

1ST COOKHAM SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 300491

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1963-10-08

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE INSTRUCTION OF BOYS OF ALL CLASSES IN THE PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLINE, LOYALTY AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Activities: Provision of beaver cub and scouting activities for children in the Cookham area

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** COOKHAM
- Windsor And Maidenhead

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£136,314	£72,665	-	-
2024-03-31	£84,613	£69,089	-	-
2023-03-31	£83,850	£68,397	-	-
2022-03-31	£75,404	£58,936	-	-
2021-03-31	£39,050	£21,704	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Baddeley	Chair	2024-09-23
ANDY PEARCE		
BRENDA DAVISON		
Charlotte Strudwicke		2018-09-18
Emma Thornton		2023-02-06
Kate Dilley		2013-12-09
Maria Le Fleming		2025-09-30
Michael Paul Roberson Day		2020-07-23
Mike Cutting		2024-09-23
NICK POWELL		2012-12-16
Rebecca Danks-Burrows		2023-02-06
TIMOTHY Nicholas Sharples		2020-07-23

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The Group adopted a new Constitution at the AGM on 24 September 2024. As a result, the number of ex-officio trustees was reduced. The Trustees are as follows:

TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio

Nigel Hague	Chair (resigned 24 September 2024)
David Baddeley	Chair (appointed 24 September 2024)
Andy Pearce	Group Scout Leader
Mike Day	Assistant Group Scout Leader
Tim Sharples	Group Treasurer
Jeff Hurst	Cub Leader (removed after change in constitution)
Andrew Sutherland	Scout Leader (removed after change in constitution)
Martin Delahaye	Beaver Leader (removed after change in constitution)

TRUSTEES: Elected

Sally Crichton (resigned September 2024)	Tamsin Jones (resigned September 2024)
Brenda Davison	Rebecca Danks-Burrows
Nick Powell	Emma Thornton
Charlotte Strudwicke	Susie Felix
Kate Dilley	

TRUSTEES: Co-Opted Member

Dave Hellmuth (changed from ex-officio to Co-opted member when constitution changed)

SECRETARY

Joelle White

PRINCIPAL BANKERS

Lloyds Bank Plc. High Street Maidenhead Berkshire SL6 1JS

Contact

Mr TN Sharples Sulby Cottage Lower Road Maidenhead SL6 9HW

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The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association and make up the Group Trustee Board.

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is registered with the Charity Commission as an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes maintaining the registration, keeping proper accounts, and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment

The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members

The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising

The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The Group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Trustee Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders.

The Group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section, or the group as a whole, then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario, this could be the complete closure of the Group.

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- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
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- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

The main activities in the year, in relation to these objects, are set out in the reports of the Chairman and Group Volunteer Leaders. The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Trustees Annual Report for the Year ended 31 March 2025

Chairman's Report for the last year

Firstly, I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Nigel Hague for his dedicated service as Chair of the Group's Trustee Board since 2019. His leadership and commitment have been instrumental in guiding the Group through a period of sustained activity and stability.

The Trustee Board is working well, and I want to say a big thank you to the trustees, our Group Secretary, Joelle White, for all her help with organising the meetings, and to our Group Treasurer, Tim Sharples, for doing such a great job managing our finances.

I'm pleased to report that the Group remains in a satisfactory position, both financially and in terms of participation, as evidenced in the attached accounts and the Lead Volunteers' reports.

A major milestone this year has been the purchase of the field at White Place Farm, which is now nearing completion. The legal documentation is being finalised, and we are immensely grateful to our fundraisers and the generous donations that have made this possible. The next phase involves detailed planning to transform the site into a fully functional venue for scouting activities, creating lasting value for our members.

The Scout Hall continues to require ongoing maintenance and careful management. Plans are now in place for significant roof repairs later this year. As our Group continues to grow, so does the demand on our facilities, and we are actively seeking additional volunteers to help maintain and manage small projects both the Scout Hall and White Place Farm.

We are also pleased to note that Cookham Montessori School, despite changing ownership, continues to rent the Scout Hall, providing a vital income stream that supports our operational costs.

On the international front, the Group remains committed to expanding horizons and experiences for our members. We are proud to support attendees from the Cookham Group at both Alps 2025 and Wings 2026, continuing our tradition of global engagement and opportunity.

Finally, I wish to express deep appreciation to all the fundraising volunteers and parents who tirelessly support our events – whether putting up tents, running stalls, selling tickets, or seeking donations. Your enthusiasm and effort year after year make our scouting programme possible. We are truly indebted to you all.

Yours in Scouting,

David Baddeley, Chairman of Cookham Trustee Board

Group Volunteer Leadership Team report

Our Scout group continues to thrive with no let up with children eager to join 1st Cookham Scout Group. Our total membership of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers is 196, this is all due to our Section Teams continuing to produce outstanding programmes offering adventure, challenges and fun.

We currently have 46 adult volunteers helping to run our Squirrel, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer sections, including our Trustee Board members. Andy and I would like to thank them all for their continued dedication, time and commitment to provide outstanding Scouting in Cookham.

