 75% of its committee members must approve the decision.
- e) The Group Executive Committee can meet by telephone conference, video conference as well as face to face in order to discharge their responsibilities when agreed by the appropriate Chair
- f) The Group Executive Committee will meet at least 8 times per year on a monthly basis.
- g) Nominations for election to the Executive Committee must be made in writing to the Secretary giving not less than 7 days notice.
- h) A special General meeting may be convened at any time by the Executive Committee. Not less than 14 days of the meeting shall be given

WINDING UP

In the event of the Scout Group being dissolved, if after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, there shall remain any property whatsoever the same shall (subject to any trusts affecting same) be transferred to the Scout Association Trust Corporation to be used for similar charitable purposes

ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION

This constitution shall only be altered by resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of a special general meeting. At least 14 days must be given of the proposed amendments.

DISPLAY OF CONSTITUTION

The above Constitution will be displayed clearly in the Centre, so that it can be read by all visitors to the Centre.

FORMAL ADOPTION

The Constitution of the 1st Hexham Scout Group, hereby contained in this document has been discussed amended and approved at the Annual & Special General Meeting of the 1st Hexham Scouts held at Lookwide Centre in accordance with the constitution section above on:

Date ...20th May 2022.....

The Constitution of the 1st Hexham Scout Group is hereby adopted and is effective from the above - mentioned date.

Signed Group Chairman Date
Name

Witnessed by Group Secretary Date
Name

IST HEXHAM SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1050271

Accounts

Scouts

1st Hexham



Lookwide Centre

Maidens walk

Hexham

2021 AGM

Via TEAMS virtual event

at

20th May 2021 6.30pm

1st Hexham Scout Group, Lookwide Centre, Maidens Walk, Hexham

Notice of Scout Group Annual General Meeting 20th May 2020 at 6.30pm via Teams virtual event

Agenda

The Scout group holds an AGM every year, to report the activities of the past year and plans for the future. We also formally report the finances and membership of the Group and reports are presented by each Section.

Everyone is welcome, and are encouraged to come to hear how the group is being managed. We also welcome questions if you wish, and to raise subjects of interest to you. You may wish to help group activities or be on the Committee of volunteers, in which case we would be happy to discuss this too.

The Agenda is:

- **Welcome and apologies.**
- **Chairmans Introduction: Andrew Corder**
- **Minutes of last AGM**
- **Treasurers Report: Ken Kerr**
- **Section brief reports;**
 - **Group Scout Leader report:**
 - **Scout Leaders report:**
 - **Group Cub Leader report:**
 - **Group Beavers Leader report:**
- **Election of Officers and Committee for 2021/2022**

Proposed Executive Committee:

	Proposer	Seconder
Chairman – Andrew Corder	Dave Newman	Tim Elliott
Treasurer – Ken Kerr	Andrew Corder	Andrew Corder
Secretary – Tim Elliott	Dave Newman	Ken Kerr
Section Leaders/Assistants (by right)	Andrew Corder	Tim Elliott
Chris Payne	Tim Elliott	Andrew Corder
Dave Hawkins	David Hefferin	David Newman

- **Any Other Business.**

Please let us know if there are any items you would like discussed or raised, beforehand. Copies of last years Minutes will be available at the meeting and are attached in this pack

Tim Elliott Secretary

1st HEXHAM SCOUT GROUP
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Via Zoom teleconference
15th May 2020

Attendees:	Andrew Corder Dave Hawkins Dave Newman Melissa Davy	Ken Kerr Tim Elliott Bob Hubbuck Wayne Allan	David Hefferin Chris Payne Stuart Ford Marrianne Coulthard
Apologies	Adam Murphy Bradley Ford Andrew Carr	Christoph Atkins Selena Truta	Rebecca Ford Gwyn McKenzie

