

## St Peter and St Paul Scout Group

### Annual General Meeting

via Zoom

7pm, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Jan Richardson, Chole Lockwood, David & Chole Staniford, Helen Ridge, Lucy Johnson, Stephanie Monk & Nick Pinches

#### 2. Chair's Report

The Chair noted that for the second year running the AGM was being held via Zoom, but it was hoped that this would be the last year that this would be necessary.

The Chair then thanked all Leaders, Helpers and Executive members who give so much of their time to enable the Group to operate and members to enjoy the experience of Scouting.

As last year the Chair noted the following with respect to COVID-19:

- The Group will continue to follow all appropriate guidance from the government and Scout Association, and that the health of members and leaders is of paramount importance.
- That when face-to-face activities had been allowed, considerable care had been taken in preparing risk assessments, engaging professional cleaners, adding equipment, and providing sanitation facilities.
- The way Leaders had adapted was very impressive, noting that whole meetings were being held on-line when face-to-face wasn't possible.

#### 3. GSL's Report

Julie Talman (GSL) presented her report. Key elements were as follows:

- Since the last AGM we have been in yet another lockdown, so the Cub and Scout sections returned to Zoom; once we got all clear we started back Face to Face
- Thanks to all the Leaders for all their hard work in keeping things going.
- 2021 is a very special year for SSPP as it is our centenary. To recognize this a new scarf badge made and presented to each of our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders.
- Held a competition to design a new logo for our Group T-Shirts with the District Commissioner, Anne Bott, picking the overall winner - Sam McWilliam
- The Beaver section has started back after over a year with nearly a full colony. Andrew Pinnells (Yogi) has taken on the role of ABSL and is starting his further training towards his Wood-badge. We are currently looking to recruit another adult to assist with the Colony as Laura Tazewell (Polar) is moving to become a leader in the Cub Pack.
- The Cub section under the new leadership of Charlie Thompson (Akela) has carried on seamlessly considering his first half of his takeover was during lockdown and the pack has gone from strength to strength with almost a full pack going on the slightly shortened Summer Camp at Bentley Copse. David Staniford (Mao) is in the process of completing his Nights Away Permit and will be running their next camp in October to PGL. The Cub section also has Chloe Staniford (Tia) and two Young Leaders Jamie (Oo) and Robert Kimber (Keego) who have been a great help running games and activities. Seb Raif-Philpott (Chile) has joined us as a Young Leader, and we hope to recruit another young person from the Explorer Unit soon.



- The Scout section have continued giving great Scouting throughout all the lockdowns and have completed a lot of badgework. I thank the leaders for their commitment and hard work to keep everything running so smoothly.
- Last year we were unable to attend the Town Remembrance Parade, but we did complete do a two-minute silence in uniform on our doorsteps. As restrictions had been lifted for St Georges Day the Cub section undertook a litter pick by the Philips Memorial and joined the District Zoom renewal of promises and presentation of awards.

#### 4. Section Reports

Scouts (presented by Julie Talman as Nick Pinches wasn't present). Main points were:

- Thanks to the other members of the leadership team - Stuart Lodge, Alex Harvey, Owen Kimber, Brian Searle and Jackie Glen.
- Currently have 22 scouts and weekly attendance is usually over 15.
- In Autumn 2020 the Scouts had a hybrid programme. Due to the restriction on group sizes. The Troop was split into two groups, meeting 7:00-7:45pm and 8:15-9:00pm.
- Had a few activities where the troop could be together socially distanced, such as a night hike.
- Also continued with the online meetings for those families who were isolating.
- Following the announcement of the third lockdown the Scouts were forced to go back online
- The highlight of the winter programme was cooking pancakes for Shrove Tuesday on Zoom in our kitchens. It was great to see lots of the scouts embracing this challenge, and there were lots of delicious pancakes- even the leaders partook.
- We were offered some respite when the scouts were able to finally get back to face-to-face scouting and enjoyed a session of campfires before the Easter break.
- Thankfully, due to the special dispensations given to youth groups by the government, we could go back to a full face-to-face programme with the whole troop attending at the same time. Although the sessions were outside for the whole term, we were able to get back to some traditional scouting with some caution.
- Scouts restarted in September and we have had our first week back inside the hut, which is a great feeling.
- We have had some Cubs and some new starters join us. The average age of the troop makes it a young troop.