All the sections had a camp last year, the Beavers and Cubs held their usual camp in the May Bank Holiday at White Place Farm, whilst the Scouts held their annual Scout summer camp on the Gower.

Our Scout Group are very lucky to have the use of White Place Farm whilst the purchase of our Scout campsite at continues.

The Bonfire and Firework display, together with the Summer Fair remain as our main fund-raising activities, we would like to thank all the parents and leaders who helped making last year's events a success. May we remind you that all the money raised is used to heavily subsidise all our Squirrel/Beaver/Cubs/Scouts and Explorers activities and camps and also funding White Place Campsite once it is acquired.

After 40 years of service, Heather Hague has decided to retire. Heather has been a Cub Leader with 1st Cookham for nearly 30 years, she has held District roles as well as being a Training manager, helping to run numerous Scout Summer Fairs and raise a lot of money through the silent auction. Nigel has also stood down as chair of the Trustee Board, the group presented them both with a Red-Letter Day voucher in our appreciation of their service to Scouting, we wish them both a well-earned retirement.

We couldn't run Cookham Scouts without our Trustee Board, my thanks go to David as our Trustee Board Chair, together with thanks to Tim our excellent treasurer, Joelle our Group secretary who also manages all the admissions from our extensive waiting list, and the other Board members who all do vital jobs.

A number of our sections have insufficient number of adult volunteers to help and we have had to introduce parent rota's. We continue to require an increasing number of adult volunteers to help, to ensure we meet the ratio requirements to keep our young people safe and ensure they have a great experience. Please speak to a Section Team Leader or email: volunteering@scoutscookham.org.uk.

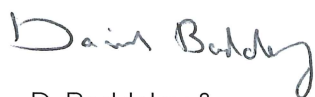
Andy Pearce & Mike Day
Group Volunteer Leadership Team

May 2025


Financial Highlights

	This Year £	Previous Year £
Guy Fawkes Public Firework Display	8,770	12,289
Summer Fair	8,194	5,275
Marquee hire	650	600
Catering activities	2,168	2,327
Total net fund raising for the year	19,783	19,981
HQ Rental income	21,411	20,821
Donations towards purchase of White Place Farm	38,594	-
Amount spent on improvements to HQ outbuildings	3,740	2,980
New tents and other equipment purchased totalled	1,128	2,709
The Group subsidised activities including section activities, minibus hire & and supporting individuals who would not otherwise have been able to attend camps. Excluding waived subscriptions.	2,786	3,372
Leader training & insurance cost	570	1,804
At the end of the year Group reserves amounted to	217,296	153,646
These reserves are allocated as follows:		
Working capital requirements	4,000	4,000
Contingency fund in case of fund-raising failures or disaster costs	36,000	66,000
Reserve for future development	177,296	83,646

Approved by the trustees on 17 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by



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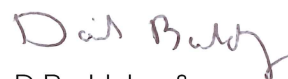


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Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31 March 2025

	This Year General fund £	Previous Year £
Total receipts for the year (see supporting analysis)	136,314	84,613
Total payments for the year (see supporting analysis)	<u>72,665</u>	<u>69,089</u>
Net receipts (payments) for the year	63,649	15,524
Surplus/(Loss) on revaluation of investments	-	3,291
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	153,647	134,832
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>217,296</u>	<u>153,647</u>

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Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2025

	This Year £	Previous Year £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Subscriptions from members	19,504	18,748
Less Paid to Scout District	(11,528)	(10,884)
	<u>7,976</u>	<u>7,864</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Bank and building society interest	2,999	1,636
Dividend	-	-
	<u>2,999</u>	<u>1,636</u>
DONATIONS, GRANTS and CLOTHING SALES	39,990	2,322
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR ACTIVITIES	10,411	8,405
FUND RAISING INCOME (before charging fund raising expenses)	41,846	39,863
INCOME FROM HIRE OF HEADQUARTERS BUILDING	21,411	20,821
OTHER INCOME		
Income tax recovered on subscriptions and donations	11,681	3,703
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>136,314</u>	<u>84,613</u>

Payments for the year ended 31 March 2025

	This Year £	Previous Year £
PREMISES		
Running costs	9,953	11,753
Repairs and Renewals	3,740	2,980
Consultancy and legal fees re White Place Farm	8,856	-
DONATIONS/GRANTS: Cookham Explorers		
Cookham Explorers	2,174	1,500
Others	3,518	1,316
ACTIVITIES	16,568	19,806
FUND RAISING EXPENSES	22,115	19,972
ADMINISTRATION & ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		
Leader training and insurance	570	1,804
Miscellaneous	1,562	1,208
PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT	1,128	2,709
INTEREST PAID	-	-
PURCHASE OF BADGES AND UNIFORM	2,481	6,042
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	72,665	69,089

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 March 2025

	This Year £	Previous Year £
MONETARY ASSETS		
Interest bearing accounts at banks and building societies	122,041	147,384
Non-interest bearing accounts at banks	85,544	15,163
Cash in hand	-	-
	<u>207,585</u>	<u>162,547</u>
 OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax refunds reclaimable from Inland Revenue	1,363	1,323
Sundry receivables	9,018	3,818
	<u>10,381</u>	<u>6,141</u>
 LIABILITIES		
Expenses to be reimbursed	1,762	(1,427)
Capitation Fees due	---	(10,884)
2025 camp and summer fair fees reimbursable	(292)	(1,730)
	<u>(1470)</u>	<u>(14,041)</u>
 TOTAL NET ASSETS	 <u>217,296</u>	 <u>153,647</u>

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 1st Cookham Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Cookham Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Cookham 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 1st Cookham 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 1st Cookham 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.



