

Agenda

Great Linford Scout Group AGM

Wednesday 23rd June 2021

Welcome

Apologies

Acceptance of Minutes

Reports – Please read in advance

Elections to the Group Executive committee

Nominations for Auditors

District Commissioner & AGSL update

Family Quiz



**Minutes of the AGM of Great Linford Scout Group
Held on 22nd July 2020
Via Zoom**

**Present: Charlotte Spalding DYC, Stuart Bailey DC,
Adrian French, Wendy Robinson, Lisa Herbert, Danni Smith, Paul Monro, Ian House, Mel
Dickson, Kaye Williams, Russell Horne, Jenny Evans, Steven Crabb, Victoria Crabb, Helen
Brown, Karen Helfet, Nathan Smith, Kathy Porter, Caroline Evans, Emma White, Lewis
Pobjoy, Sarah Godfrey-Morgan, Tanya Potts, Laura Burn,**

Apologies: None

Jenny Evans welcomed all to the AGM and handed over to Russell Horne, Chairman.

Russell sought approval for last year's AGM minutes; this was approved via Zoom. Any questions regarding these are to be submitted in writing via the Exec email.

The annual reports were emailed out to all parents for them to review if these have not been received please email the Exec email address and we will send these out to you.

The financial report has been accepted by the committee and is available on request

Everyone on the committee stands down each year and we re-elect a new committee.

Jenny nominated Russell Horne to chair the Exec committee for Great Linford and handed over to him.

The first job of the chair is to appoint new members of the Exec committee, the below people and positions were proposed and seconded prior to the AGM and duly elected:

- Treasurer – Mel Dickson (Nominated: Lisa Herbert, Seconded: Laura Burn)
- Secretary – Lisa Herbert (Nominated: Sarah Godfrey-Morgan, Seconded: Emma White)
- Exec Member (Group Administrator) – Kaye Williams (Nominated: Lisa Herbert, Seconded: Laura Burn).
- Cub/Scout Rep – Laura Burn (Nominated: Wendy Robinson, Seconded: Emma White)
- Beaver/Cub rep – vacant
- Paul Monro – Co-opted Exec member

The Leaders are invited on the Exec committee. This is something that they must opt into, Ian House, Wendy Robinson, Danni Smith and Nathan Smith have offered and been accepted.

We have elected a scrutineer for our accounts, these have been reviewed and approved. Gt Linford Scout Group is a registered charity in our own right, and we will be guided by their rules. We would like to pass over electing a scrutineer or auditor until another date.

That concludes the business of the AGM.

Russell said that he would personally like to thank the leaders, helpers and parents for all they have done over the past 4 months supporting the young people through these strange times.

Russell handed over to Jenny

GSL Report

The young people have taken part in lots of activities this year.

Over the past 4 months some children have found it difficult to engage and some have thrived. Badges being awarded have increased dramatically and this is partly down to parental support.

Over the summer there will be 2 nights each week of Scouting, with us opening up our programme to 8 other groups to help support them. This is a great opportunity for the young people to meet other from outside Great Linford.

Over the programme, there are some special guests attending some of the sessions so there are lots of activities going on!

Jenny handed over to Stuart Bailey (DC).

Stuart was impressed with the fantastic amount of badge given out lately; and passed on a big well done to the group for 'getting on with it' during these hard times.

Lots is being done at District level to prepare safely for face to face meetings for the young people. The online meetings however may continue due to its success.

Stuart commented that Great Linford's relationship with the Explorer unit (Excalibur) is now 10 years old which is a District run function.

Stuart handed back to Jenny.

Jenny spoke about how important a Scout's passage to Explorers is important and handed over to Bev Delaney

Bev said that there are 6 units across MK; lots of activities and opportunities and the young people have a lot of input into this.

During lockdown Explorer's has been running as one unit. Meetings were twice a week but will reduce to once a week over the summer. Bev thanked the group for its support.

Bev handed back to Jenny.

Awards Presentation

Jenny thanked all of her leaders for their ongoing dedication and support

Bronze

Luke Atwood

Nathaniel Chambers

Henry Crabb

Freddie Parsons

Skylar Ferraby

Elwood Alvarez

George Ray

Katie May Massey

Luca Burgess

Jacob Teckoe

Charlie Walker

Silver

Ellis Herbert

Thomas Ray

Grace Williams

Alexander Potts

Scarlett Harris

Polly Dwight

George Massey

Calvin Caussey

Finlay White

Narayan vyas Sparks

Billy Gordon

Gold

Joe Williams

Jacob Horne

Fabio Grosso

Page Hardwick

Alexander Evans

Jasmine Coggin

Working on Gold (Expeditions to be completed virtually)

Hannah Brown

Ellis Northey

Santana James

Jenny said a big well done for the awards and that she is very proud.