Item No.	Subject	Action
1.	Documentation and Chairmans address (Andrew Corder)	
	The Agenda, final accounts Chairmans address and Minutes of the 2019 AGM were made available to all invitees – parents, members of the troop, helpers leader and Committee members, via OSM and Hexham First website well in advance of the meeting. Andrew welcomed everybody who were attending and explained that the Scout Group holds an AGM every year to report the activities of the past year and plans for the future. We also formally report the finances and membership of the group and reports are presented by each section. Everyone was welcome despite the unusual format necessitated by the Covis19 pandemic lockdown.	
2.	2019 Meeting Minutes	
	These were enclosed in the 2020 AGM pack made available via OSM and the website and these were duly agreed by show of hands, and therefore approved and to be signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, in due course.	2019 minutes to be signed in due course by AC
3.	Treasurer's Report – Ken Kerr	
	Financial Report for the year ended 31st March 2020: <u>RECEIPTS</u> - During the year membership numbers have changed little from 89 to 88, with our Group now comprising 25 Beavers, 28 Cubs and 35 Scouts - Subscriptions income has, nevertheless, increased from £ 8,699 to £ 9,386 reflecting the timing of earlier admissions and departures, aswell as refunds - Linked to Subscriptions is Gift Aid where we received £ 1,815, an increase on last year's £ 1,765 - The hire of our premises has generated £ 2,080 from a range of sources, including corporate (e.g. Cygnet, formerly Danshell), visiting Scout groups and private functions - With the Capital Project (Jack's Shelter) all but complete, nothing was pursued or received under Grant Income	

	- For the same reason there was a significant reduction in Donations but we must, as ever, record thanks to our loyal benefactors (Tynedale Lions, Round Table and the Henry Bell Trust), aswell as Selena Cawood and sundry others who wished to remain anonymous - A busy programme saw £ 2,915 generated under Camping & Activities and, having served its purpose, we successfully sold on the Minibus trailer for £ 1,500 <u>PAYMENTS</u> - District Fees at £ 3,859 reflect the nominal £ 1 per head increase in tariff - £ 46.50 compared to last year's £ 45.50 - HQ-related expenses at £ 4,403 were down on the previous year's £ 4,569, mainly because of a fall in core Maintenance requirements, but also because there was no repeat expenditure on the Rifle Range - Similarly, Minibus maintenance fell sharply from £ 2,194 to £ 599 because nothing was needed in respect of either bodywork or trailer repairs, whilst insurance was little changed at £ 835 (2019: £ 813) - Expenditure related to Camping & Activities totalled £ 3,157 which is slightly in excess of the above receipts, due to outgoings on further tent repairs and gas cylinders with the Group, as ever, otherwise simply seeking to cover costs of the activities themselves - In relation to our Capital Project, Jack's Shelter, final expenses were incurred re electrical work, plumbing and paving <u>STATEMENT OF CASH FUNDS HELD</u> - Our Savings Account is made up of contingency funds which, at the financial year end, comprised Property Maintenance £ 1,103, Minibus £ 6,166 and Capital Projects (currently Jack's Shelter) £ 213, the latter since closed off and transferred to the Current a/c - Year End Cash finished at £ 8,018 which, because of less activity associated with the Capital Project, is well up on last year's £ 4,399 and means the Group's finances are currently in good shape <u>COVID-19</u> - Immediately following the Government's lockdown announcement, all activity ceased as the Group shut down on what, hopefully, will be a temporary basis - Last month the Executive Committee agreed unanimously that the Summer Term's subscriptions should be suspended, pending further review in September, with all parents advised accordingly - Whilst the timing of this has not impacted our March 2020 Financial Year End results, clearly the same cannot be said looking forward - As already mentioned, Subscription income will fall with a commensurate reduction in what can subsequently be claimed from HMRC by way of Gift Aid (our claim for 2019/2020 has yet to be submitted so will not be affected) - Subscriptions aside we are unlikely to see much, if anything, by way of Donations although we are exploring a 'business interruption' Grant via Northumberland County Council. This now received and the Committee will consider how the funds will be used, in due course- emphasised that this will be treated as interruption assistance and not as a windfall, and having regard to effects on	
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	subscriptions, HQ income, lack of fundraising and HQ maintenance costs. It is understood that there are no conditions attached to its use by NCC. • Social Distancing means nothing can be planned in terms of Fundraising activity • With income severely impacted, prudent measures have been taken to restrict expenditure including: - 1. Lookwide Centre locked up with heating set to absolute minimum (Combi – on demand only); 2. Minibus insurance recently renewed on Fire & Theft basis only, the vehicle to be kept off road; and 3. Essential Property Maintenance only will be undertaking, utilising volunteer help • Cash Reserves have already fallen from the Year End £ 7,483 to £ 5,857 following insurance of the Minibus and essential electrical, lighting and alarm-related repairs at HQ, with Buildings Insurance imminent and likely to be c. £ 600 • The Group's basic running costs exceed £ 5,000 per annum so our 'rainy day' cover is limited and we all look forward to emerging safely from this crisis and resuming normal operations. The circulated and posted accounts for FY end 31-3-20 were duly approved unanimously.	Accounts approved
4.	GSL Report – No report available	
5.	Scout Leaders Report – Stuart Ford	
	• Stuart took the opportunity to pay tribute to Dave Newman and David Hefferin for their 32 and 37 year respectively involvement and service to Hexham scouting and both continue on the Committee and Heff continues to help with activities, equipment and HQ maintenance. • There had been Dilston camp activities • Summer camp at Lech valley- good weather and activities • Winter camp – very wet and windy (part abandoned) • Current activity includes some virtual badge work during Covid19, as well as weekly section meetings. • There had also been Camp at Home which achieved a world record 95,000 people in 64 countries on 30th April; 20 Hexham scouts were involved and 3 have managed the full 30 nights under canvas. • Looking forward to camps and activities and the 2021 Summer Camp at Lech.	
6.	Cub Leaders Report – Malcolm Coulthard	
	A big thank you to Malcolm for all his help; parental support had to be asked-for, but things would improve with Matt and Rachel taking on role of leaders for next year. Jacks shelter had been well used and there had been the usual trips and activities.	
7.	Beaver's Report – Wayne Allen	