Peter Austen
Chartered Accountant
Pippins, Popes Lane, Cookham Dean, Berkshire SL6 9NY

17 September 2025

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Trustees Annual Report for the Year ended 31 March 2024

Chairman's Report for the last year


I am very pleased to report, once again. The group continues to prosper on all fronts as can be seen from our Group Scout Leader's report. We are blessed with an excellent and committed Leadership team which is underpinned by our strong and healthy finances.

Scouting is thriving at 1st Cookham in all our sections and our youngest section: Squirrels, is now firmly established since its inception last year.

Our finances remain strong enabling us to build up a funding surplus which we plan to utilise to purchase an outdoor activity / camp site in the local vicinity. At the time of writing, we are well advanced in the process of securing a suitable site and hope to be able to announce details of this in the coming weeks or months. This will provide us with a permanent activity centre on our doorstep that will benefit future generations of Cookham scouts which will be an enormous privilege.

The Trustee Committee is functioning well to which we have added one more member during the year. I am grateful to our Group Secretary, Joelle White for supporting me and the committee so well with meetings administration and to our Group Treasurer, Tim Sharples for managing our finances so expertly.

Finally I would also like to thank our "army" of fundraising volunteers and parents who turn out year after year to put up tents, run stalls, sell tickets, plead for donations, etc etc. Without them much of our scouting simply could not function, and we would not have the healthy funding surplus, which enables us to look at securing a permanent activity site. We are indebted to you all.



Yours in Scouting

Nigel Hague, Chairman

Group Scout Leader's report

We continue to have a strong Group, after a year our Squirrel drey is now firmly established, 1st Cookham's total membership of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers has now increased to 196, this is all due to our Section Team Leaders and their Section Team Members continuing to produce outstanding programmes offering adventure, challenges and fun.

We currently have 56 adult volunteer Section Members helping to run our Squirrel, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and the Explorer sections, including our Trustee Board members. I would like to thank them all for their continued dedication, time and commitment to provide outstanding Scouting in Cookham.

All the sections had a camp last year, the Beavers and Cubs held their usual camp in the May Bank Holiday at White Place Farm, whilst the Scouts held their annual Scout summer camp in Monmouth and are going to the Gower this year.

After 45 years, the Groups use of Formosa sadly came to an end last May and we moved all our equipment off Formosa. The meadow now has a locked gate and fence, but many years of memories. We are very lucky to have the use of White Place Farm.

Sadly, during the year we have lost two of our former Group Presidents, Denis and Brenda Boothman. Both had a very long association with 1st Cookham, Denis as Scout Leader and Brenda as Cub Leader, both were Trustees for many years, and Brenda also organised the Scout Gang Shows in the 1980's and 90's. The Group owes them a great debt for their contribution in making 1st Cookham the success that it is today, we have dedicated a room in the Scout hut to their memory.

The Bonfire and Firework display, together with the Summer Fair remain as our main fund-raising activities. I would like to thank all the parents and leaders who helped making last year's events a success. May I remind you that all the money raised is used to heavily subsidise all our Squirrel/Beaver/Cubs/Scouts and Explorers activities and camps.

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We are totally dependent on adult volunteers. Please let us know if you would like to become a Team Member of one of our Sections, previous experience is not essential - just lots of enthusiasm. Please email: volunteering@scoutscookham.org.uk or speak to a Section Team Leader.

Andy Pearce
Group Volunteer Team Lead

Financial Highlights

	This Year £	Previous Year £
Guy Fawkes Public Firework Display	12,289	12,981
Summer Fair	5,275	4,977
Marquee hire	600	-
Catering activities	2,327	2,530
Total net fund raising for the year	<u>19,981</u>	<u>20,488</u>
HQ Rental income	20,821	18,003
Amount spent on improvements to HQ outbuildings	2,980	4,621
New tents and other equipment purchased totalled	2,709	1,704
The Group subsidised activities including section activities, minibus hire & and supporting individuals who would not otherwise have been able to attend camps. Excluding waived subscriptions.	3,372	3,674
Leader training & insurance cost	1,804	888
At the end of the year Group reserves amounted to	153,646	134,832
These reserves are allocated as follows:		
Working capital requirements	4,000	4,000
Contingency fund in case of fund-raising failures or disaster costs	66,000	66,000
Reserve for future development	83,646	64,832

