



1st Bedworth Scouts

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AGM Report 2020 - 2021

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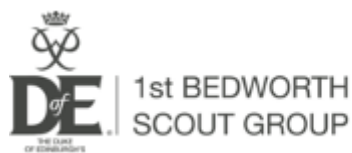
Website: www.1stbedworth.co.uk

Facebook: 1st Bedworth Scout Group

Charity Registration Number: 1062109

Members of the Group Executive Committee during 2020 – 2021

Alison Steptoe	<i>Group Chairperson</i>
David Woodward	<i>Group Scout Leader</i>
Andy Clarke	<i>Deputy Group Scout Leader</i>
Luke Davis	<i>Group Treasurer</i>
Wendy Oldman	<i>Elected Member</i>
Charlie Hart	<i>Beaver Scout Leader</i>
Richard Hart	<i>Cub Scout Leader</i>
Danielle Randle	<i>Cub Scout Leader</i>
Phil Meek	<i>Explorer Scout Leader</i>



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Important Note

This report relates to the period from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 which was during lockdown for Covid-19. The compilation and issue of this report has been delayed by the restrictions in place due to the Covid -19 Pandemic.

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Group Scout Leader's Report

This last year has been incredibly challenging for our Scouting family. From financial implications to mental health and wellbeing influence, the impacts of Covid-19 have been extremely far reaching and changed so much that we took for granted in our daily lives.

It is a huge testament to the nature of all our members and volunteers that 1st Bedworth Scout Group adapted so quickly and successfully, transitioning from face to face activities and camps to virtual meetings, and still managing to enjoy an interesting, varied programme of activities provided by a very dedicated Leadership team and supported by a strong management team.

To further support our members, our Group Exec Committee made the decision to freeze 'subs' payments and this was continually reviewed to protect the long term financial security of 1st Bedworth Scout Group while also doing what we could to support our members in the spirit of Scouting. The 'subs' freeze was in place for over 9 months in total with 'subs' payments restarting from the 1st February 2021.

Activities on the virtual meetings ranged from the Cubs doing some Tai Chi with a professional instructor to the Scouts doing 'The Great Duvet Challenge' to the Beavers doing some mini pioneering to the Explorers learning magic tricks!

Even though meetings have been mostly virtual, our members in all Sections have been working hard towards their badges and awards and a massive total of **432 activity badges and challenge awards, 5 Chief Scout Bronze awards and 3 Chief Scout Gold awards** have been awarded across the Group.

Regular security checks and essential maintenance checks were carried out at our meeting building (known as the 'Scout Hut') to ensure that it doesn't fall into critical disrepair. There are a number of improvement projects still planned for the Scout Hut as soon as we are able to carry them out safely and in-line with current guidance.

Unfortunately, over this period around a third of our membership decided that the current form of Scouting was no longer working for them and we suffered one of our biggest losses of members in many years. That being said, we are still in a strong position going forward and we continue to be one of the largest and most active Groups in Warwickshire.

We are excited and thrilled to begin to welcome everybody back to face to face activities as soon as we're able to. The Leadership teams have been hard at work and there are loads of exciting COVID safe activities planned for when we can return.



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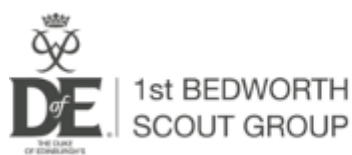
A huge thank you to our Young Leader Team who remained active and provided superb Leadership support to our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Young Leaders are aged between fourteen and eighteen years old. They give up a lot of their time to work on their Leadership training and to play a full part as members of the Section Leadership teams to plan and run activities for our younger members. They receive training which includes safeguarding and First Aid to give them the tools they need for this very important role.

One of the ways that we remained active in our local community was the support that our members were showing for the NHS with the Rainbows of positivity (<https://1stbedworth.co.uk/rainbows-of-positivity/>).

