

Tovil Scout Group  
Reports & Accounts  
Year Ending  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2021



Registered charity No: 285408

# Tovil Scout Group

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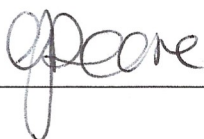
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## Tovil Scout Group

### Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

	This Year £	Previous Year £
Total receipts for the Year (see page 4)	33585	21642
Total payments for the year (see page 5)	9401	20279
Surplus or Deficit for the year	24184	1363
Balance brought forward	16233	14870
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>40417</b>	<b>16233</b>

*The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the trustees on \_\_\_\_\_ and signed on their behalf by*

  
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## Tovil Scout Group

### Receipts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

	This Year	Previous Year
	£	£
Membership Subscriptions	5511	7611
Hire of the Headquarters	1131	3044
Bank Interest	30	69
Fundraising	181	1802
Gift Aid	2414	-
Camps	897	1794
Donations	0	950
Activities	48	1592
Trips	0	0
Sundries	180	4780
HQ camp badges	0	0
Covid-19 Grants	23193	0
<b>Total receipts for the year</b>	<b>33585</b>	<b>21642</b>

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## Tovii Scout Group

### Payments for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

	This Year	Previous Year
	£	£
Annual Subscriptions	1881	3572
Repairs & Maintenance	3601	2034
New Equipment	324	3449
Utilities	487	1593
Insurance	1706	1657
Camps	520	2484
Activities	116	3457
Trips	0	0
Badges & Uniform	455	1080
HQ Camp Badges	0	0
Expenses	17	20
Sundries	265	642
Stationary/Postage	22	8
Donations	0	238
Fuels	7	45
<b>Total payments for the year</b>	<b>9401</b>	<b>20279</b>

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# Tovil Scout Group

## Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

	This Year £	Previous Year £
<b>Monetary Assets</b>		
Bank Current Accounts	5597	2043
Bank Deposit Accounts	*34613	*12583
Cash in hand	207	1607
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40417</b>	<b>16233</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	*£0 for the Sensory Garden Project	
<b>Non-Monetary Assets</b>		
Land and Buildings	£350,000	
Equipment & Contents	£ 45,000	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>NONE</b>	

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# **Tovil Scout Group**

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Tovil Scout Group**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145(1)(a) of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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# Tovii Scout Group

## Independent examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 133 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: D. S. S. (D.S. SRIMES)

Relevant professional qualification or body: Chartered Public Finance Accountant

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Date: 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021,

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## 1.0 Numbers:

1.1	Currently	15	Beavers (13 boys & 2 girls)
1.2	New Beavers	10	New Beavers Join over the last year
1.3	Moved On	12 4 6	Moved up to Cubs over last year, with another Dropped out for various reasons Due to move on over the Summer holidays
1.4	Waiting List	20	on the waiting list (of mixed ages, from under age to 7 years old).
		Up to 10	Places proposing to offer in September

## 2.0 Leaders:

BSL	Dan Simmons	(14 Years)
ABSL	Gina Lewis	(33 Years)
ABSL	Steph Hill	(10 Years)
ABSL	Dylan Simmons	(10 Years)
YL	J*** *****s	( 5 Years)
YL	A*** *****s	( 2 Years)

## 3.0 Awards:

The Beavers have been busy and worked hard over the last year and have had the opportunity to gain the following:

- o 5 Challenge Badges
- o 9 Activity Badges
- o 4 Staged Activity Badges
- o A total of **141** badges have been issued in the past year

In addition to the above:

- 2 Beavers deserve special recognition for gaining their Chief Scout's Bronze Award, they are:
  - o E\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*m
  - o T\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*s

#### **4.0 Visitors:**

Sadly due to the pandemic we have been unable to welcome any visitors to the colony over the past year

#### **5.0 Sleepovers:**

Again due to the pandemic we have not had the opportunity to organise any sleepovers away from home, however the Beavers had the opportunity to partake in up to 3 No. camp at home activities over the last year.