#### Cubs (Charlie Thompson)

- Started the year still under a national lockdown but delivered a badge-focused Zoom programme before finally meeting face-to-face again, split across two groups of 15, after the Easter holidays.
- This propelled the section forward, working to fit as many outdoor and traditional Scouting activities into the Summer term as possible, culminating in the first Summer camp for 2 years.
- Currently have 30 Cubs in the Pack including an influx of new faces from the Beaver Colony.

A summary of the activities and opportunities our Cubs have experienced so far in 2021.

#### Winter Term 2021

- Zoom programme, all from home split across 2 groups to make it easier to manager.
- Home, Fire and Road Safety badges (special thanks to Dave Fishlock)
- RNLI talk by one of our former Cubs, International themed Lego building evening,



Science experiments at home.

- Lockdown camp over the Easter holidays which helped some of our Cubs work towards Challenge badges. Camping scavenger hunt, tie dying, marshmallow towers, swing braiding, vinegar rockets.

#### **Summer Term 2021**

- Gardening badge, Hike during torrential rain, Sixer-run evening, Bentley Copse activity evening, canoeing and backwards cooking with a water games evening.
- Weekend Summer camp at Bentley Copse for 21 Cubs. Included air rifle shooting, climbing, crate stacking and indoor caving, fire lighting, pioneering, shelter building, First Aid, cooking a camp tea, campfire, hike, Cubs cooking breakfast.

#### **Autumn 2021 and looking forward to 2022.**

- Continuing face to face activities. Programme will be heavily focused on achieving Challenge badges which have slipped over the last few years: Skills, Teamwork, Team Leader, World, World Faith, Scientist, Adventure through Hike, campfire, Wide Game, skills evenings, visit to Quaker church & Remembrance Sunday.
- PGL 1st weekend in October, again first one in 2 years, hoping to offer some great activities such as climbing, trapeze, low level ropes, problem solving.

A huge thank you to all the leaders and young leaders who make Scouting possible.

We'd very much appreciate ongoing support with parents during our evenings, as this makes running them a lot less hectic.

#### **Beavers (Bianca McHugh)**

- Numbers are now back up to 20 and have been meeting since April at the hut again.
- Have tried to make our program as varied as possible since returning to Scouting and keep it interesting for the two who were left over after the pandemic and all the new joiners.
- Went to the Prior's Field Woods to hunt some mini beasts (some of us were very lucky to see a swarm of bees in a tree), had a GP visit us at the hut, enjoyed a science evening as well as almost completing a new badge on money.
- This coming term's program is hopefully going to include a sleepover, another visit to Prior's Field Woods to build some dens and a visit to the Quaker House as well as our Christmas party with our now well-known snowball fight.

I have a great adult team with Polar Bear (Laura Tong), Yogi Bear (Andrew Pinnells) and Atlas Bear (Ben) but unfortunately, I will be losing Polar to the Cubs after Half Term as both her children have now moved up. For the time being I have introduced a parent rota until we can find another parent to help us every week.

#### **Prior's Field Scouts (Bianca McHue)**

- Due to schools having been in bubbles have not been able to recommence scouting at PF.
- On Thursday we will have a Clubs Carnival introducing all the different clubs and activities at PF. We have again Spanish students staying with us and have had one of these students express an interest in joining the scouts.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report (Steve Argyle)**



Accounts for the financial year were presented to the meeting. The main points noted were:

- An exceptional year with strong grant receipts while spending was constrained due to the pandemic.
- Available funds increased from £12,645 to £31,234
- Subscriptions receipts were reduced due to the suspension of meetings, but many parents continued to make payments in full. The Treasurer noted his thanks to these parents.
- Hut Donations now just constitute amounts paid by the garage next door as the hut is no longer used as a polling station.
- Grants comprised amounts received from the council under COVID-19 support schemes plus a contribution of £150 to the cost of the new lease.
- Costs of central capitation and section costs were down due to COVID-19
- Hut maintenance fees were up due to pandemic related expenses such as a hot air hand dryer
- Equipment costs included new tents and gazebos
- Donations comprise amounts received under an employer workplace giving scheme.

The Treasurer noted the Groups solid financial position and that this was a basis for building on in respect of funds needed for major repairs and improvements to the premises.