We are very proud of Mel, who is a Network Scout and Leader at 1st Bedworth, who opted to use the limited outdoor exercise time to continue volunteer work to clean up local areas and finished off a whopping 80 hours worth of volunteering. Mel overcame all of the challenges and was awarded The Scout of the World Award. The Scouts of the World Award is an international Scout award administered by the World Organisation of the Scouts Movement. The award was founded in 2005 and it was developed to give young people more opportunities to face the challenges of the future as identified by the United Nations Millennium Declaration in 2000. That declaration identified eight Millennium Development Goals and participation in the award helps the Scouts to work towards those goals. Mel is the first member of 1st Bedworth Scout Group to gain this award and one of just a small number of U.K. Scouts to earn this prestigious award. (<https://1stbedworth.co.uk/mel-bond-scouts-of-the-world-award/>)

Last but by no means least, we would like to thank all of the volunteers of the Leadership and support teams for their dedication and hard work providing a first rate Scouting experience for all of our members. We would also like to thank all of our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers for being so enthusiastic and supporting our activities, demonstrating great teamwork and supporting each other and their Leaders. You are a credit to your parents and peers. Finally we would like to thank all of our parents and carers who, week after week, make sure our members are able to attend their activities, supporting the Leaders and for helping their child/ward adapt to a much more virtual way of living and Scouting. We are truly proud of the 1st Bedworth Scouting family.

Dave Woodward (Woody) & Andy Clarke
Group Scout Leader & Deputy Group Scout Leader



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Treasurer's report

My first year as the Group Treasurer was an interesting one, as due to COVID our sections were meeting virtually for the majority of the financial year. We suspended our subs payments in order to support our members, which in turn meant careful monitoring of our outgoing and ongoing expenses.

Our subs income reduced from £31,506 to £8,358, with a significant proportion of that coming from gift aid income related to the previous year. Our overall income reduced by 55%, due to the significant reduction in subs income as well as being unable to run any camps or activities over the 2020-2021 financial year.

Fortunately, 1st Bedworth Scout Group was awarded £25,419 in Covid related grants, as outlined in note 11 in the financial accounts.

Our overall expenses reduced from £70,089 to £37,629, with almost £25,000 of our expenses coming from refunds for our planned international camp in Kandersteg which unfortunately had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 uncertainties.

As our scout hut was effectively closed for the majority of the year, we managed to significantly reduce our costs on heating and lighting, maintenance and premises expenses, resulting in an overall surplus of £1,560.

When we restarted our subs payments in February 2021, we once again maintained our subs at a cost of £10 per month (£2.50 per week) for a fifth consecutive year.

We were also very fortunate to receive a donation of £1,271.65 from the late Tony Bishop, a friend of the group who asked for a donation to be made in his will. This donation has specifically been ring fenced in what we now call the "Tony Bishop Fund", to be used to support our members to take part in camps and activities that may otherwise be unaffordable.

Overall 1st Bedworth has been very successful in managing the financial impacts of Covid-19 and is in a strong position to continue into the next financial year.

Luke Davis
Group Treasurer



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Beaver Section Report

2020 saw challenges we never thought we would face as a Scout Group, we took to online sessions on zoom, camping at home, activity packs and challenges to explore your local area.

Despite all the challenges we faced the Beavers still managed to meet weekly, and complete activity badges, and challenge awards, some of our Beavers even completed their Chief Scout Bronze award from home. During this period we awarded an incredible **192 activity and challenge** badges.

We would like to say a massive thank you to all the Beavers and their parents/carers for joining us on the weekly zoom meetings and we are so excited to be welcoming you back soon to face to face activities and we look forward to an exciting year!

Charlie Hart

On behalf of the Beaver Leadership Team



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Cub Section Report

We are so proud of how the Cubs have coped with changes we weren't expecting with the pandemic and lock down during 2020.

As a cub pack we managed to carry on and support our Cubs with zoom online scouting in the comfort of our own homes.

We still provided programmes and at home activities for all who attended, and for Cubs who found zoom challenging we provided at home activity packs to everyone so they could still be part of the group and achieve their badges.

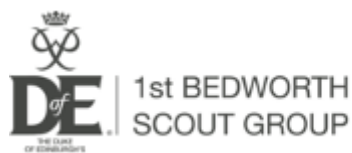
Some have had fun camping at home inside or in our gardens, campfires on TV and Backwards cooking at home too.