	• A good year for Beavers, with more support from parent too. • One parent had led a geology sessions- to make a volcano • The had been a Dukehouse District Camp in march • Neil Van Brandt had been identified as a potential leader. • In summary, the colony is doing well and all the children who come along are very keen to get involved in the activities that are arranged.													
8.	Elections													
	It was proposed that the existing Committee would be re-elected en-bloc, and all had confirmed that they were willing to stand. Proposed TE seconded DN. Approved by unanimous vote from those attending. The Officers duly elected to the Committee are as below. <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td><td>Proposed</td><td>Seconded</td></tr> <tr> <td>Chairman – Andrew Corder</td><td>Dave Newman</td><td>Dave Hefferin</td></tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer – Ken Kerr</td><td>Andrew Corder</td><td>Dave Newman</td></tr> <tr> <td>Secretary – Tim Elliott</td><td>Dave Newman</td><td>Andrew Corder</td></tr> </table>		Proposed	Seconded	Chairman – Andrew Corder	Dave Newman	Dave Hefferin	Treasurer – Ken Kerr	Andrew Corder	Dave Newman	Secretary – Tim Elliott	Dave Newman	Andrew Corder	
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Secretary – Tim Elliott	Dave Newman	Andrew Corder												

T Elliott
Secretary

Signed:.....

