



9th Dartford Scout Group

(Charity No. 271270)

Headquarters: Heath Lane, Dartford, Kent

AGM – GSL's report

Period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Well, what an 'interesting' year that was !

Coronavirus was the main topic throughout the whole year, as we all came to terms with providing Scouting in a whole new way – online, or, virtual Scouting.

Trying to provide enjoyable and varied weekly online meetings for our sections was a real challenge, which our leaders met head-on, and succeeded (mostly 😊).

The Scout Group did not actually return to full face-to-face meetings until Easter 2021, so there is not much to report upon.

As I mentioned at the end of last year's report, in the months following April 2020 we were joined by Jack Ford and William Southcott who are now our Cub Scout Leader and Assistant Cub Scout Leader, respectively.

At the same time both Henry Metcalfe (Assistant Explorer Scout Leader) and John Atkins (Cub Scout Leader) left the Scout Group. Henry to concentrate upon his career, and John moved to Ireland. We wish them every success in their new ventures.

As a Group we agreed not to charge weekly subscriptions as we were not meeting face-to-face. The Group's executive committee were reassured by the treasurer that we could pay all outgoings (utilities, insurance, etc) without putting the Group in financial difficulties. Big thank you to the exec committee, and especially Phil Hamblin (our treasurer) for providing this support to the sections.

As always, I am very grateful for all the time our leaders give to their sections, without them 9th Dartford Scout Group would not exist - THANK YOU.

Since the easing of restrictions and a return to face-to-face meetings, our Beaver Colony has seen a massive influx of new members. We still have room for more Cubs and Scouts, so please pass the word to parents of your children's friends, and get more children to join us.

I will leave each section leader to speak about their section and what they got up to during the past year. I do not want to steal their thunder.



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Lastly, although outside the year under review, I would like to acknowledge the fantastic work undertaken to complete the boy's toilet refurbishment and more recently; the clearance of the grounds in preparation for a fire pit, a gas cage and new fencing.

To finish, I will look ahead to the future. As you may have seen on national media, a brand new section to Scouting has been introduced. The new section is called SQUIRRELS – this section will be open to 4-6 year olds. For our Group to have a new section, we require new leaders & helpers; so if you fancy a new adventure, please let me know.

Neil Gearing

Group Scout Leader

9th DARTFORD SCOUT GROUP

Accounts

Year Ending 31st March 2021

9th DARTFORD SCOUT GROUP

Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Subscriptions		Group expenses	
Beaver Colony	0	Section night cost: Beavers	64
Cub Section	0	Cubs	0
Scout Section	0	Scouts	177
Explorers*	57	Explorers	0
	<u>57</u>		<u>241</u>
*The explorer subscriptions related to the pre- 31 March 2020 period			
Covid support from Government and Council		Capitation	
Initial (May 2020)	10,000	Group	1,584
Subsequent (March 2021)	11,050	Explorers	339
	<u>21,050</u>		<u>1,923</u>
Fund Raising & Donations		Other expenses	
Dartford Borough Council 'Salute for Youth' fund	3,500	Hall cleaning	420
Hall donations	1,486	Badges, Scarves, woggles	200
Gift aid (for year ending 5 April 2020)	1,441	AGM, group Software,	128
General donations	129	Leader expenses	145
	<u>6,556</u>		<u>893</u>
		Overheads	
		Rent (land)	1,000
		Insurance (hall)	917
		Gas	836
		Electricity	118
		Water rates*	120
		Performing rights society+	0
			<u>2,991</u>
		*Water - repayment or credit of £38 received after year end.	
		+ PRS- lower charge agreed after year end.	
		Group improvements/repairs	
		Equipment	383
		Fire checks and equipment	239
		Repairs	333
			<u>955</u>
GROSS INCOME	<u>27,663</u>	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>7,003</u>
Opening Balance 1st April 2020		Bank and cash reconciliation at 31 March 2021	
Bank current account (net of uncleared cheques)	14,745	Cash and cheques on hand;	
Bank deposit account	87	Beavers	0
Cash in hand	1,030	Cubs	16
	<u>15,862</u>	Scouts	3
		Explorers	8
			<u>27</u>
Plus Income	27,663		
Total	<u>43,525</u>		
		Cash in current accounts*	36,408
Less expenditure	7,003	Cash in deposit account	87
		Closing balance at 31 March 2021	<u>36,522</u>
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Signed
Dated 30/09/2021