Approved by the trustees on 29/7/2024 and signed on their behalf by


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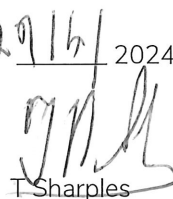

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Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31 March 2024

	This Year General fund £	Previous Year £
Total receipts for the year (see supporting analysis)	84,613	83,850
Total payments for the year (see supporting analysis)	<u>69,089</u>	<u>68,397</u>
Net receipts (payments) for the year	15,524	15,453
Surplus/(Loss) on revaluation of investments	3,291	(4,883)
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	134,832	124,262
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>153,647</u>	<u>134,832</u>

Approved by the trustees on 29/3/2024 and signed on their behalf
by


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Payments for the year ended 31 March 2024

	This Year £	Previous Year £
PREMISES		
Running costs	11,753	9,023
Repairs and Renewals	2,980	4,621
DONATIONS/GRANTS: Cookham Explorers		
Cookham Explorers	1,500	1,400
Others	1,316	500
ACTIVITIES	19,806	26,180
FUND RAISING EXPENSES	19,972	21,164
ADMINISTRATION & ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		
Leader training and insurance	1,804	888
Miscellaneous	1,208	1,970
PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT	2,709	1,704
INTEREST PAID	-	-
PURCHASE OF BADGES AND UNIFORM	6,042	947
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	69,089	68,397

Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2024

	This Year £	Previous Year £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Subscriptions from members	18,748	16,270
Less Paid to Scout District	(10,884)	(9,796)
	<u>7,864</u>	<u>6,473</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Bank and building society interest	1,636	405
Dividend	-	-
	<u>1,636</u>	<u>405</u>
DONATIONS, GRANTS and CLOTHING SALES	2,322	3,967
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR ACTIVITIES	8,405	11,471
FUND RAISING INCOME (before charging fund raising expenses)	39,863	41,650
INCOME FROM HIRE OF HEADQUARTERS BUILDING	20,821	18,003
OTHER INCOME		
Income tax recovered on subscriptions	3,703	1,880
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>84,613</u>	<u>83,850</u>

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 March 2024

	This Year £	Previous Year £
MONETARY ASSETS		
Invested funds		62,350
Interest bearing accounts at banks and building societies	147,384	51,584
Non-interest bearing accounts at banks	15,163	23,175
Cash in hand	-	-
	<u>162,547</u>	<u>137,109</u>
 OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax refunds reclaimable from Inland Revenue	1,323	-
Sundry receivables	3,818	1,010
	<u>6,141</u>	<u>1,010</u>
 LIABILITIES		
Expenses to be reimbursed	(1,427)	(3,287)
Capitation Fees due	(10,884)	-
2024 camp and summer fair fees reimbursable	(1,730)	-
	<u>(14,041)</u>	<u>(3,287)</u>
 TOTAL NET ASSETS	 <u>153,647</u>	 <u>134,832</u>

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Peter Austen
Chartered Accountant
Pippins, Popes Lane, Cookham Dean, Berkshire SL6 9NY

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1ST COOKHAM SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 300491

Accounts

1st COOKHAM SCOUT GROUP

Report & Accounts
for the year ended
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Nick Powell	Tamsin Jones

Trustees: Co-opted (from 6 February 2023)

Rebecca Danks-Brown	Susie Felix
Emma Thornton	

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Lloyds Bank Plc. High Street Maidenhead Berkshire SL6 1JS

Contact

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The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment

The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

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The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

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- make and live by their Promise.

The main activities in the year, in relation to these objects, are set out in the reports of the Chairman and Group Scout Leader. The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Trustees Annual Report for the Year ended 31 March 2023

Chairman's Report for the last year

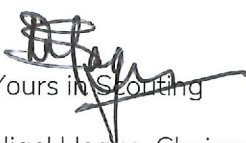
We have had another very successful year emerging in good heart from Covid restrictions to provide a near normal set of scouting activities in all sections. Membership levels are strong and we have added a new section to our scouting offering : Squirrels. We continue to benefit from an excellent group of committed leaders, to whom we are very grateful for their dedication and professionalism.

The Group Executive has functioned well with 3 new members being added during the year. We will be adopting the Scout Association's recommended new model of Governance at our AGM whereby the Executive will be renamed "Trustee Board" focussing principally on strategic and high-level governance matters. The primary objective of this change is to free up the scout leader "ex officio" Executive members so they can concentrate on their core activities: i.e. running scouting programmes and activities.

The Group recognises it is fortunate to be well funded and whilst it is important to ensure this position is maintained for future generations of scouting in Cookham, through prudent financial planning and good governance, the Group also recognises it is appropriate to share this benefit with others within the scouting fraternity who may be less fortunate. We will therefore be establishing a formal donations policy in 2023 to achieve this objective in a fair, transparent and proportionate way. We will also continue to offer a subsidised level of termly subscriptions to all our young members coupled with the offer of further support via our hardship fund, if needed. We are committed to ensure no-one is excluded from participating in scouting at Cookham due to financial hardship reasons. Scout summer camps and "once in a lifetime" Jamboree events also receive significant financial support as they represent unique learning opportunities for our members who participate in them.