The Cubs did so well and tried their best and we couldn't have asked for more. Everyone has been supportive and friendly, Cubs have moved up and we gained new faces during this time with Cubs moving to Scouts and Beavers coming to Cubs. It was an absolute pleasure to provide the activities and programmes. We have had our very first investiture which was definitely a change and they will go down in history and memories with lockdown investiture. During this difficult time we had to make a decision as members were changing every week and we had two Cub packs and Cubs moved from one group to another and they all made each other feel welcome and were very friendly. The Cubs have adapted really well and as a group we awarded **65 badges** and **8 joining in awards**.

We can't stress how proud we are of you all and the support from all parents involved. We are a cub family. We look forward to next year's plans and programmes.

Danni Randle & Richard Hart

On behalf of the Cub Leadership Team



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Scout Section Report

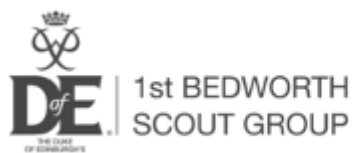
It was a very different year for the Scout Section. Covid restrictions meant that our Scout sessions moved online and we needed to think of a new way to enjoy Scouting. Membership numbers of both troops have declined but this is due to a number of reasons including Scouts moving up to Explorers and difficulties caused by the pandemic.

The Leadership team worked hard to continue delivering interesting and varied programs along with challenges set by various Leaders for the whole Group. We accommodated different needs of Scouts, whether it was online troop nights or independent activities. We are very proud of how the youngsters responded to not just the changes within Scouting during this time but also with the pandemic and all the challenges they faced. The Scouts were able to complete activity badges and challenge badges and parents joined in and got involved in some of the activities, filmed Scouts completing activities and encouraged the Leadership team to continue.

The Troop Leadership team of adults and Young Leaders have been strong and hard working. We are always looking for new ideas and challenges and look forward to rebuilding the troops.

Ann-Marie Cooper

On behalf of the Scout Leadership Team



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Explorer Section Report

This past year we have had to adapt to a virtual program for most activities with only a handful of face to face activities when it was safe to do so, as a result our membership numbers have reduced to around 25 but still remain the largest explorer group in the district.

The explorers have shown initiative with helping us plan the program and been entertaining during our time having zoom meetings. They have had to develop new skills in communication to get the most out of the program as well as being the first section to return to face to face scouting helping us find the safest way for the other sections to meet.

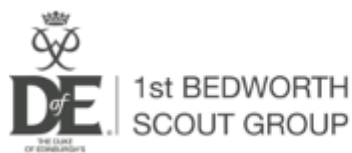
The young leaders have been very helpful with some of them helping plan some programs and others engaging the members of other sections and helping deliver the programs.

When the rules had relaxed a bit we were able to get a successful Duke of Edinburgh silver expedition in completing the award for some explorers.

It has been a pleasure working with and getting to know all of the Explorers as we have a variety of personalities within the Unit which makes it enjoyable to see how each member develops by learning new skills.

Phil Meek

On behalf of the Explorer Leadership Team



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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2021

Registered Charity Number 1062109

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 1st Bedworth Scout Group

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 2 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



Mrs J A Biggs FCCA, CTA
Armstrongs Bishop Simmons Limited
Chartered Accountants
Gethin House
36 Bond Street
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Date: 8 December 2021

1st BEDWORTH SCOUT GROUP**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Income			
Subscriptions received	7	8,385	31,506
Camps and activities	8	2,703	45,024
Fund raising activities	9	-	4,077
Rent and other income	10	2,682	5,710
COVID related income	11	25,419	-
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		39,189	86,317
Expenditure			
Fund raising costs	12	-	7,905
Activities and awards	13	24,861	39,034
Rent, rates and insurance	14	3,707	3,716
Power, light and heat	15	955	2,672
Printing, postage and stationery	16	128	198
Equipment hire and maintenance	17	306	2,762
Premises expenses	18	662	4,124
Accountancy		480	480
Other costs	20	6,530	8,960
Charitable donations	21	-	238
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		37,629	70,089
Surplus before depreciation		<hr/>	<hr/>
		1,560	16,228
Depreciation	19	-	-
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Net Surplus		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
		1,560	16,228