Gavin Wills
Group Chair

*This excludes uncleared cheques of £35 and £80, the first for Beaver troop night and second for Marquee repairs.

Notes to Accounts & Treasurers Report**Bob Duncan**

Bob has been our Group Chairman for five years and has kept the exec meeting on a professional footing. With Bob's guidance the "Parent Induction" evening were started, which gave new parents an insight to what each section has to offer, which adults are the leaders & assistants in these sections, how parents can help either with a training section or on the executive committee, or helping with cleaning and upkeep of the scout hall and its grounds. Bob was also the leading light for race nights and other fundraising. Having been a leader in Dartford and an Assistant District Commissioner, Bob was very supportive of the Leaders' endeavours and appreciated their time and commitment. This year, Bob decided to hand over the Chairmanship of the Scout Group. Many thanks Bob for all you have done to improve the management of the Scout Group.

Gavin Wills

We welcome Gavin as our new Chair.

John Atkins

John was an inspiring member of our executive committee for over ten years, in addition to leading the Cub Pack with distinction, and bringing in welcome funds through his tireless work looking after those who wished to make use of the hall. John was also instrumental in organising the recent extension of our lease on the land on which the hall is sited. In October 2020 John left England to spend his retirement in Ireland and we all wish him a long and happy retirement and thank him for his work with the group.

Records

As ever I'd like to thank all the leaders for their records- not that there was a need for many this year!

Covid-19 Closure of the Hall

As mentioned in the notes to last years accounts the group was affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. In line with Government and Scout Association advice the 9th Dartford Scout Group ceased activities and closed the hall in Mid March 2020, with little activity taking place in the hall for the next 15 months. Support from the Government, through Dartford Council, has been sufficient to cover the hall and capitation costs for this year and the next year as well as replacing fundraising events and gift aid (as there will be no claim this year and a restricted claim next year) and paying for increased cleaning costs moving forward. Some of these funds will be used to improve the hall and grounds and some will be kept in case there are future pandemic or other restrictions.

Covid 19- Payments for cancelled events.

The ferry company have given the group credit of £545 for the summer camp ferry which was cancelled. Parents had already made payments of £355 towards that camp, and the Group will hold on to those funds until the parents wish them to be used later- perhaps for the Kent International Jamboree unless those parents would prefer that they were repaid. If you would like a repayment please let the leader know.

Donations

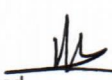
Dartford Council have kindly given the Group a £3,500 contribution from the 'Salute For Youth' fund and these funds have been put to one side towards replacing the fence around the hall and grounds.

Scout Bank

The 'scout bank' balance forms a part of the opening and closing funds in the current accounts. The opening balance stood at £1,891 and receipts received in the previous year and which totalled £1,179 were added to it during this year so it now stands at £3,070 all of which is scouting rather than individual scout's funds.

Statement of assets and liabilities

	£
Opening funds	15,862
Income	27,663
Expenses	-7,003
Increase in funds	11,801
Closing funds	36,522
Assets	£
New equipment costs	955
Taken to P+L account	955
Net improvement costs	0
Deposit account	87
Current accounts	36408
Cash and cheques in hand	27
	36,522

Signed  Philip Hamblin
Group Treasurer

Date 30/9/21

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 9th Dartford Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 9th Dartford Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 9th. Dartford 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 9th. Dartford Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 9th. Dartford Scout Group 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.

Signed:



Name: Helen Hooper

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies: **FCCA**

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Date: **20/2/21**