I would like to thank all the members of the Group Executive for their support to the Group through the year and in particular our Group Secretary, Joelle White, for administering the Committee's work and Tim Sharples our Treasurer who provides us with expert finance administration and guidance.

Finally, I would like to thank those parents and friends of the group who help us with our various fund-raising activities through the year, principally the Summer Fair and Bonfire. These two events are vital in keeping the funds flowing that support and sustain the Scout Group, and are also major events in the Cookham social calendar in which are always happy to be part of.


Yours in Scouting

Nigel Hague, Chairman

Group Scout Leader's report

It is hard to believe that it is just over a year ago all the Covid restrictions were removed, leading to us starting to plan last year's Cookham Village Scout Summer Fair a couple of months later than normal, but it still turned out to be a successful event, despite the light shower of rain during last year's drought. The rain clouds thankfully kept away on the day of last year's Bonfire and firework display, leading it to be very successful.

The Bonfire together with the Summer Fair remain as our main fund-raising activities and I would like to thank all the parents and leaders who helped, All the money raised is used to heavily subsidise all our Squirrel/Beaver/Cubs/Scouts and Explorers activities and camps.

Earlier this year we opened a new Squirrel section for the 4 & 5-year-olds led by Michelle O'Sullivan and her Squirrel volunteer leadership team. The Squirrels couldn't be included in this year's Census, the total membership of Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorers numbers have now increased to 187, all due to our outstanding volunteer leadership teams continuing to produce outstanding programmes offering adventure, challenges and fun. All the sections had a camp last year, the Beavers and Cubs had their usual camp May Bank Holiday camp held at White Place Farm, the theme for Cub camp was Harry Potter. The Scouts and Explorers held their joint summer camp on Exmoor.

The Scout Association will be making a number of changes to make it easier for adult volunteers to join our different section leadership teams. Along with our Executive Committee being renamed the Trustee Board, a number of the Scout leadership titles will also be disappearing. We currently have 41 adult volunteers helping to run our Squirrel, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer sections, I would like to thank them all for their continued dedication, time and commitment to provide outstanding Scouting in Cookham.

I was very pleased to hear that the Scout Association have recognised Andrew Sutherlands extraordinary contribution to Scouting to award him the highest adult award, the Silver Wolf. Andrew first became an adult lead volunteer 40 years ago, becoming our Scout Leader in 1990. He is also Berkshire Scouts lead team volunteer for Scouts, and also volunteers at Scout Headquarters where he is a volunteer with the Digital Transformation Team. Well done Andrew.

We couldn't run Cookham Scouts without our Executive Committee, my thanks go to Nigel, Tim and Jo and the other committee members in this vital job.

Do let us know if you would like to volunteer to join us, previous experience is not essential just lots of enthusiasm, however, if you had a fantastic time in Scouting or Girl Guiding, perhaps you could give something back to our young members. Please speak to a leader for more details, or contact volunteering@scoutscookham.org.uk.

Andy Pearce
Group Scout Leader

Financial Highlights

	This Year £	Previous Year £
Guy Fawkes Public Firework Display	12,981	18,678
Summer Fair	4,977	-
Marquee hire	-	-
Catering activities	2,530	909
Total net fund raising for the year	20,488	19,587
HQ Rental income	18,003	17,658
Amount spent on improvements to HQ outbuildings	4,621	5,743
New tents and other equipment purchased totalled	1,704	2,163
The Group subsidised activities including section activities, minibus hire & and supporting individuals who would not otherwise have been able to attend camps. Excluding waived subscriptions.	3,674	1,506
Leader training & insurance cost	888	1,034
At the end of the year Group reserves amounted to	134,832	124,262

These reserves are allocated as follows:

Working capital requirements	4,000	3,000
Contingency fund in case of fund-raising failures or disaster costs	66,000	60,000
Reserve for future development	64,832	61,262

Approved by the trustees on 30 August 2023 and signed on their behalf by


N Hague


T Sharples

Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31 March 2023

	This Year General fund £	Previous Year £
Total receipts for the year (see supporting analysis)	83,850	75,404
Total payments for the year (see supporting analysis)	<u>68,397</u>	<u>58,936</u>
Net receipts (payments) for the year	15,453	16,468
Surplus/(Loss) on revaluation of investments	(4,883)	149
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	<u>124,262</u>	<u>107,645</u>
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>134,832</u>	<u>124,262</u>

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30 August 2023 and signed on their


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Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2023

	This Year £	Previous Year £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Subscriptions from members	16,270	14,503
Less Paid to Scout District	(9,796)	(9,233)
	<u>6,473</u>	<u>5,270</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Bank and building society interest	405	142
Dividend	-	-
	<u>405</u>	<u>142</u>
DONATIONS, GRANTS and CLOTHING SALES	3,967	5,276
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR ACTIVITIES	11,471	9,220
FUND RAISING INCOME (before charging fund raising expenses)		
	41,651	34,608
INCOME FROM HIRE OF HEADQUARTERS BUILDING	18,003	17,658
OTHER INCOME		
Income tax recovered on subscriptions	1,880	3,229
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>83,850</u>	<u>75,404</u>