The meeting voted to adopt and approve the accounts.

#### 6. Lease Negotiations

The Chair updated the meeting that the lease for the hut had now been finalised and signed by both parties. This provided the Group with security of tenure for 35 years and it would now be practical to address fundraising for necessary repairs and improvements for the building subject to the landlord's approval. It was also noted that a celebration of the event had occurred on 3<sup>rd</sup> September at which time the hut had been officially named the Mary Turner Hall in recognition of the wife of the benefactor who donated the property into trust.

#### 7. Executive Representatives

It was noted that the Executive needed an additional representative from the Scout section. The meeting agreed to minute that the following additions had been made to the Executive during the last year:

- Anna Withrington – Beavers
- Alice Hinds – Beavers
- Mark Oliver- Cubs

#### 8. Election of Offices

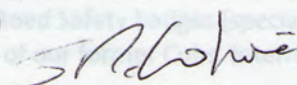
The following officers were re-elected unanimously:

- Chair – Simon White
- Treasurer- Steve Argyle
- Secretary – Jan Richardson
- Accounts Reviewer – Ginny Burt

#### 9. AOB

- Julie Talman noted the creation of Squirrels by TSA for children aged 4 and 5. It was anticipated that the District would operate a section from April 2022.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

  
CHAIR

# St Peter and St Paul Scout Group

## Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended	31-Mar-20		31-Mar-21
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### Receipts and payments

	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		
Membership subscriptions	10,171	5,293
Less Membership subscriptions paid on to District	3,981	3,333
Net Membership subscriptions retained	6,190	1,960
Donations	800	1,571
Hut Donations	1,664	750
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>8,654</b>	<b>4,281</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
Other Grants	2,200	21,757
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>21,757</b>
<b>Fundraising (Gross)</b>		
General Fundraising	0	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>		
Bank Interest	0	0
Other Investment Income	0	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>10,854</b>	<b>26,038</b>
<b>Asset and Investment Sales etc</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>10,854</b>	<b>26,038</b>

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### Receipts and payments

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<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Charitable Payments</b>		
Troop Subscriptions	1,013	550
Insurance/Utilities	2,140	2,152
Hut Maintenance	259	1,000
Hut/Troop Overheads	681	444
Equipment	952	1,710
Lease Acquisition	600	1,500
Other Expenses	58	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>5,703</b>	<b>7,356</b>
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>		
Other fundraising costs	0	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>5,703</b>	<b>7,356</b>
<b>Asset and Investment purchases etc</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>5,703</b>	<b>7,356</b>
<b>Net of receipts(payments)</b>	<b>5,151</b>	<b>18,682</b>
<b>Cash Funds last year end</b>	<b>7,401</b>	<b>12,552</b>
<b>Cash Funds this year end</b>	<b>12,552</b>	<b>31,234</b>

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# St Peter and St Paul Scout Group

	Year start date	Year end Date
For the year from	31-Mar-20	31-Mar-21

## Statement of assets and liabilities at year end

	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	£	£
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Cash Funds</b>		
Bank Current Account	12,645	31,234
Bank Deposit Account		
Building Society Account		
Scout Association Short term Investment Service		
Cash/Floats		
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>12,645</b>	<b>31,234</b>
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>		
Debts due		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Investment Assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Investment Property	0	0
Quoted Investments	0	0
Other Investments	0	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>		
Other stock	0	0
Land and Buildings	0	1
Motor Vehicles/Trailer	500	500
Scouting Equipment	1,000	1,000
Hut Fixtures	500	500
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,001</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts not yet paid	0	0
Provisions	0	0
Subscriptions not yet paid	0	0
Loan Detail	0	0
Other liabilities	0	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>14,645</b>	<b>33,235</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Worth</b>	<b>14,645</b>	<b>33,235</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities, were approved by the Trustees on

\*\*th \*\*\*\* 2021 (the date of the AGM that approved the accounts). Signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Name
	S. White Chair
	S. Argyle, Treasurer



**Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the  
St Peter and St Paul Scout Group**

Report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Scrutineer**

As the District'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 1993 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to report to you.

**Basis of Scrutineer's statement**

In accordance with the directions given in the District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out in the preceding pages.

**Scrutineer's statement**

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

Signed:



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Date

10-Jan-2022