



# **Group**

# **Annual Report**

# **2020 -2021**

## **1<sup>st</sup> Grays Scout Group**

### **Reports and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

#### **TRUSTEES; Ex-Officio –**

<b><u>Appointment</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>
Chair	Mr S. McEwen
Secretary	
Treasurer	Mrs P Kirby
Group Scout Leader	Mr W Osborne
Beaver Scout Leader	Mrs M Stockwell
Cub Scout Leader	Mrs W Townsend
Scout Leader	Miss J Osborne

#### **Bankers**

Lloyds TSB Bank plc  
34 High Street  
Grays

Group Registration Number with The Scout Association: 3227

Charity Commission Registration Number: 1052346

Group Contact Name and Address	Mr W Osborne 21 Berkley Hill Stanford le Hope Essex
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**1<sup>st</sup> Grays Scout Group**

**Trustees Annual Report for the year ended  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

**MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENT IN THE YEAR**

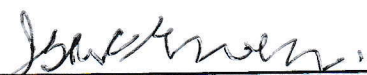
See attached Section reports for achievement during the year.

The Group is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Groups.

The Accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis.

Reserves Policy: It is the policy of 1<sup>st</sup> Grays Scout Group to retain sufficient reserves to enable a full range of Scouting Activities to be undertaken by the Group. These reserves should be no higher than the equivalent of 1.5 years expected receipts.

Approved by the Trustees on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and signed on their behalf  
by

  
Mr S McEwen Chairperson

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grays Scout Group

### **Independent examiners Report to the Trustees of the 1<sup>st</sup> Grays Scout Group**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1<sup>st</sup> Grays Scout Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the 1st Grays 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 1<sup>st</sup> Grays Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 201 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 1<sup>st</sup> Grays Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with these 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 Mr Nigel Williams  
Address 18 Felipe Road  
Grays  
Essex  
RM16 6NA

## 1st Grays Scout Group

### Beaver Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

#### Receipts

Subscriptions	15.00
Activities	0.00
Fund raising	0.00
Donations	0.00
	<b>15.00</b>

#### Payments

To Group	0.00
Badges	0.00
Activities	0.00
Sundry Expense	30.58
Donation	0.00
	<b>30.58</b>

Excess of expenditure over income	-15.58
Surplus 2020	501.72
Total Surplus	<b>486.14</b>

## 1st Grays Scout Group

### Cub Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

#### Receipts

Subscriptions	0.00
Activities	0.00
Fund raising	0.00
Donations	0.00
	<b>0.00</b>

#### Payments

To Group	0.00
Badges	0.00
activities	0.00
Sundry Expense	0.00
events	0.00
	<b>0.00</b>

Excess of expenditure over income	0.00
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Surplus 2020	503.98
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Total Surplus	<b>503.98</b>
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## 1st Grays Scout Group

### Scout Section Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

#### Receipts

Subscriptions	45.00
Donations	0.00
Sundry Income	0.00
Camp Fees	0.00
	<b>45.00</b>

#### Payments

To Group	30.00
Badges	30.00
Activities	0.00
Sundry Expense	6.00
Camping Expenses	0.00
	<b>66.00</b>

Excess of expenditure over income	-21.00
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Surplus 2020	399.3
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Total Surplus	<b>378.3</b>
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## 1st Grays Scout Group

### Group accounts for year ended 31st March 2021

#### Receipts

From section	30.00
Less Mem. Fees	606.60-
	-576.60
Camp Fees	0.00
Donations building	630.00
Sundry Income	11.75
Grants	26177.72
donations	5268.00
	<b>31510.87</b>

#### Payments

utilities	768.77
Camp Fees	0.00
Insurance	3334.82
Maintenance of Building	1097.37
Equipment	0.00
Sundry Expenses	7.50
badges	85.00
Donations	0.00
uniforms purchased	0.00
Course Fees	0.00
activities	0.00
	<b>5293.46</b>

Excess of expenditure over income	26217.41
Surplus 2020	4881.76
Total Surplus	<b>31099.17</b>



## 1st Grays Scout Group

### Summary of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

#### Receipts

Subscriptions	60.00	
<b>Captitation</b>	606.60	
	-546.60	
Donations building	630.00	
Activities	0.00	
Sundry Income	11.75	
Donations	5268.00	
Grants	26177.72	
Camp Fees	0.00	
		31540.87