#### **6.0 Trips:**

Sadly we have been unable to organise any trips for the Beavers over the last year

#### **7.0 Activities:**

Along with many craft activities and games:

- Backwoods Cooking
- Bivouac Building
- Hike
- Virtual Remembrance Day Parade
- Safety Evening
- Cooking Live
- Digital Maker
- Scavenger Hunt
- Human Table Football
- Disc Golf & Foot Golf

#### **8.0 Covid-19**

Unfortunately like the rest of the world, Tovil Beavers was hit badly by the Covid Pandemic we were able to operate an outdoor programme for the majority of the winter term (November we were back online) in late 2020, but sadly and had to close the doors once again to the Hut for the Spring Term in 2021. However we did provide a full programme of activities online for the Beavers to have a go at while they were at home.

This time each week we held an online Zoom meeting some of which were to actually take part in the activity and some were activities set prior and then reviewed in the Zoom meeting. The most popular evening (we ended up running a second) was the cook with us Live (although I am not sure the parents would have agreed).

I am pleased to report that we have been meeting externally back at the Hut this Term, where numbers and enquiries have started to increase again.

**TOVIL SCOUT GROUP**  
**AGM – 16 July 2021**  
**TOVIL CUBS REPORT**

Cub Scout Leader: Alison Simmons

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## 1.0 Numbers:

○ Currently	21	Cubs (16 boys & 5 Girls)
○ New Cubs	9	New Have joined over the past year
○ Moved On	4	Have left due to turning 10 1/2 or deciding not to return

## 2.0 Leaders:

CSL	Alison Simmons	( 6 Years)
ACSL	Adam Hogg	( 7 Years)
ACSL	John Hawkes	( 3 Years)
ACSL	Lawrence Hill	( _ Years)
ACSL	Elliot Hill	(3 Years)
ACSL	Sophie Hodges	(4 Years)
ACSL	Katie Saunders	( _ Years)

## 3.0 Awards:

The Cubs have earnt a variety of badges over the past year, a lot of which were earnt during the lockdown period. Those earnt are broken down as follows:

- 4 staged badges
- 8 activity badges
- A total of 58 badges (including investment badges) have been given out in the last year
- 28 to give out, missed due to being absent at badge handover

## 4.0 Overnight Activities:

- In February 2021 we participated in the Virtual Camp at Home. We had 3 young people join in and built their dens and cooked food for them and their families.

## 5.0 Events:

- We organised a virtual Christmas party as a section to end the winter term

## 6.0 Activities:

- Over the course of the last year we have taken part in a variety of activities some which are outlined below:
  - Tovil Cubs 100 year party; music, party hats and food.
  - Backwoods cooking
  - Elmer Elephant Hunt through Maidstone

## 7.0 Covid-19

Fortunately, the covid-19 pandemic, does not seem to have significantly impacted the pack in the last year. We believe this to largely be as a result of there being a mix of virtual activities during the

lockdowns and also meeting face to face as much as possible and still trying to deliver a variety of activities in both ways.

The parents and young people involved with Cubs over the last year have been incredibly supportive with very few missed subs payments (and those that were have now been paid) and several Cubs were regularly attending virtual meetings.

We are pleased to report that we have been meeting back at the scout hut to some degree ever since the Scouts returned to Amber level in April. We are currently meeting weekly with a full attendance most weeks, even on the rainy evenings we have a good turnout.

We are looking forward to any changes that may follow the 19<sup>th</sup> July, but these will likely take effect for us from September. In the meantime, we are looking forward to getting back to our annual Waterslide next week to complete the summer term.

Yours in Scouting  
Alison (CSL)



## ANNUAL REPORT SCOUT SECTION 2021

At present we have 19 members in the Scout section. Here are some of our programme highlights from the last 12 months:

- Virtual camp
- Online Quiz nights
- Online Christmas Gingerbread man decorating
- Virtual Camp Fire Stunts and Songs
- Backwards cooking
- Navigation hike
- Fire lighting
- Pond Dipping
- Conservation badge
- Communication badge
- Scavenger hunt
- Stomp rockets
- Lob arrows
- Elmer's Big Heart of Kent Parade (Mote Park)
- District expedition training and prep

We have found the last 12 months very challenging with the covid restrictions in place as we have all worked through the lock downs, we have found that only a few of the Scouts participated in the online zoom meeting up to Christmas 2020 but after the new year we had increase with ten Scouts attending. When we finally went back to Scout meetings face to face, on returned we did back to basic Scouting that we all enjoy, and old Scouts returned increasing our numbers.

Finally, I wish to thank my fellow leaders for their help and support and ideas over the last year through these have been very strange times.