1st BEDWORTH SCOUT GROUP**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Leasehold Property		-	-
Equipment		-	-
Furniture and Fixtures		-	-
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	1	-	-
Current Assets			
Stock	2	1,743	1,743
Prepayments	3	2,331	2,242
Bank	4	81,557	80,086
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		85,631	84,071
Current Liabilities	5	480	480
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Net Current Assets		85,151	83,591
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Financed by:			
Revaluation reserve	6	-	-
Surplus brought forward		83,591	67,363
Surplus for year		1,560	16,228
Transfer to revaluation reserve	6	-	-
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Surplus carried forward		85,151	83,591
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		85,151	83,591
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Approved by the Committee and signed on its behalf:-

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Date: 8 December 2021

1st BEDWORTH SCOUT GROUP**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

Note	Description	2021 £	2020 £
1	Fixed Assets		
	Leasehold Property	50,000	50,000
	Leasehold Property Depreciation	(50,000)	(50,000)
	Equipment	17,337	17,337
	Equipment Depreciation	(17,337)	(17,337)
	Furniture and Fixtures	585	585
	Furniture and Fixtures Depreciation	<u>(585)</u>	<u>(585)</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
On 1st April 1998, the scout hut and equipment were revalued at £50,000 and £9,750 respectively.			
Fixed assets are depreciated, on a straight line basis, over their estimated useful lives. Estimated useful lives are as follows:			
	Leasehold property	20 years	20 years
	Equipment	7 years	7 years
	Furniture and fixtures	7 years	7 years
2	Stocks of Miscellaneous Goods	<u>1,743</u>	<u>1,743</u>
3	Prepayments	<u>2,331</u>	<u>2,242</u>
Prepayments represent insurance premiums either paid or contracted for in advance of the period of service/ cover and therefore not charged to the Statement of Income and Expenditure.			
4	Bank Current Account	3,061	14,015
	Capitation Account	51,215	38,315
	Building Fund	27,242	27,226
	Petty Cash	<u>39</u>	<u>530</u>
		<u>81,557</u>	<u>80,086</u>
5	Accruals	<u>480</u>	<u>480</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Note	Description	2021 £	2020 £
6	Revaluation Reserve	-	-
	The balance on the revaluation reserve represents the £59,750 surplus on revaluation of the leasehold property and equipment, less cumulative depreciation of £59,750 charged on the revalued assets.		
7	Subscriptions Received	2,633	25,244
	Gift Aid Received	5,752	6,262
		<u>8,385</u>	<u>31,506</u>
8	Income - Camps and Activities	<u>2,703</u>	<u>45,024</u>
9	Income - Fund Raising Activities	-	1,595
	Income - Tuckshop	-	2,482
		<u>-</u>	<u>4,077</u>
10	Donations Received	2,544	1,180
	Interest Received	38	96
	Miscellaneous Income	100	18
	Rent Income	-	300
	Uniforms	-	4,116
		<u>2,682</u>	<u>5,710</u>
11	Local Authority COVID Related Support Grants	19,669	-
	Scouts Association Recovery Fund	5,750	-
		<u>25,419</u>	<u>-</u>
12	Goods Purchased for Resale	-	6,848
	Opening Stock	1,743	2,800
	Closing Stock	(1,743)	(1,743)
		<u>-</u>	<u>7,905</u>

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Note	Description	2021 £	2020 £
13	Activities and Awards	2,450	36,012
	Activities Refunds	22,072	-
	Badges and Awards	254	1,316
	Equipment and Supplies	85	1,706
		<u>24,861</u>	<u>39,034</u>
14	Rates & Water Rates	300	406
	Premises and Equipment Insurance	3,407	3,300
	Ground Rent	-	10
		<u>3,707</u>	<u>3,716</u>
15	Electricity	<u>955</u>	<u>2,672</u>
16	Website costs	128	48
	Office Stationery	-	150
		<u>128</u>	<u>198</u>
17	Mini Bus Hire	-	844
	Equipment Repairs	306	1,918
		<u>306</u>	<u>2,762</u>
18	Buildings Maintenance	<u>662</u>	<u>4,124</u>
19	Leasehold Premises Depreciation	-	-
	Equipment Depreciation	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
20	Training Costs	-	1,084
	Capitation Fees	5,805	7,262
	Bank Charges	35	-
	Computer Costs	518	-
	Miscellaneous Expenses	172	614
		<u>6,530</u>	<u>8,960</u>
21	Donations	<u>-</u>	<u>238</u>