#### Payments

Utilities	768.77	
Insurance	3334.82	
Badges	115.00	
Camp Fees	0.00	
Sundry Expenses	44.08	
Building repairs/Maintenance	1097.37	
Course Fees	0.00	
Equipment	0.00	
Activities/events	0.00	
uniforms purchased	0.00	
donations	0.00	
		5360.04

Excess of income over Expenditure 26180.83

Surplus 2020 6286.76

**Total Surplus 32467.59**

Made up of:

Group A/C	31099.17	
Beaver Colony	486.14	
Cub Scouts	503.98	
Scout Troop	378.3	32467.59

## **Group Scout Leaders Report**

It has been a very difficult year for the Group with the problems of covid, with most normal activities not being able to be done.

With the help of zoom we tried to run whole group meetings with some success, but with such small numbers taking part, as you will see from the Beaver and Scout reports it was better to link with Groups to have more meaningful meetings. We had a brief respite at the end of July round to the end of October where we were able to meet face to face although this was outside and the need to light the ground had to be overcome.

Full Covid risk assessment had to be done in order for any meetings to take place, with these needing to be reassessed with changes to the Scout Association risk level.

As we went into lock down in March 2020 we were in a programme of recruitment and this had to be put on hold, so we came to the end of the year with very low numbers.

I would like to thank all of the Leaders for their continued support during the year and the executive for their support with risk assessments and grant applications.

We now have 3 new Section assistants, Shahnaz with the Beavers, Sian with the Cubs and Abigail with the Scouts and I welcome them to the Group.

Although the building is only 8 years old, we have carried out some refurbishments of both the toilets and kitchen and also repainted the main hall. Work still continues on the grounds and we found with using a one way system for entry and exit to maintain safe social distancing there is a need for proper path to be installed on the ground and we hope to complete this in the coming year.

Once again I would like to thank all members of the Group for their continued support in the past year, where the work load has been far higher than in normal times.

Bill Osborne

Group Scout Leader

**Beaver Report**  
**(summary of activities during lock down)**

We accepted an invitation from Chafford Hundred to join their virtual Cubs and Beavers meetings. They were a great success.

Some of the activities we did were:

cooking	pizza-in-a-mug, armpit fudge, milk shakes
Science	water walking, rainbow skittles, the best substance to clean dirty coins

Several art activities e.g. a poster for a take-away pizza

We partook in some Wellness/Wellbeing Activities (a treasure hunt to find something that makes us feel happy, calm etc.)

Quizzes

We also celebrated World Book Day, St. Patrick's Day and Red Nose Day.

Since meeting face-to-face we have had a fitness/games session outside using skipping ropes, hoola hoops, balls, running etc.

Joint meeting with Cubs cooking pizzas in mugs

Celebrated 4<sup>th</sup> July making cheerleaders shakers, identifying pop corn flavours and eating hotdogs

Made origami monster bookmarks

Outdoor cooking on barbecues – marshmallows and toast

Mary Stockwell

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grays Scouts

This has been another difficult year for the Scouts, but we have continued to persevere and to offer Scouting to our young people. During the lockdown period, we had combined meetings with the Beavers, which included making mug cakes, quizzes, games and crafts.

Once we were allowed to meet face to face, we returned to the headquarters and held outdoor meetings. Although this had its own challenges - dodging the rain, trying to see what we were doing on the dark nights and ensuring everyone kept warm enough, we were able to complete a badge and several challenges.

When we had to return to virtual Scouting, we joined with our friends from 1<sup>st</sup> Thors Oak Guides and had weekly meetings. This included completing a virtual escape room, Disney bingo, junk modelling and a range of crafts, quizzes and games - the favourite of which was knife, fork, spoon!

Unfortunately our numbers have shrunk further during the lockdown period, but we are actively trying to recruit new members and hope that we will be welcoming some new young people in the near future.

I would like to congratulate Amy on receiving a Jack Petchey award for her support of the troop throughout the last year.

Thank you to the Scouts and their parents for their support and enthusiasm, especially during these difficult times. Also Phil, Abigail and the other leaders within the group, particularly Len and Mary for their help with recruitment and the virtual meetings and Bill and Sue.

I am looking forward to the challenge of the coming year and hope that we will be able to report much healthier numbers over the next year.

Jill Osborne,

Scout Leader