



Annual Report 2020/21

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Message from our Group Scout Leader



Well, what a year. It has been a very strange year and for parts of it we haven't been able to meet but I am so so so glad that we are all back to face to face now.

We have had to adapt to different way of scouting and learning how to use different ways of delivering scouting, with zoom, delivering parcels out and other ways of engaging with the young people. The only way we have been able to do this is an absolutely fantastic leader team that stepped up to the challenge whilst dealing with home school, working from home and some leaders working on the front line.

So, I would like to say a big thank you to all the leaders and the supporters who made this happen and came up with amazing programmes and activities. I would also like to say thank you to parents for supporting us in delivering scouting, without you we couldn't have done it.

But I will not miss the buzz words of "You are on mute", "What's the Kahoot code" or "how do I turn my camera on"! The activities that have been done online have been fun, engaging and hopefully with this the young people haven't felt alone going through these strange times. When we have been able to meet face to face I would like to say a big thank you to group exec for getting the scout centre ready, supporting the sections, keeping the young people safe and applying for grants.

We have had a leader change in smugglers, Becky moved away and Nick Sargant returned and took over as Section leader and Jo Sargant returned as assistant beaver leader. In Scott troop Becca Hardcastle has become the Section leader and James Naylor has moved to Matterhorn to become an assistant explorer's leader. We welcomed 2 new leaders in Oak pack Hannah and Suzanne Few. A big thank you to all of them for their help and support.

We managed to take part in a couple of events in the village this year, several scouts joining in the social distanced VE day celebrations and all the sections helped to make poppies and took part in remembrance day although this ended up being on you tube and facebook rather than face to face.

Fingers crossed scouting will get back to a more normal way and we will keep the smiles on the young people's faces.

Owen Cheesmur

Group Scout Leader

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A Year Like No Other.....

As always we started the year with a Calendar packed full of activities, events and new adventures but all of that had to be put on hold in March with the start of our first lockdown.

Even our Scout Leaders could not have **"Been Prepared"** for all the changes and restrictions that the Covid pandemic brought with it.

So what did our Leaders do:

- Put everything on Hold ?
 - Cancel all scouting activities ?
 - Abandon all our Young Members to a life in Lockdown ?

.... of course not !

They just moved online and **Zoomed** their way through Lockdowns and then adopted Covid Safe protocols when it was possible to hold limited Face to Face meetings again.

To start with we all had to learn how to use the technology, how to login to Zoom..... it all looked a bit serious.....

But we all soon learnt and then there was no stopping us! So we did.....



Our Annual Report usually contains photos of all the wonderful activities that we have done during the year, but this year that is difficult because most of the photos are just screenshots of grids of our members and you can't really tell what they are doing.

But this poem from one of our parents gives a good idea of what we did, and more importantly, what it meant to our young members.

Scouting Through Lockdown

In March 2020 the whole country stood still,
Coronavirus arrived; it was making us ill.
Shops, offices and schools - all had to be shut.
No longer could the Scouts go along to their hut.
No dancing, no swimming, no football, or gym,
The chances to meet friends, increasingly slim.
Boris was saying "stay home everyone."
"No more going out, no more having fun."
Children who loved to go out and to play,
Now had to stay in for day after day.
The parents all wondered; what could be done,
To allow their bored youngsters to still have some fun?
To see all their friends, and still get to share news,
To be creative and work hard for the badges they choose.
Then came the answer; they were always prepared.
The unmentioned heroes who continually cared.
Scout Leaders weren't phased by this new way of life,
They changed and adapted to this medical strife.
Wide games and gang shows were all put on hold,
But the show would go on, the youngsters were told.
A knock on the door - who could it be?
A jolly Scout Leader with an activity bag for me!
Full of crafts and chocolate and fun things for us all.
Scouts would still go on with a lively Zoom call.
Scavenger hunts all over the house,
The excitement of Scouts with the click of a mouse.
An RNLI visit, a reptile or two -
Great things to do when we can't get to the zoo!
Making pizzas in mugs and carving from soap,
Quizzes, Lego and catch-ups that helped us all cope.
Maybe we couldn't camp out with our friends,
But logged on in our dens, the fun never ends.
Looking back, this pandemic will be one to remember...
For Scout Leaders who made it fun for every Scout member.
With challenging activities, you really impressed -
Scout Leaders of Copthorne you really are the best!

Group Executive - Chairman's report

The Scout group executive committee's role is to ensure that scouting is carried out in a safe environment and with suitable equipment, to be able to offer the children a balanced and varied program. The Executive committee takes the lead in the fundraising events and other activities through out the year.

