

1ST LEIGHTON BUZZARD SCOUT GROUP

Report & Accounts for the year
ending 31 March 2021



HONORARY PRESIDENT

Tony Birch

TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio- Appointment

Group Scout Leader	Rob Redfern	Trustee
Scout Leader	Edward Goddard	Trustee
Cub Scout Leader	Steve Anderson (acting)	
Beaver Scout Leader	Graham Mills (Acting) ABSL	

TRUSTEES: Elected

Chairman	Ian Summerfield	Trustee
Vice Chairman	Position Vacant	
Treasurer	Karen Buckley	Trustee
Secretary	Amanda Godden	Trustee
Quartermaster	Position Vacant	
Bookings Secretary	Position Vacant	

Parent Representatives

Beavers	Position Vacant
Cubs	Position Vacant
Scouts	Position Vacant

Support

Media	Amanda Godden
Website	Brian Davison
Grant Support	Phil Wattleworth

BANKERS

National Westminster Bank PLC	Lloyds Bank PLC
27 High Street, Leighton Buzzard,	Market Sq, Leighton Buzzard
Bedfordshire LU7 1DX	Bedfordshire LU7

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES: The Scout Association Trust Corporation

OTHER ADVISERS

Independent Examiner: Mike Dalton
Valuers: Andrew White & Co.

Group Registration Number with
The Scout Association 4984
Charity Registration Number 279330
Contact Name & Address
Mrs K Buckley, 29 Mardle Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, LU7 2UR

Chairman's Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2021

It has been a year like no other in our 111 year history.

Like all other Groups in the country we had to cease face to face Scouting. It was the first time since our formation in 1909 that face to face Scouting has had to be suspended. Even during both the first and second world wars we continued to meet, but the Scout Association, our Leadership team and the Executive put the safety and well being of our members first and foremost so stop we had to.

We have been, for many years, a designated emergency centre, this is in line with our community and public service ethics. At the beginning of the Pandemic we held discussions with Central Bedfordshire Council and prepared out facilities in readiness should they be required. I am pleased to report that they were not required but the emergency planning team were grateful to have our facilities at their disposal.

We are very fortunate to have Rob Redfern as our Groups GSL he is inspiring not only to our young people but to our leadership team and Executive. Our Leadership team have continued to engage our young people holding meetings over the Zoom platform. This has enabled the Group to retain and attract new members and keep Scouting alive at the Buzzards at this most difficult of times. My thanks and admiration goes to all the Leadership Team for all their hard work and commitment to Scouting.

Our Executive Committee has also continued to meet over Zoom ensuring the Group continued to operate according to our charitable status and Royal Charter.

My gratitude goes to all the Executive Committee who like the Leadership Team freely volunteered their time for the good of the Group.

A big thank you to Karen Buckley for her continued stewardship of the Groups finances. As you will see from our annual report our rental income collapsed however this was offset by the financial support we received from Central Bedfordshire Council for which we are grateful.

I would like to make comment regarding the funds we are holding. The Executive Committee are mindful that our Memorial Hall was built in 1938 and will over the coming years need extensive work, including replacing the floor, drains, stabilising the walls and work on the roof. This work along with other routine maintenance on both halls, facilities and grounds will come to in excess of £75,000.

As Trustees of the Group we have taken the decision to build and retain funds to meet these costs such that we can pass on our amazing HQ to the next generation in a condition that is fit for purpose, like those before us did for us.

As Chair of the Group I am satisfied that we meet the requirements of our Charitable status, Royal Charter and remain financially viable and able to meet both our immediate and medium term needs and commitments.

.....And on a final note, to be able to continue delivering Scouting to our young people we are in need volunteers to join both our Leadership team and Executive committee or help with our facilities. Should you be interested in helping please contact Rob Redfern or myself and we would be happy to discuss the opportunities to help the Group.

Yours in Scouting,

Ian Summerfield
Chair

The Buzzards'

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Group Scout Leader's Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2021

As always, I need to start with the thank yous.