Payments for the year ended 31 March 2023

	This Year £	Previous Year £
PREMISES		
Running costs	9,023	9,819
Repairs and Renewals	4,621	5,743
DONATIONS/GRANTS: Cookham Explorers		
Cookham Explorers	1,400	1,000
Others	500	1,506
ACTIVITIES	26,180	17,228
FUND RAISING EXPENSES	21,164	13,309
ADMINISTRATION & ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		
Leader training and insurance	888	1,034
Miscellaneous	1,970	2,880
PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT	1,704	2,163
INTEREST PAID	-	-
PURCHASE OF BADGES AND UNIFORM	947	4,254
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	68,397	58,936

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 March 2023

	This Year £	Previous Year £
MONETARY ASSETS		
Invested funds	62,350	67,231
Interest bearing accounts at banks and building societies	70,721	43,147
Non-interest bearing accounts at banks	4,038	23,175
Cash in hand	-	-
	<u>137,109</u>	<u>133,553</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax refunds reclaimable from Inland Revenue	-	-
Sundry receivables	1,010	991
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LIABILITIES		
Expenses to be reimbursed	(3,287)	(10,282)
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Trustees Annual Report for the Year ended 31 March 2022

Chairman's Report for the last year

The Group continues to function very well on all counts with high membership levels, great leaders and strong finances. We are now looking forward to Scouting returning in the Spring to its normal range of activities after the pandemic restrictions over the last 2 years, including camps being planned for the summer 2022. We are also planning the resumption of our Village Summer Fair in June 2022 after three years' absence which is an important event in the local community calendar in Cookham.

In October last year we held a very successful weekend of events to celebrate the Groups Centenary Anniversary.

The Group continued to invest in the fabric of the Scout HQ installing new "app based" heating controls, new flooring in the Explorer office and grounds maintenance.

Our Investments have been "de risked" following a risk assessment undertaken by the Parents Support Group (Executive Committee), supported by independent financial advice, resulting in reduced exposure to market volatility. We have also implemented a Finance Reserves Policy which allocates funds into 3 broad categories: Contingency reserves, Buildings reserve and New Projects funds. This finance policy will be used to provide the PSG with prudent guidance when approving future expenditure and to assist with long term planning.

I would like, once again, to express my thanks and gratitude to all the adult volunteers and leaders who work tirelessly and so professionally to provide all our young members with the life skills experiences they so much enjoy.

Nigel Hague
Chairman

Group Scout Leader's report

Despite the pandemic, we have seen the Groups grow from strength to strength with increasing youth members, our total membership of Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorers numbers have now increased to 184, all due to our outstanding leadership team who have continued to adapt their programmes around the pandemic restrictions that thankfully are being eased. Even under the pandemic restrictions, the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers had very successful and enjoyable summer camps just a bit more local to home than usual, at White Place Farm. Let's hope Zoom section meetings will be a thing of the past.

Currently, we have 23 voluntary uniformed leaders helping to run Cree River and Red River Beaver colony's, David Livingstone and Robert Scott Cub packs and our Scout Troop, assisted by 11 section assistants. Cookham Explorers now have a new Explorer Leader assisted by two uniformed leaders and a section assistant. I would like to thank them all for

their dedication, commitment, and time in continuing to provide outstanding Scouting in Cookham along with adventure, challenges, and fun!

Three of our Scouts: Elen Anderson, Elise Howard and Lynette White have all been selected to attend the next Annual World Scout Jamboree in South Korea next year, we wish them well with their fund-raising and look forward to receiving their report about their Jamboree experiences. Over the years 1st Cookham has sent 18 members of the Group to World Scout Jamborees.

To help celebrate 1st Cookham Scout Groups Centenary celebrations last year, hundreds of photos were posted to the 'Friends of 1st Cookham Scout Group' Facebook page where both old and existing members of the Scout Group could relive their Scouting experiences. In addition, we held a Centenary Celebration weekend in October, with a camp-fire, a Centenary Dinner held at the Odney Club with the premier of the Groups Centenary Film with contributions from our Scout leaders, Steve Backsall and Theresa May, ending with a very successful Family BBQ. Thanks go to our Centenary organising committee who made it such a successful and memorable event.

During the year several of our leadership team received different adult awards in appreciation of their outstanding contributions to Scouting, these included Ian Cox, Jeff Hurst, Dave Helmuth, Mike Day and Peter Turner. In addition, Andrew Sutherland and Mike Day were awarded the Commissions Award for their roles as Volunteer Vaccine Marshalls at Maidenhead Town Hall. A number of our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have received their Bronze/Silver/Gold Chief Scouts Challenge Awards during the year.