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Date:

1st Hexham Scout Group

Reg. Charity No. 1050271

Financial Report for the year ended 31st March 2021

RECEIPTS

- During unprecedented circumstances membership numbers reduced from 88 to 78, with the Group's make-up closing at 24 Beavers, 17 Cubs and 37 Scouts
- This, and Lockdown restrictions prompting the Executive Committee to suspend Subscriptions for much of the year, has seen core revenue tumble from £ 9,386 to just £ 1,339
- Offsetting this in part has been the increase in rental income, £ 3,325 up from £ 2,080, where careful adaptation of our premises has been welcomed in particular by WECAN and Cygnet Healthcare
- Most significant, however, has been the support from Government where Northumberland County Council granted the Group £ 23,303 in total (2020: Nil)
- £ 1,000 of this related to Sports Equipment and another £ 1,000 was paid via the Community Chest, however the bulk was received in tranches in response to invited applications for help under Covid 19 'Business Interruption' and 'Local Restrictions Support'. As detailed below, some of the funds have been spent wisely and a sizeable proportion retained in our Savings a/c
- Donations have increased from last year's £ 1,679 to £ 2,556 where we are especially grateful to Links Housing, Hexham Rotary and the Henry Bell Trust, together with sundry others. Tynedale Lions and Round Table regretted being unable to contribute but this was due to cancellation of their own event programmes
- During the second half of the year we signed up to the Northumberland Lottery, raising £ 286 with annual potential for up to £ 832 from current Supporters
- Finally, linked to 2019/20 Subscriptions, HMRC Gift Aid generated £ 1,644 (the claim for 2020/21 will be heavily impaired by the commensurate reduction in income)

PAYMENTS

- Membership Fees at £ 3,646 have benefitted from District waiving their share because of Covid
- HQ-related expenses have increased from £ 4,403 to £ 6,317 with opportunity taken during Lockdown to improve and upgrade lighting and alarm systems
- Minibus insurance fell from £ 835 to £ 370, Fire & Theft only because the vehicle has been laid up (we also received £ 110 by way of Road Tax refund), whilst nothing has been needed under maintenance
- Group Expenses (Badges etc. and Camping & Activities) significantly reduced at £ 629, down from £ 3,746 again because of circumstances
- Under Capital Projects, work has started to construct additional Decking platforms adjacent to Jack's Shelter, whilst catering facilities (pizza and tandoor ovens) have been installed alongside – to date £ 5,574 has been spent (£ 1,000 via NCC Community Chest fund) with c. £ 3,100 due upon completion
- Finally new archery equipment has been purchased, almost fully funded by above Sports Equipment grant

STATEMENT OF CASH FUNDS HELD

- Our Savings Account comprises contingency funds covering Property Maintenance £ 1,002, Minibus £ 5,796 and Capital Projects – Decking £ 544, with £ 14,659 retained separately under NCC Grants
- All of this together with the Current a/c's £ 765, means Year End Cash stands at a healthy £ 22,767

Ken Kerr, Group Treasurer – 20th May 2021

1st HEXHAM SCOUT GROUP

Reg. Charity no. 1050271

1st April 2020 - 31st March 2021

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS		2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
Subscriptions			1,339.30		9,386.60
Lookwide Centre	HQ Hire		3,325.00		2,080.00
Grants	Northumberland County Council:				
	Covid Business Interruption/Lockdown	21,303.71		0.00	
	Community Chest	1,000.00		0.00	
	Sports Equipment	1,000.00		0.00	
			23,303.71		0.00
Donations	Sundry		2,556.50		1,679.00
Fundraising	Events	0.00		0.00	
	Northumberland Lottery	286.00		0.00	
	Amazon Smile	55.32		21.06	
	PayPal Giving	25.00		0.00	
			366.32		21.06
Gift Aid	Re Subscriptions		1,644.14		1,815.06
Sundry Other	Camping & Activities	0.00		2,915.00	
	Minibus Road Tax Refund	110.00		0.00	
	Sale of Trailer	0.00		1,500.00	
			110.00		4,415.00
Bank Accounts	Savings a/c Interest		5.70		13.33
Total Receipts			32,650.67		19,410.05

1st HEXHAM SCOUT GROUP

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1st April 2020 - 31st March 2021