This year, I'd like to start with all the amazing young people who have joined in with scouting over the last year. What a tough year it's been. Hopefully you have found those zoom sessions a little more enjoyable from school work and gave you a break from life in lockdown. The amount of badges which have been gained is amazing, well done to you all. I know your leaders have enjoyed seeing your energy and enjoyment on a weekly basis, which has really helped them too. Thank you.

Pulling all this together in the background is your volunteer leadership team. They have been through an awful lot this year too and have been wonderful in creating such a varied and exciting programme for our young people. So much so, we have been one of only a few groups in the County who actually grew in numbers this year. Thank you.

Our Executive Committee have also been working hard in the background and have helped to steer us in these challenging times. Thank you.

Whilst writing this, we still do not know when we will be fully out of lockdown. We have already started to see face to face scouting return and it's clear how much all our young people are enjoying it (by the way, the leaders do too!). Fingers crossed, restrictions will be lifted soon. We have a camp planned for September, we are all really hoping we will be allowed to continue with it.

During lockdown, many families have continued to pay their subscriptions – we do appreciate that. You have helped us to maintain our financial stability. Ian, our Chair has also been very active in sourcing funds throughout the year, and so much so, it has enabled us to create great foundation to raising the funds we need, to support the future capital expenditure requirements of the group.

As GSL, I continue to have the responsibility to ensure our Executive Committee are appointed.

Ian has been Chair for the past year and I would officially like to re-nominate him as Chair and re-nominate Amanda as our Group Secretary.

The volunteer team we have in the group are amazing and we really do work well together to support the upkeep of the hut and weekly scouting. Many hands do make light work and I'm reaching out to you all to, think about supporting us as leaders or as parent members of the executive committee. Training you receive can also lead to nationally recognised qualifications.

Please come and talk to us if you would like to chat further about opportunities.

Have a great summer and stay safe.

Yours in Scouting
Rob Redfern
Group Scout Leader

		Current Year Unrestricted Fund Only (£)	Prior Year Unrestricted Fund Only (£)
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	page 5	26,539	14,104
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	Page 6	(7,103)	(8,015)
NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR		19,435	6,089
Cash, bank & similar funds brought forward		30,590	24,501
Cash, bank & similar funds carried forward		50,026	30,590

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Cash Funds

Bank Accounts
Scout Association Short term investment
Cash in hand

As at 31 March 2021	As at 31 March 2020
£	£
35,441	16,089
14,536	14,452
50	50
50,026	30,590

Asset retained for own use

Freehold Property at valuation	Note 1
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350,000	350,000
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Unrestricted Funds

400,026	380,590
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Note 1

Freehold Land and buildings are held by the Custodian Trustee on behalf of the group.
The land and buildings were valued in September 2006 on a continuing use basis.

The above account and accompanying statement of receipts and payments were approved by the
Trustees and signed on their behalf by Ian Summerfield

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RECEIPTS

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2021/22 2020/21
Budget £ Budget £

This Year Prior Year
Unrestricted Unrestricted
Funds only (£) Funds Only (£)

8,000	8,000	MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS
(3,000)	(3,000)	less: paid to HQ, District and County
<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	Net Membership Subscriptions Retained

7,050	7,834
(3,140)	(2,805)
<u>3,911</u>	<u>5,029</u>

INVESTMENT INCOME

6	6	Bank Interest
90	90	Scout Association Short term
10,000	2,000	Property Rent
<u>10,096</u>	<u>2,096</u>	

3	6
84	93
(76)	7,860
<u>11</u>	<u>7,959</u>

DONATIONS / GRANTS

10,000	10,000	Grants
0	0	Donations
<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	

20,741	0
100	300
<u>20,841</u>	<u>300</u>

FUND RAISING

0	0	General
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	

0	817
<u>0</u>	<u>817</u>

OTHER INCOME

600	1,600	Gift aid
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<u>1,776</u>	<u>0</u>
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<u>25,696</u>	<u>18,696</u>	TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR
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<u>26,539</u>	<u>14,104</u>
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PAYMENTS

