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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees of 9th Reigate Scout Group on Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

Charity no: 292417

I report to the trustees on my examination of the Accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2021 set out on pages 5 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

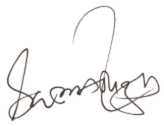
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 which gives me cause to believe thatin, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

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ACCOUNTS

Income and Expenditure

		2020/21 £ Total	2019/20 £ Total
Opening Balance		**22,561.10**	**19,127.49**
Income Categories			
	Subscriptions	310.00	3,360.00
	Scouting Activities	0.00	1,796.62
	Fund Raising	2,673.59	4,181.00
	Hut Hire	0.00	160.00
	Donations	285.48	288.96
	Grants	27,241.00	0.00
	Sundry Receipts	0.00	0.00
	Gift Aid	0.00	2,460.20
Total Income Categories		**30,510.07**	**12,246.78**
Expense Categories			
	Scouting Activities	29.16	2,610.55
	Badges and Trophies	103.49	409.80
	Supplies	0.00	143.59
	Scouting Equipment	0.00	108.12
	Capitation	1,167.75	1,014.00
Subtotal Activities & Capitation		**1,300.40**	**4,286.06**
	Electricity/Water/Rates	650.69	737.02
	Internet	0.00	177.52
	Insurance	1,093.30	1,069.04
	Hut Maintenance	59.58	419.30
	Major Projects	12,780.00	0.00
Subtotal Premises		**14,583.57**	**2,402.88**
	Administration	115.50	193.60
	Administration - bank charges	51.78	37.86
	AGM Expenses	87.00	71.42
	Fund Raising Expenses	960.00	1,821.35
Total Expense Categories		**17,098.25**	**8,813.17**
Income less Expenditure		**13,411.82**	**3,433.61**
Closing Balance		**35,972.92**	**22,561.10**

1. **Presentation:** Figures are shown for the year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 with previous year figures alongside for comparison.

2. **Overall Financial Results:** The financial results for the year ending 31 March 2021 are not those of a normal year due to the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic. With the usual activity programme moving on-line due to the pandemic, we agreed to reduce the subscriptions and cover a number of costs from historic fundraising activities. We also decided to continue with the replacement of the long planned new roof and other essential maintenance. We knew that this would hit our financial reserves hard but we decided it was essential to do this to ensure the long-term survival of the Group. The fundraising at Christmas proved very welcome and the completely unexpected receipt of grants has resulted in the Group having surplus income over expenditure for the year of £13,412 (2020: £3,434 surplus). This significant level of funding is not going to happen in future.

   At the end of the year, the Group has £35,973 in the bank of which £660 is due to be used for equipment as part of a previous grant. Given the grants received in the year, the Executive have set aside £30,000 for the long-term future of the Group. The free funds of circa £5,000 will be utilised to support the ongoing activities of the various sections in the Group.

3. **Subscriptions & Capitation:** Due to the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic, the Executive agreed to a one-off reduction in the annual subscriptions despite the knowledge that the subscriptions charged

would not cover the costs that we would have to pay the District and National Scout Association for capitation fees. The actual subscription income received has been lower than expected at just £310 for the year down from £3,360 in YE20. The capitation fees actually increased slightly to £1,168 (YE 20 £1,014), resulting in a shortfall of £858 being funded from Group funds.

4. **Fund Raising and Grants:** Our sole fundraising activity this year was the sale of Christmas tree which provided a net income of £1,714 (2020: £1,437) due to the way the trees were sourced and sold. We were very fortunate to receive a number of one-off grants from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council amounting to £27,241. This huge sum was made up of £2,000 from two local Councillors which was put towards the new fire door to the hut, £5,000 from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council following a nomination from an unknown party in relation to funding from a local infrastructure fund. As business rate payers, we were contacted by the Council to apply for grants in relation to the COVID 19 pandemic and as a result have been extremely fortunate to have received various grants amounting to £20,241.

5. **Hut Hire:** Unlike other years, the hut could not be hired out due to the pandemic.

6. **Donations:** £150 (2020: £225) was received from the Ewell Trust and we wrote to thank them again for this. The remaining donations related to £120 from the sale of old canoes and £15 from Amazon (2020: £62 from park run).

7. **Gift aid:** No gift aid was received in the current year. In the prior year an exercise was undertaken to reclaim gift aid for the previous 4 years. We thank all of those people who have completed the gift aid declarations regarding subs which has allowed us to reclaim this amount at no cost to the individuals apart from the time to complete the form.

8. **Scouting Activities:** The pandemic curtailed our normal face to face activities and camps. As such our expenditure during the year was minimal due to the on-line meetings.

9. **Scouting Equipment:** No major expenditure was made during the year on long term equipment.

10. **Utilities:** These costs are incurred irrespective of us using the hut or not and were slightly down purely due to the lower use of the hut.

11. **Hut Maintenance & Major repairs:** An on-going programme of repairs is on-going to keep the hut serviceable and has been continued thoughout the year. Major expenditure has been undertaken during the year on a new roof and new fire doors. Further work is planned to ensure that the premises can continue to provide a base for the Group.

12. **Administration:** Administration costs relate to the cost of the website, leader training costs and the AGM. Bank charges relate to the taking of electronically rather than by cash or cheque for activities and events.

13. **Financial Targets for 2021/22:** The main cost over the forthcoming years will be the continued maintenance of an aging hut, replacement of some of the tents and also continuing to subsidise the varied activities of the sections within the Group.

Whilst the end of the year finds the Group with significant cash reserves, there are still significant costs to be incurred to ensure the long term future of the premises and the Group. I would like to thank all Leaders and volunteers for seeking grants and donations. With their efforts the Group are keeping the cost of Scouting extremely reasonable and making the activities accessible to all.

APPROVAL

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above Trustee's Annual Report of the 9th Reigate Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees on 20 JANUARY 2022

Name: MARK FISHER
Trustee

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Name: CLARE FRANKLIN
Trustee