Jenny handed over to Russell who thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

Since our last AGM scouting has adapted to a whole different way of interacting with young people, we can now start to see some “green shots” of a new normality with face-to-face meetings returning, alternating with online meetings. As I stated on last year’s report the success through lockdown of online meetings, and the changes to our current new normal are entirely down to the efforts of our team, and again I would like to thank all the Leaders, helpers and those who work behind the scenes to accomplish this every week.

Leaders – unfortunately, over the past year Jenny Evans, our GSL, decided to leave the group due to work and personnel commitments, I would like to thank Jenny for all her years of dedication to the group.

There is always a need for additional help in the sections to spread the load and introduce new ideas, if you would like to help, please speak to one of the leaders. The parent rota is still on hold, but will be returning once restrictions allow.

Fundraising – the has been put on hold for over twelve months, but can hopefully restart later this year. In March, the Group was given the opportunity to support the staff of MKUH ICU with one of the key fundamentals of what Scouting stands for, helping others, due to getting dry hands and faces from continuous hand sanitising and wearing face masks, the staff members were purchasing large quantities of face and hand creams for themselves. We decided to purchase and donate some of these products to the ICU team, as a thank you for looking after us all through the Covid epidemic. The young people drew pictures with positive messages of support and thanks to the staff to brighten up the ICU.

Loriner Place – just as the building had been renovated, it has had to stand unused for the past year. The return of face-to-face meetings are being based here due to the easy access to open space as we are currently not holding any meetings indoors. We have obtained grants through lockdown and some external works will commence in the coming months.

Parents – thank you again for your support to the young people, getting involved with activities online.

Russell Horne
Chair
GreatLinfordGroupExec@MKScouts.org



Group Scout Leader's Report

Let me introduce myself – My name is Stuart Bailey and I am the District Commissioner for Scouting in Milton Keynes, I have taken over the role of caretaker GSL at Great Linford Scout Group, until the next Group Scout Leader can be allocated.

Most of my Scouting life has been connected to Great Linford, so I am well aware of what this great Group is capable of.

I think we can all agree that it has been a year like no other. Back in March 2020, when the world stopped. The Scout Group made the decision to move all section meetings online, rather than stop Scouting altogether.

This has meant that as we slowly return to normal Scouting we still have over 60 young people in the Group, and between the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts they have earned over 500 badges in the time of lock down!

So I would like to say a big thank you to the uniformed leaders and executive committee for keeping the Group going over the past year, and a special big thanks to you the parents, grandparents and carers, who have stepped up to the challenge every week. On top of your already busy lives you have become substitute leaders, running camps, cooking evenings and even litter picking.

So a big thank you for all your help!

The Group Scout Leaders report for 2020 was delivered by Jenny Evans, who has been with the Group for many years as Chairperson, Assistant Group Scout Leader and the Group Scout Leader. But in the summer of 2020, Jenny reluctantly took the decision to step back from the Group, due to her ever increasing work commitments. However, Jenny has not left Scouting completely and has said she will still be available to help the Group on special occasions. So I would like to say a big thank you to her for all her hard work over the years and I know her contribution to the Group has been sorely missed.

So what does the future hold? The Group is in great shape with a dedicated group of adults and a large number of enthusiastic young people. I know the Group will go from Strength to Strength and look forward to working with whoever becomes the next Group Scout Leader

Stuart Bailey

Milton Keynes District Commissioner /
Caretaker Group Scout Leader at Great Linford Scout Group.



Beaver Report – 2021

What a year! Only recently have we had any face-to-face scouting. We have tried to keep things going with virtual Beavers but our numbers have dwindled although we do have a number who have returned for the face-to-face events so hopefully as things ease, we can grow again. Also, a lot have done that annoying thing of growing up and moving to cubs!

The normal Beaver nights have been mainly virtual this year. We have experimented, made healthy art and paper planes. We've had guest speakers including a virtual catch up with firemen, Parish councillors and an expert on aeroplanes.

We are still involved with the local community with regular home location litter picks. We joined in with the groups summer program with guests on zoom from the blue cross, Liz Million, a forensic night and drumming!

The Teams remains a good size with myself, Lewis (AKA Buzz), Chris (AKA Eyeore) and Cydney (AKA Piglet) as well as 2 dedicated young leaders who have come back for the F2F meet ups. Sectional Assistants are still very welcome, so do contact us if you want to help out without committing to running a Colony. It would be lovely to start a second Colony on a Wednesday night in the future.