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2021/22 Budget £	2020/21 Budget £		This Year Unrestricted Funds only (£)	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds Only (£)
		PREMISES		
0	0	Rates	0	0
1,200	1,000	Gas and electricity	1,196	897
1,200	1,200	Insurance	1,234	1,194
800	800	Telephone (incl internet costs) & water	714	704
5,000	8,000	Repairs and maintenance	2,489	2,988
1,000	1,000	Cleaning	420	1,062
<u>9,200</u>	<u>12,000</u>		<u>6,052</u>	<u>6,845</u>
0	0	DONATIONS / GIFTS	0	0
		ACTIVITIES		
3,000	500	Camps	740	(355)
200	200	Outings/ Activities	60	355
<u>3,200</u>	<u>700</u>		<u>800</u>	<u>0</u>
		FUND RAISING EXPENSES		
0	0	Expenses relating to fund raising activities	0	28
500	500	ADMIN, TRUSTEE AND OTHER EXPENSES	60	132
		EQUIPMENT		
1,500	1,500	New equipment in period	109	391
<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>		<u>109</u>	<u>391</u>
500	500	BADGES AND UNIFORMS	82	619
<u>14,900</u>	<u>15,200</u>	TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>7,103</u>	<u>8,015</u>

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NOTE ONLY

	£ at 31 March 2021	£ at 31 March 2020
MONETARY ASSETS		
Lloyds Bank Account	32,028	14,500
NatWest Bank Accounts	3,413	1,589
Scout Association Short term investment	14,536	14,452
Cash in hand	50	50
	<u>50,026</u>	<u>30,590</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax claim for current period	560	1,600
Insurance prepaid	1,168	1,128
Subs owed	0	0
Rent owed	0	0
Camp/ activity deposits paid	390	54
Scout Association interest accrued	25	25
	<u>2,143</u>	<u>2,807</u>
LIABILITIES due within 1 year		
Rent deposits	0	0
Camp Deposits received	0	580
Utilities	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>580</u>
NET MONETARY ASSETS	<u>52,170</u>	<u>33,977</u>
NON MONETARY ASSETS		
Land & buildings revalued 2006	350,000	350,000
Scouting equipment / furniture	0	0
	<u>350,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>402,170</u>	<u>383,977</u>

The level of funds held on the balance sheet reflects the responsibility the Group has with the potential future building costs related to holding an ageing building (as discussed further in the Chairman's Report).

Treasurer's Report

In the unprecedented year we have just experienced I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the parents that have supported the Group by continuing to pay their monthly subs. We are very grateful for your unwavering support to the Group.

I would also like to thank the leaders for their dedication to their respective sections for ensuring that the young people have continued to enjoy a full and active programme during the last year despite having to switch (with very little notice) to online sessions which continued throughout the year. As a parent myself I saw how much my son continued to engage in his weekly sessions which helped to bring a little sense of normality into his life in very challenging and uncertain times.

Lastly, I would like to thank Ian Summerfield who personally secured over £20,000 of grants from the Local Authority which has meant we have ended the year in a very strong financial position despite losing all our rental income during the year due to the Covid pandemic.

I would like to express my gratitude to both the section leaders and other members of the executive committee who help to manage the money and make my job straight forward.

Once we are able to re-open the hall for bookings we look forward to welcoming back our existing bookings as well as new bookings and opportunities to rent the halls so please spread the word on what a fantastic facility it is.

As I always do, please can I urge you to fill in a gift aid form if you haven't already done so, this is a great additional source of income for the Group. Just let the section leaders know or contact me if you need a gift aid form.

Many thanks for your continued support of the Group.

Karen Buckley
June 2021

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Leighton Buzzard Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Leighton Buzzard Scout Group (the Group) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 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 Group's 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(50(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 Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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 MICHAEL DALTON

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

member ICAEW

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Date 9th September 2021