The last year has been very different in so many ways. We started the year under a lockdown and here we are still under some restrictions. I would like to thank all the leaders for all they have done to keep the children active, whether it was on zoom or face to face you have managed to provide each section with such a varied program of activities which has kept them interested and active in scouting.

We have not been able to run any fundraising activities at all in the last year or been able to hire our facilities to other organisations. As a result we lost valuable income. I would like to thank John Dawson our treasurer for all his hard work in claiming various government grants which has reduced the impact of this reduction in income.

The Executive committee has continued to meet online each month to ensure that business continues. I would like to thank all of the executive committee for their time and commitment over the last year and I look forward to the day when we are able to meet face to face.

One last request to the parents, If you have time and skills that you feel could benefit the group then please contact Owen or myself.

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COPTHORNE SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

This time last year no-one could have anticipated what the last twelve months would bring and the impact this would have on Scouts.

Our section leaders and assistants have done a tremendous job maintaining contact and providing support and online activity with the young people throughout the pandemic and as restrictions eased they have been able to return to Face to Face meetings too.

During the lockdowns there was little that the Active Support Unit members could help with in the Group but many volunteered in other roles outside Scouts to give individual support to others.

With restrictions easing the Scout Active Support Unit can once more give the leaders the support they need to provide the best Scouting experience the youngsters.

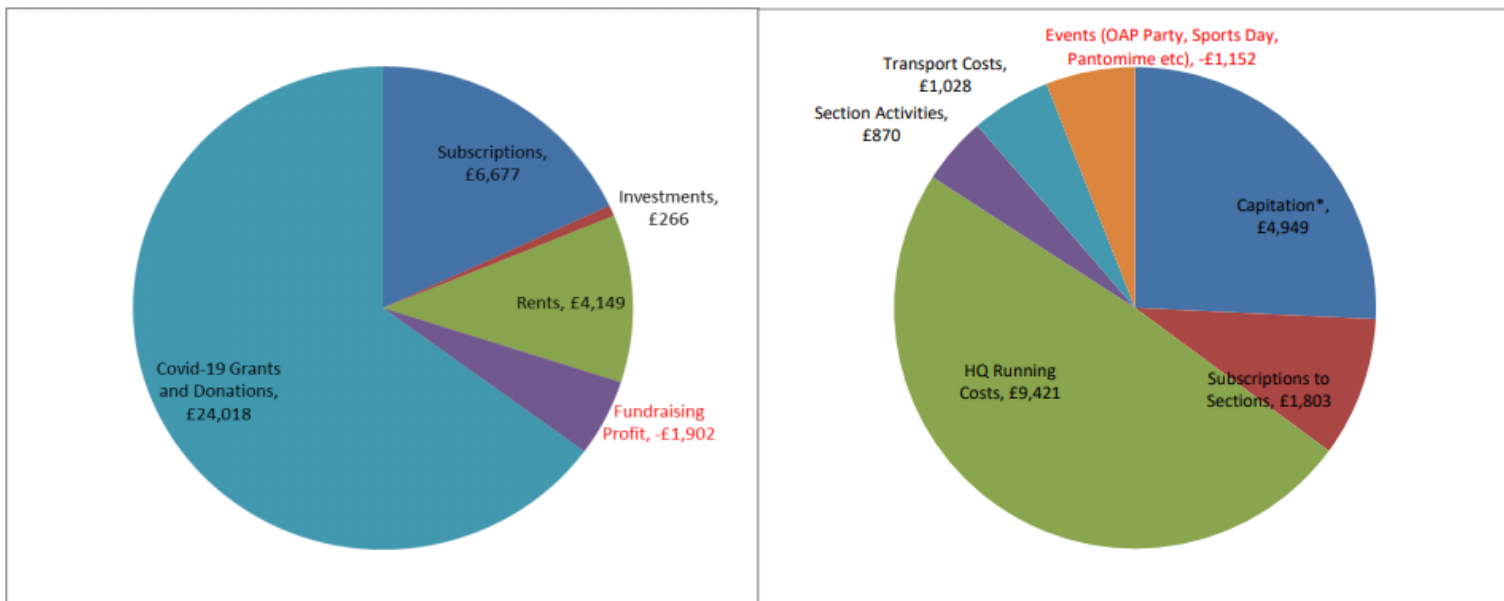
If you feel you would like to help, but perhaps cannot commit on a regular basis, or have feel that you have just a specific skills that could support the Scout Group the Copthorne Scout Active Support Group would welcome you as a member.