I am delighted to say we had a few Beavers who have earned their bronze award since the last AGM which is the highest award a Beaver can earn. A big well done to Wilf and Xanthe who have now received them.

Wendy (AKA Tigger)



Cub Report 2021



It has been a long year of online meetings! Back at Easter 2020, when we decided to move all the Cub meetings on line, no one envisaged that we would still be doing it a year later. Back then we started with

2 Cub meetings a week in our usual slots of Monday and Wednesday. It was decided to reduce the time of each session from 90 minutes to 60 minutes, to try and minimise the time that everyone had to sit in front of a screen. But it soon became apparent that on line meetings did not work for everyone. Some had technical problems others just could not stand another hour in front of a computer screen.

So the numbers attending on the two nights dipped slightly. This along with the older Cubs moving up to Scouts, meant that there were very few Cubs attending the Wednesday night sessions so it was decided to combine the 2 packs on to a Monday night, and this has worked well with about 9 or 10 Cubs attending every week throughout the whole of lock down.

In June 2020, with the school break approaching, holidays cancelled, and a lot of people isolating. We took the decision that rather than closing down, we needed to provide some form of on-line Scouting through the summer holidays. Rather than 4 or 5 separate meetings each week it was decided we would offer 2 sessions a week that would be open to all the young people. These were held on Zoom. This meant that any of the young people could dip into the meetings when they wanted to. We also purchased some professional sessions during this period, to try and make the evenings a bit more varied, and to give the leaders an evening where they did not have to do all the planning. For one thing that had come to light was that it takes a lot more time to prep an on-line meeting than it did for an evening in the hall.

However, there were some advantages to running on line sessions (although we are not sure if the parents and carers would always agree) it gave us chances to do badges that were impossible in the school hall. For example, we had several cooking sessions, with the Cubs cooking meals and cakes at home while being instructed over the MS Teams meeting. We also held two international nights where we were joined on line by 3 Scouts from America.

The Cubs also managed to complete 152 badges, including 5 Chief Scout's Silver Awards during the last year

As I write this we are gradually starting to run more face to face meetings and we look forward to the day when we are allowed to offer the full Scouting experience once again.

Ian House

On behalf of the Cub Scout Leadership Team



Scout report 2020-2021

What a crazy year it has been not just for the scout group but for the whole world. The scout troops have done exceptional to adapt from face-to-face meetings to online meetings. Both troops and leaders

are pleased and extremely excited to slowly be returning to face-to-face meetings. To be honest I think Friday scouts are just pleased they do not need to hear me complaining about my laptop being slow.

Since the last AGM we have stuck with the online meetings, where we even done the meetings during the summer holidays, and weekly doing various activities. We have managed to do a virtual get back and a face to face get back into the last programme, as well as virtual tours, semaphore, magic tricks, science experiments, knots and various other activities.

Over the past term we have managed to get two face to face meetings. These meeting were great as everyone saw more of each than what they see on the computer screen. Both scout troops are hoping to get more face-to-face meetings running again and we are hoping to get loads of fun activities into the programme.

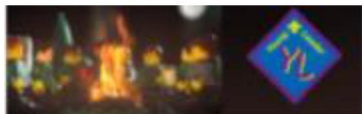
When we return to face-to-face properly, we are hoping to do a lot more activities in order to help the scouts achieve and complete their challenge badges to achieve their gold awards.

Both scouts and leaders cannot wait to be back to face-to-face meetings properly and hoping not to stay on the online meetings. The leaders and the scouts have so many ideas for face-to-face meetings, to the point where we are all struggling to think of activities for online meetings apart from adapting the meetings we have already done online. We are all excited to be able to get back to scouting, and to be able to go camping and to be doing scouting activities again.

For the online meetings we have managed to get most of the scouts to attend the weekly meetings, which they all seem to be enjoying it, and the ones who decided to wait till do face to face are excited to make a return into scouting. The meetings have been a success and the leaders are grateful that the scouts have decided to keep attending the meetings and make every week enjoyable for everyone who attends. The scout leaders and scouts have enjoyed every second of the virtual meetings that have happened, and we are excited for when we return to do face-to-face meetings.

Danni Smith

Bedivere scout leader



Young Leaders Report 2021

When Jenny was Group Scout Leader, she set the “Young Leader Mentor” post in order to give the Young Leaders a voice at the adult meetings and to give them someone, in the Group, to talk to who was not involved with the section that they were helping with, or the parent of a child in the Group. As I no longer had children in the Group, and was not running a section I was “volunteered” for the job. We

then co-opted my wife Sue to be the second adult, as she is great with teenagers, and had no other connection with the Group.