One of the casualties of the pandemic was last year's Cookham Scout Summer Village Fair, the Village Fair is an important event for Cookham and will be returning on Saturday 18th June, feel free to volunteer to help at this fun local event. In September we were able to run our usual BBQ at the Cookham Regatta, and then the Bonfire and Fireworks Display was the most successful ever, in both attendance and money raised for the Scout Group. Please make a note in your diaries to help at this years Bonfire & Fireworks on 5th & 6th November to help with the marquees, fire and clearing up.

We couldn't run our successful Scout Group without a good Parent Support Group, our thanks go to Nigel, Tim and Jo and the other committee members in this important job.

I am incredibly proud to be Group Scout Leader of 1st Cookham and would like to thank you all, especially the uniformed Leaders, Section Assistants, and members of the Parent Support Group, without them the Group wouldn't exist.

Do let us know if you would like to volunteer to join us, previous experience is not essential just lots of enthusiasm, however, if you had a fantastic time in Scouting or Girl Guiding, perhaps you could give something back to our young members. Please speak to a leader for more details, or contact volunteering@scoutscookham.org.uk.

Andy Pearce
Group Scout Leader

Financial Review

Major Income and Expenditure Items

	This Year £	Previous Year £
Total net fund raising was lower than last year due to COVID		
Guy Fawkes Public Firework Display	18,678	-
Summer Fair	-	-
Marquee hire	-	-
Catering activities	909	-
Total net fund raising for the year	<u>19,587</u>	<u>-</u>
HQ Rental income	17,658	14,802
Amount spent on improvements to HQ outbuildings	5,743	3,926
New tents and other equipment purchased totalled	2,163	1,608
The Group subsidised activities including section activities, minibus hire & and supporting individuals who would not otherwise have been able to attend camps. Excluding waived subscriptions.	8,293	1,000
Leader training & insurance cost	1,034	1,710
At the end of the year Group reserves amounted to	124,262	107,645
These reserves are allocated as follows:		
Working capital requirements	3,000	3,000
Contingency fund in case of fund raising failures or disaster costs	60,000	40,000
Reserve for future development	61,262	64,645

Approved by the trustees on 18 May 2022
and signed on their behalf by

Signed 18 May 2022

N Hague

TN Sharples

Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31 March 2022

	This Year General fund £	Previous Year £
Total receipts for the year (see supporting analysis)	75,404	39,050
Total payments for the year (see supporting analysis)	<u>58,936</u>	<u>21,704</u>
Net receipts (payments) for the year	16,468	17,346
Surplus/(Loss) on revaluation of investments	149	16,490
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	<u>107,645</u>	<u>73,809</u>
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>124,262</u>	<u>107,645</u>

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 18 May 2022

and signed on their behalf by

Signed 18 May 2022

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Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2022

	This Year £	Previous Year £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Subscriptions from members	14,503	6,907
Less Paid to Scout District	<u>(9,233)</u>	<u>(7,550)</u>
	<u>5,270</u>	<u>(643)</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Bank and building society interest	142	-
Dividend	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>142</u>	<u>-</u>
DONATIONS, GRANTS and CLOTHING SALES	5,277	22,434
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR ACTIVITIES	9,220	10
FUND RAISING INCOME (before charging fund raising expenses)	34,608	-
INCOME FROM HIRE OF HEADQUARTERS BUILDING	17,658	14,802
OTHER INCOME Income tax recovered on subscriptions	3,229	2,446
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>75,404</u>	<u>39,050</u>

Payments for the year ended 31 March 2022

	This Year £	Previous Year £
PREMISES		
Running costs	9,819	6,764
Repairs and Renewals	5,743	3,926
DONATIONS/GRANTS: Cookham Explorers		
Cookham Explorers	1,000	1,639
Others	1,506	1,000
ACTIVITIES	17,228	2,822
FUND RAISING EXPENSES	13,309	-
ADMINISTRATION & ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		
Leader training and insurance	1,034	1,710
Miscellaneous	2,880	549
PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT	2,163	1,608
INTEREST PAID	-	-
PURCHASE OF BADGES AND UNIFORM	4,254	1,685
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>58,936</u>	<u>21,704</u>

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 March 2022

	This Year £	Previous Year £
MONETARY ASSETS		
Invested funds	67,231	31,930
Interest bearing accounts at banks and building societies	43,147	71,746
Non-interest bearing accounts at banks	23,175	2,930
Cash in hand	-	-
	<u>133,553</u>	<u>106,606</u>
<p>During the year, the investment manager was changed from Saint James Place to Hubwise</p>		
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax refunds reclaimable from Inland Revenue	-	720
Sundry receivables	991	354
	<u>991</u>	<u>1,074</u>
LIABILITIES		
Expenses to be reimbursed	(10,282)	(35)
Reserve for overpaid subscriptions		
Refunds due for events cancelled due to COVID	-	
	<u>(10,282)</u>	<u>(35)</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>124,262</u>	<u>107,645</u>

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 1st Cookham Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Cookham Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Cookham 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 [Insert Scout Group/District name] 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 [Insert Scout Group/District name] 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.