Gwyn Cheesmur Copthorne Scout Active Support Manager
Stephen Hammond Copthorne Scout Active Support Co-ordinator

1st Copthorne Scouts Group Accounts to year ending 31st March 2021

	2020/2021		2020/2021
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Subscriptions	£6,677	Capitation*	£4,949
Investments	£266	Subscriptions to Sections	£1,803
Rents	£4,149	HQ Running Costs	£9,421
Fundraising Profit	-£1,902	Section Activities	£870
Covid-19 Grants and Donations	£24,018	Transport Costs	£1,028
		Events (OAP Party, Sports Day, Pantomime etc)	-£1,152
TOTAL	£33,208		£16,920
Income exceeds Expenditure	£16,288		

*Capitation fees have to be paid to the Scout Association and to County and District
Note - the figures above exclude the section accounts but they are included in the audited accounts.



1stCopthorne Scout Group

Our Group Scout Leader, Owen Cheesmur would like to say

THANK YOU To everyone who made this year so amazing

So Thanks go to

Our Beaver Leaders
Our Scout Leaders
Our Young Leaders

Our Cub Leaders
Our Explorer Leaders
Our Active Support Members

Our Group Executive members

Who give so freely of their time, enthusiasm and skills
to provide so many different experiences for our young members.

And to all the other volunteers and parents who helped meetings, on activities and events and fundraising

And to all our parents/carers for your support

And finally to our wonderful

BEAVERS

SCOUTS

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EXPLORERS

who make it all worthwhile!

Young people are amazing. It's our role to help them realise this.

Young people are the future.
They're the doers, the dreamers and give-it-a-goers.
As a volunteer you can put your skills to use
and learn new ones, while giving something
back to your local community.
And with full support and training, you can
volunteer in way that suits you.
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 1st Copthorne Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the 1st Copthorne Scout Group (Charity number 291680 – "the Group") for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on the attached sheets and which comprise the statement of receipts and payments for the year from 1 April 2020 and the statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act'). My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Group's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Group and the Group's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave 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.



14th July 2021

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1st Copthorne Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2020	To	31/03/2021
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Receipts and payments

	2020/21	2019/20
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	6,677	13,176
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	(4,949)	(4,636)
Net membership subscriptions retained	1,728	8,540
Donations	1,100	470
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	-	3,587
Other similar income	3,217	14,770
Sub total	6,045	27,367
Grants		
Maintenance grant	-	-
Other grants	22,918	-
Sub total	22,918	-
Fundraising (gross)		
Jumble Sales	150	4,510
Bonfire	448	5,736
Carnival	-	676
Sub total	598	10,922
Investment income		
Bank interest	19	143
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term	247	93
Property Rent income	4,149	9,919
Other investment income		
Sub total	4,415	10,155
Total Gross Income	33,976	48,444
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	33,976	48,444

1st Copthorne Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2020	To	31/03/2021
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Receipts and payments

	2020/21 Unrestricted funds £	2019/20 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	3,868	21,939
Adult support and training	-	329
Rent	1,102	939
Water and Sewerage	-	-
Electricity and Gas	758	954
Insurance	1,084	1,039
Repairs and Renewals	6,173	5,849
Materials and equipment	82	1,030
Printing and photocopying	335	606
Contribution to camp costs	1,028	2,218
Uniforms	213	634
AGM and trustee expenses	-	2,589
Online, PRS, Licences	512	305
Miscellaneous	(684)	926
Sub total	14,471	39,357
Fundraising expenses		
Jumble Sales	-	2,309
Bonfire	2,500	4,775
Carnival	-	180
Sub total	2,500	7,264
Total Gross Expenditure	16,971	46,621
Asset and investment purchases, etc.		
Total payments	16,971	46,621
Net of receipts/(payments)	17,005	1,823
Cash funds last year end	73,664	71,841
Cash funds this year end	90,669	73,664

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	23,078	27,056
Bank deposit account	40,190	20,172
Building society account		
The Scout Association Short Term	27,401	26,436
Cash/Floats		
Total cash funds	90,669	73,664

In addition to the cash funds, the Group owns assets not recognised as assets above.

The major items that are not recognised above include the following :-

- * The Group minibus (a 2006, 15 seat Ford Transit) and trailer for transport
- * A lease (until 2041) over the land in Humphrey's Field comprising the site of the scout and guide centres and access thereto. The rent payable from 1 April 2020 is £1,069 per year with a increase every 5 years calculated by the change in the retail price index since the previous increase. The Group has entered into a sublease with Copthorne Guides at 50% of the rent payable on the same terms as the head lease.
- * Camping and other equipment for use in scouting activities
- * Furniture and fittings for the Scout centre, including tables, chairs, kitchen equipment and computing/ video equipment.

All assets are insured for loss and other risks under insurance contracts

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 14th July 2021 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature




Print Name

MARK HAMMOND Chair

JOHN DAWSON Treasurer