PAYMENTS		2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
Membership Fees	Hadrian District Scout Council		3,646.50		3,859.50
HQ Expenses	Electricity & Gas	2,572.00		2,352.76	
	Rates	0.00		0.00	
	Water	244.00		288.00	
	Insurance	602.69		556.91	
	Maintenance	<u>2,897.92</u>		<u>1,205.70</u>	
			6,316.61		4,403.37
Minibus	Insurance	370.00		835.55	
	Maintenance	<u>0.00</u>		<u>599.09</u>	
			370.00		1,434.64
Group Expenses	Badges, Neckers & Trophies	382.35		589.16	
	Camping & Activities	<u>247.17</u>		<u>3,157.12</u>	
			629.52		3,746.28
Sundry	OSM/Scouts OnLine	190.00		287.78	
	Donations	96.00		50.00	
	Other	0.00		446.22	
	Bank Charges & Interest	<u>0.01</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
			286.01		784.00
Capital Projects	Contractor Payments	5,000.00		1,414.46	
	Sundry other, fixtures & fittings	<u>1,653.05</u>		<u>148.73</u>	
			6,653.05		1,563.19
Total Payments			<u><u>17,901.69</u></u>		<u><u>15,790.98</u></u>

Group Scout Leader Report – AGM, May 2021

2020 was a challenging year for Scouting but a year when 1st Hexham demonstrated that as in the words of Baden Powell ***“A Scout is never taken by surprise; but knows exactly what to do when anything unexpected happens.”***. Whilst the pandemic may have tried to stop the work of our sections, each showed this would not be the case. Virtual Scouting was delivered using Teams, Zoom, and the online badge facilities of Online Scout Manager.

We met when we could, worked when allowed and developed the groups offerings for all its members.

We welcomed Lee Chambers as an Assistant Scout Leader and he is already proving to be a valuable addition to the team.

David Hawkins (Hawkeye) stepped down from his uniformed role with the Scout Section and is already missed by the rest of the Adult Leadership team and the Scouts themselves, even his sense of humour!

Malcolm Coulthard left as Cub Leader during lockdown but we have welcomed Matt Shaw who has stepped into the Cub Leader role and is being assisted by Christoph Atkins who has moved to Cubs from Beavers. This has allowed the Cub Section to reopen and is already providing an excellent programme to its young people.

The Beaver section delivered meetings via zoom and formally welcomed Nils Van Den Brandt as an Assistant Leader.

Hopefully during 2021 we will continue to see the relaxation of Covid restrictions and be able to get back to more normal Scouting and providing out young people with the adventures they deserve.

I would like to pass on the groups thanks to Adam Murphy who stepped down as Group Scout Leader and left 1st Hexham to concentrate his efforts on Corbridge Scout Group and Hadrian District.

A huge thanks from me to all the Adults involved in helping deliver the programme to our young people, it is enormously appreciated. It cannot be underestimated the positive effect you all have on the growth and development of our youth members.

Finally could all the adults involved with the group please let everyone at their homes know we are thankful also for the support they give you to allow you the time to support us and our young people.

Stuart Ford

Acting Group Scout Leader

Group Leadership Team @ 16/05/2021

Acting Group Scout Leader: Stuart Ford

Scouts

Scout Leader: Vacant

Assistant Scout Leaders: Lee Chambers, Stuart Ford

Section Helpers: David Hefferin, David Pickering, Chris Payne, Bradley Ford
Young Leaders: Lewis Payne, James Anderson, Elliott Ford

Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Leader: Matthew Shaw
Assistant Cub Scout Leader: Christoph Atkins

Beaver Scouts

Beaver Scout Leader: Andy Turner
Assistant Beaver Scout Leader: Wayne Allan
Assistant Beaver Scout Leader: Nils Van Den Brandt
Section Helper: Austin Birnie

Assistant Scout Leader Report – AGM, May 2021

2021 – Scouting, but not as we knew it. 21 members of the Scout Section took part in the World Record Setting #CampAtHome event during lockdown and got themselves a commemorative badge for it, there were over 90,000 people from all around the world took part.

