



CHAIR'S REPORT 2020/2021

After trying times and now that Scouting is slowly returning to some kind of normality, it gives me great pleasure to present this Annual Report for 21st Scout Group. Here you will find what the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been up to over the past year.

We couldn't do what we do, without the team of volunteer leaders, assistant leaders and young leaders in each section, for their commitment and hard work in supporting our Scout Group. They all work extremely hard behind the scenes, often fitting Scouting duties into any spare time they have. We are also grateful for the parents who help out as and when they can. If any parents feel that they can offer assistance in any way, please let us know.

I would also like to thank the other members of the Executive Committee. This group is made up of parents, section representatives, section leaders and people with many years of scouting experience. Between us we strive to ensure that 21st Scout Group is managed and run as smoothly as possible. This includes maintenance of the building and grounds, financial matters, fund raising and planning future events.

We strive to provide the best opportunities for all at 21st and none of what we do would be possible without the backing of a fantastic team.

Barry White.

GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT MAR 2020 - MAR 2021

It is my pleasure to present to you the Group Scout Leader's Report

During the Covid-19 Pandemic, our young people, supported by their parents, remained loyal whilst meetings were held on Zoom. There was a slight fall off in numbers when we started on Zoom but then the numbers remained stable. Covid is still with us but with a Risk Assessment in place and District approval, face-to-face Section meetings re-commenced in April 2021. We will always be grateful to parents for their support and encouragement during this time. Thank you.

The Executive Committee has met during the year. Thank you, Barry for being our Chair. Thank you, Jayne, our Treasurer, who produces our Annual Accounts and everything that entails, which is, of course, considerable, alongside doing the accounts of two Scouting Districts. I would like to add

my thanks to those of the Chairman's, to each person on the Committee. They are the Group's hidden power house helping to meet all requirements whether of the Charities Commission, The Scout Association or the Law of the land. I would also like to thank Rhys Williams who fits in running repairs at The Lodge as and when required despite a heavy work schedule. Sincere thanks to you all.

In October, 2020, our Group Treasurer of over 50 years died. Jim Edmondson had looked after the finances during some very lean income times but with careful housekeeping, he was able to see good results as well. He had been known to pay Capitation out of his own pocket because the Group was not able to. He made a donation to Group Funds every year and was keen that we included it in the Gift Aid claim to maximise the amount. Jim has passed on but he will not be forgotten, he could always relay positivity no matter the circumstances. His smile will always stay with us.

The Gift Aid process is our major fund raiser and we are grateful to those parents who have signed up, enabling the Group to benefit from receiving 25p from the Inland Revenue for every £1 paid in subs or donations. Our thanks go to Neil Davidson, who has for years looked after the Gift Aid claim. The amount of the last claim is down on the previous year due to the reduced income, nevertheless, we are grateful for the amount received and encouraged in the knowledge that next year's amount will increase again. Due to the Pandemic, the Anniversary Party was the last social occasion held.

The Community Coffee Afternoon which did meet each Monday afternoon in The Lodge for the past ten years up to the start of the Pandemic, has decided not to return due to their reduced numbers. In December we started an arrangement with Pure Innovations who hire The Lodge on Wednesdays and Fridays, which has, of course, proved to be a welcome income.

The Group Newsletter is distributed to Parents, Leaders and Members of the Executive Committee on a regular basis maintaining communication and providing information. We also communicate on the closed Facebook page.

Training by Executive Committee Members is up-to-date and all mandatory training by Leaders (apart from one session of first aid) has been completed as and when due. The full Leader module training is almost finished by Amanda and Rebecca (Beavers).

Woodbadge Beads have been received by Dan (Scouts ASL) and Holly (Beavers ASL) which show that they have successfully completed their Adult Leader Training. Lizzie (Cub Scout Leader) has received her 15 year Service Award. David (Section Assistant in Cubs) has been invested.

The team of Leaders and Helpers have done an extraordinary job to help support the young people at 21st Stockport during this last year, even though most of them have been juggling their responsibilities as key workers. The results of their input can be seen in many ways. For instance, when we see growing confidence, development and self-reliance in the young people, and when we are involved in the presentation of Bronze, Silver, Gold Chief Scout Awards, representing achievement and success. My sincere and grateful thanks join those of the Chair's. Thank you.

A big 'thank you' to parents for continued support and encouraging words and gestures

What about the year ahead? One focus will be to find people willing to take on the roles of Section Leaders, we have important gaps there which urgently need filling. Further focus will be on increasing the numbers in Beavers and Cubs following a year of having only one new starter (sibling of current members). We will continue to present the very best programme we can, expanding it according to Pandemic conditions. We will do everything we can to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our young people and adults whilst they explore new challenges, enjoy friendships and have fun.

Elaine Mitchell

21st Stockport Scout Group Financial Operating Report

For the Year Ended 31 March 2021



2020		2021
Opening Balances		
11,932.37	Yorkshire Bank	15,140.92
-	Petty Cash	322.86
11,932.37		15,463.78
Income		
7,451.00	Subscriptions	4,806.00
50.00	Donations	50.00
370.00	Fundraising	-
1,234.35	Gift Aid	1,630.44
520.00	Room Hire	100.00
3,095.00	Camping Income	-
758.37	Activities Income	-
-	Grants	19,669.21
229.21	50th Celebrations	-
470.28	Miscellaneous Deposits	-
14,178.21		26,255.65
Expenses		
2,115.00	Capitation	1,596.00
957.98	Insurance	950.31
450.18	Gas	807.64
562.16	Electricity	300.92
81.84	Water	169.46
218.00	Rent	218.00
-	Rates	373.76
188.40	Activities Expenses	-
20.00	Lottery Licence	20.00
484.47	Lodge Maintenance	830.97
-	Stationary	86.95
2,415.86	Camping Expenses	504.00
209.95	Badges	130.95
108.73	Group Activities	-
1,902.20	New Assets	-
932.03	50th Celebrations	130.00
-	Postage & Packaging	-
-	Christmas	207.00
-	COVID-19	522.76
-	Miscellaneous	373.81
10,646.80		7,222.53
15,463.78	Group Funds	34,496.90
Closing Balances		
15,140.92	Yorkshire Bank	34,496.90
322.86	Petty Cash	
15,463.78		34,496.90

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J.E. Talbot-Smith
Hon. Treasurer

Date 1st November 2021

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P.Masters - A.C.M.A.
Auditor

Date 1st November 2020

Auditors report to the members of 21st Stockport Scout Group

I have audited the accounts of 21st Stockport Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2021. The Hon. Treasurer provided comprehensive documentation and reconciliations for the financial year in question and in my opinion the accounts have been diligently prepared and give a true and fair view of the state of the organisation's affairs and its financial position.

In order to maintain the standard of this year's analysis of income and expenditure, the importance of ensuring that, where appropriate, all members keep detailed records and receipts of all transactions should be reiterated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Masters', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul Masters

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