We are looking forward to things being back to normal for the Autumn term and thank you for your support over the last year.

Yours in Scouting, **Kevin, Karen, Lol, Andrew, Adam and Ellissa**

## **GSL Report – Tovil Scout Group**

**16<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

This last year has not been the year anyone had planned – and that is certainly true for the Group. At the last AGM, we were expecting by now to have scouting back on track and running activities, camps and events as in previous years. Unfortunately, not so!

2021 was planned as the year of celebrating 100 years of Tovil Scout Group, with several events planned. The small “100” team spent a lot of time planning, changing and then having to cancel events. Thank you to them and hopefully they will see the fruits of their efforts next year when it is hoped to run some events.

As usual, the leaders have done Tovil proud during these difficult times. They’ve not only dealt with the rules and guidance from the government, as we all have, at work and our personal lives but also had to ensure they follow rules laid down by the Scout Association. This meant drawing up risk assessments when face to face meetings were being re-started. In addition, they had to come up with ideas to keep the youngsters interested through on-line meetings. I would also like to highlight that Dylan gained his Queen Scout Award but unfortunately was unable to enjoy the glitz of a “normal” award ceremony. Dan and Lol have been awarded the Award of Merit, in recognition of their contribution to scouting.

Leaders and I appreciate this has been a difficult time for the youngsters and parents; it was not easy to enthuse about meetings, having schoolwork on-line as well. I would thank the parents for supporting the leaders and their children during these times.

It’s been great in recent weeks to see the youngsters and leaders enjoying meetings back at Tovil. It will be good for everyone when meetings can be fully back to normal. Adam is also planning fundraising events. I know around the country many are waiting to re-start camps. The District are also looking ahead and planning, including a Gang Show next year, with rehearsals starting in September. Tovil has always been well represented in past shows, so hopefully we will see several of our youngsters and leaders involved again.

I have decided to retire as GSL. It seems the right time, with Tovil reaching 100 years, some on-going health problems and I feel that Tovil needs a new person at the helm, to lead the Group into the next 100 years. As I’ve said before; I believe we have the best leaders here at Tovil and that made it a difficult task, when Gina and I started to consider a replacement. I am pleased that Kirsty agreed to take on the role and I wish her all the best for the future.

I will be still involved with the Group. It would be difficult to leave, as my family has been in this Group since the mid 1950’s when my eldest brother joined, and I have two grandchildren are in the Group. I am continuing as the Training Adviser for the Tovil leaders and will be a parent (actually a grandparent) Rep on the Group Exec. I would ask parents to consider becoming a Rep on the Group Executive and please speak to Gina about this.

Thank you to the leaders and Exec members for their support and hard work over the years; making my time as GSL enjoyable and easy (most of the time)!

Geoff

Geoff Saunders, Tovil GSL

# Tovil Scout Group

AGM 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## Treasurer Report

Here are the key points of Tovil Scout Group accounts for 2020-2021, in review.

If there is a silver lining from this pandemic, we saw a decrease in our utility payments, along with the compulsory Annual Scouting Subscriptions (Capitation) fees, which were reduced by almost half compared to last year.

Our expenditure for this period has been reduced by just over 50% of the previous year at £9401. Our income has also been reduced compared to the previous year down over 50% at £10,393 this leaves us at end of year as a surplus of £991. This is 50% of a typical years surplus. This was very concerning!!

I would like to thank Jan, on achieving a £3000 grant to help with the cost of the new flooring.

In addition, to this I have managed to secure Government grants, to enable the group to have a surplus of £24,183.

To quote Chris Whitty, 'We are not out of the woods yet'.

This pandemic has had an impact on many households and businesses and currently the future is unknown on how long or how many more will be affected on both in health and financial challenges. Therefore, we have to be prepared, as a group, for either a sudden downturn of income or unplanned increased costs. To secure the future of the group in the challenges ahead, we need to manage and budget the expenditures, as a result the reserved account threshold has been increased.

Thank you to all the sections for their supporting in working to keep their accounts up to date.

I would like to thank Adam for his continued hard work at fundraising. A key opportunity for additional income, which has been steadily increasing between members and income is the Easy Fundraising site.

I would like to close by saying a huge thank you to David Grimes as he has kindly agreed to continue to audit our accounts and for his help and assistance with auditing this year's books.

If you would like an electronic copy, please provide me with your email address, and I will happily forward it to you.