The section held meetings using Teams and Zoom until we were able to return to Face to Face at the end of September. Baden Powell once said ***“When you want a thing done, 'Don't do it yourself' is a good motto for Scoutmasters.”*** And he wasn't wrong. Our Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol leaders were roped in at the beginning of May to help with development of our new Fire Pit area at the back of the Scout Centre. They did an absolutely enormous amount of work and should be very proud of their achievement as this area once complete will provide great times for years to come. They are all really keen to come back and do another work day. They will not be disappointed!

We have managed to cook pizzas, kebabs and flatbreads, have air rifle and soft archery competitions, have learned map reading skills, climbed and been challenged by The Cube.

One of our Scouts, Elliott Ford, has achieved the top award available to Scouts, The Chief Scouts Gold Award and will be presented this at the last meeting of term.

Thanks to Lee Chambers, Heff, Hawkeye, Andrew Carr, Chris Payne, David Pickering, Bradley Ford, Lewis Payne, James Anderson, and Elliott Ford for all their help and support with providing the programme and the developments for our outdoors space project.

Stuart Ford

Assistant Scout Leader

Cub Scouts

18th May 2021

Cubs have restarted after a one year shut-down due to the covid-pandemic and the loss of the previous leader. The Cubs are now lead by Matthew Shaw and Christoph Atkins.

The group has expanded to 28 cubs after some members moved up to Scouts and a large number joined from Beavers and the waiting list. It is likely that the group will remain at 28 cubs for the foreseeable future.

We have completed 4 meetings since the face to face restart, with excellent feedback from both the cubs and their parents. We have designed an excellent program, with a varied range of activities. We have made use of the excellent outdoor cooking facilities, Heff's cube challenge and most recently enjoyed a transatlantic meet with the team members of Virgin Galactic space program.

As the weather improves with the approaching summer, we plan to focus our activities outside. We have a night walk planned together with tent building at Dilston.

We have received a good level of support from parents. We have made use of informal help with structured activities. We hope that one or two parents may be willing to step up into a trained leadership role.

We hope as the covid-situation improves that we can branch out further. It would be pleasing if residential trips can be organised later in the year.

Matthew Shaw
Christoph Atkins



Beavers as of 20th May 2021

After an unusual year, Beavers continues to be as popular as ever. At present our colony is running at 24 Beavers with more potentially due to join over the next few weeks. The waiting list is still quite large; however, we have a couple of people who have volunteered to start helping out and if they move on to leader training, we should be able to increase the number of Beavers in the colony.

Over the last twelve months, we have tried to hold our meetings via Zoom, when we were unable to meet face to face. While doing this, the Beavers have been able to:- complete their Cooks badge at home; work on their Nights Away badges while either camping in the garden or building a den in their living room; learn about different types of aircraft and build paper aeroplanes in order to achieve their Air Activities badge and work with a team from Virgin Galactic to achieve their Space badge.

We started back with face to face meetings after the Easter holidays and have put together a programme which, weather permitting, enables us to be outside as much as possible. Activities will include a hike from Dilston to Corbridge; building rafts at Dilston; building shelters at the Lookwide Cairn; a bug hunt at Tyne Green and hopefully plenty of games nights along at Dilston. We have arranged some indoor activities as well and these include indoor archery, borrowing the Cube from the Scouts and building an indoor obstacle course at the Scout Centre.

The parent helper situation is good. We have a number of parents who are happy to help us out when they can and to ask us if we would like any help before they leave after dropping off their beavers. This is something which is always very much appreciated.

In summary, the colony is doing well and all of the Beavers who come along are very keen to get involved in the activities that we arrange and are enjoying the opportunities that they are offered to them.

Thanks

The Beaver Leaders