We started with informal meetings and progressed to regular social events, where the Young Leaders could get together, chat, discuss their Young Leader training, and talk about any problems. These sessions proved to be very popular especially when we ran BBQ's and Christmas parties. As well as giving them an independent point of contact, the long-term goal was to show them that Scouting was still fun as an adult, and to encourage them to develop and continue in a leadership role.

Unfortunately, in 2020 all this stopped along with the rest of Scouting. So, at Easter we moved the meetings online, and at the young people's request we set up monthly online meetings, which followed the same format as the face-to-face ones. This was with the hope of keeping the Young Leaders engaged and I am pleased to say that most of them are now getting involved with the restarted face to face sectional meetings. Also 3 of them have now reached the age of 18 and are moving forward into adult leadership rolls. Indeed, Sasha has already become an invaluable part of the Cubs leadership team. So moving forward we hope to encourage more of the Explorer Scouts to become Young Leaders and we are looking forward to hosting a Young Leaders face to face social sometime in July.

Ian House

Young Leader Mentor



Treasurers Report

Great Linford (St. Andrews) Scout Group

2020 - 2021

Looking at the Statement of Assets and Liabilities it will be seen that our net income is considerably higher than previous years. This is due to the Covid-19 pandemic & not being able to function as normal as a Group.

We have been very lucky to be eligible for various government grants during the last year, which has been the main source of income for us.

We have successfully claimed the last 4 years Gift Aid from HMRC and can now claim this on a yearly basis. Please check your Gift Aid details are up to date on OSM (the parent physically paying subs in cash/via bank transfer, must be the person to sign up for Gift Aid).

Even though we have not functioned properly as a Group this year, we have still had our normal outgoings like Capitation, school hall hire-fees, insurances, utilities for Loriner Place & badges. We have given the option to all parents to suspend subs payments since the first Covid-19 lockdown, to enable their young person to continue their Scouting journey with us instead of leaving the Group.

And, lastly, as you are all aware, we have offered all young people a “subs payment” holiday between April & July 2021 as a way of saying thank you to them and you, the parents, for “sticking” with us during these unprecedented times!

Mel Dickson

Treasurer

GREAT LINFORD (ST.ANDREWS) SCOUT GROUP
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
ASSETS		
CASH FUNDS		
Bank Current Acc.	45,083	5,265
Building Soc. Acc.	0	10,060
Unpresented Debits	0	250
Unpresented Credits	0	-96
Petty Cash	33	431
TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	45,117	15,910
REPRESENTED BY:		
Reserves brought forward	15,910	17,504
Net Receipts/Payments	29,206	-1,594
TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	45,117	15,910

The above accounts were approved by the trustees on:
And signed on their behalf by:

9/6/2021

Chairman: _____

Treasurer: _____

GREAT LINFORD (ST.ANDREWS) SCOUT GROUP
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Donations	430	1006
Members Subscriptions	7795	10122
Capitation Refund	0	41
Equipment/badges/Uniform	55	0
	8280	11168
Activities and Events:		
Camps	3606	8296
Events	115	3553
Fundraising Activities:		
GLPC Leaflet Delivery	291	894
Marquee Hire	0	3850
Grants	20941	200
GLPC Community Fun Day	0	1381
Gift Aid	7059	0
Loriner Place racking	37	0
General fundraising	472	527
	28800	6852
Sundry:		
Bank Interest	0	10
Overpayment Refunds	0	0
Uniform Donations	0	0
Explorers Hire & Insurance	0	0
Online Fundraising (Various)	123	120
Other income	359	466
Last FY unrepresented debits	250	0
Loriner Place hire	0	60
	732	656
TOTAL RECEIPTS	41532	30525
PAYMENTS		
Capitation Fees	3544	4930
Premises Rent	1386	2096
Insurance	1033	936
Donations & Grants	750	40
	6712	8002
Activities and Events:		
Camps	2425	8199
Events	330	3703
Fundraising Costs	96	253
Books and Equipment	340	73
Stationary and Postage	20	31
Scarves, Badges	783	923
Admin	677	769
Uniforms	28	218
Group Float	0	157
Loriner Place	661	9790
Last FY unrepresented credits	96	0
Subs/camp/event write offs	143	0
	2844	12215
TOTAL PAYMENTS	12311	32119
	29222	-1594
Correct imbalance	-16	
NET RECEIPTS	29206	

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the
GREAT LINFORD (St Andrews) SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2021

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given by the Group's/District constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 1 to 2.

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Signed: R Bensley

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Date: 31/7/2021