Signed 18 May 2022

Peter Austen
Chartered Accountant
Pippins, Popes Lane, Cookham Dean, Berkshire SL6 9NY
18 May 2022

1ST COOKHAM SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 300491

Accounts

1st COOKHAM SCOUT GROUP

Report & Accounts
for the year ended
31 March 2021

1st Cookham Scout Group

1st Cookham Scout Group is registered as a Scout group with the Scout Association - reference number 31163. It is constituted under the terms of the Scout Association's Royal Charter and is a Registered Charity - number 300491.

Brenda Boothman and Denis Boothman are the Honorary Presidents and the Trustees are as follows:

TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio

Nigel Hague	Chair
Andy Pearce	Group Scout Leader
Mike Day	Assistant Group Scout Leader
Kate Dilley	Group Secretary
Peter Nattress	Group Treasurer (until 23 July 2020)
Tim Sharples	Group Treasurer (from 23 July 2020)
Jeff Hurst	Cub Leader
Andrew Sutherland	Scout Leader
Dave Helmuth	Explorer Leader

Trustees: Elected

Sally Crichton	Catherine Rowson
Brenda Davison	Tamsin Jones
Nick Powell	Christopher Price
Charlotte Strudwicke	Sharon Price

PRINCIPLE BANKERS

Lloyds Bank Plc. High Street Maidenhead Berkshire SL6 1JS

Contact

Mr TN Sharples, Sulby Cottage Lower Road Maidenhead SL6 9HW

Structure, governance and management

The Group's governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association and make up the Group Executive Committee.

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is registered with the Charity Commission as an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes maintaining the registration, keeping proper accounts, and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment

The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members

The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising

The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders.

The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section, or the group as a whole, then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario, this could be the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members

The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario, this could be the complete closure of the Group."

Objectives and activities

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

The main activities in the year, in relation to these objects, are set out in the reports of the Chairman and Group Scout Leader. The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Trustees Annual Report for the Year ended 31 March 2021

Chairman's Report for the last year

This year has been like no other due to the pandemic which has placed significant demands on the scout leadership. None the less, some form of scouting has been maintained throughout the pandemic restrictions. It is to the enormous credit of our leaders that in the main programmes have continued, and we now look forward to the return of some sense of normality in scouting from June onwards.

Despite these challenges, the Group's administration has been transformed with a streamlining of many processes and the better use of technology. In the last year, the following improvements have been made :

- Adoption of Online Scout Manager (OSM) to manage member data information, collection of subs, and communications to parents.
- Implementation of MS Office 365 for our dedicated email correspondence within our own email domain: scoutscookham.org.uk.
- Creation of an externally hosted fully functional and updated web site.

We have invested in our HQ building making a number of improvements to the building fabric in particular the roof.

I am also pleased report that we have entered into a long rental agreement with Montessori Nursery School, with whom we have had an excellent relationship over the years, thus securing the rental income over a 7-year period. This agreement will reduce our dependency on the two weather-related fund raising activities: the summer fair and bonfire night.

The Group continues to be well funded, therefore it is prudent these funds are protected for the future. Consequently, as part of our funds risk management, the excess Group funds previously invested with St James Place that were wholly equity based, (approximately £70,000) have been transferred to the Vanguard fund manager and placed in the lower risk "40% Life Strategy Fund".

The Scout Group continues to be well placed to offer scouting to the Cookham community for generations to come. I would like to record my thanks and appreciation to the very many people that have contributed to, and helped make this possible.

These are the Scout Leaders, the Leaders' IT Committee, and members of the Parents Support Group, and in particular: Tim Sharples our Treasurer who has transformed the finance processes since he came on board at the last AGM, and Kate Dilley who retires at our AGM this year as Group Secretary after 10 years of great service to the Group.

Group Scout Leader's report

This last year has been very challenging and difficult but here in Cookham each section has given Zoom meetings a go; some with more success than others. The Cubs and Scouts have performed miracles during the pandemic, running an on-line programme, most weeks. The Beavers and Explorer's definitely benefit more from face to face meetings. Since returning after Easter and restrictions being lifted, all sections are now making the most of face to face scouting, at Formosa.

Our IT subcommittee has been busy and have successfully completed:

- Setting up a new Group email system
- Introducing our new Group website, with a number of exciting developments, such as, selling T Shirts and Bonfire tickets in the future.
- Standardising our use of the Online Scout Management across the sections, by introducing the Parent Portal, and
- changing of subs collection to be through Go Cardless.

Tim our new Group Treasurer has been busy consolidating the Groups bank accounts, negotiating our new rental agreement with Montessori, introducing a transparent management of the Groups investments, and overseeing the new subs collection process as well as updating the Gift Aid information. Thanks Tim.

Following the recent annual Scout Census, despite the Pandemic, our Group membership figures are very healthy when compared with local and national membership figures. We have 155 youth members and 37 Leaders and section assistants, including Cookham Explorers. During the year we have attracted 5 new uniformed leaders and 4 section assistants, but we still require a new Explorer Scout leader and more help with the Scout section. Young Leaders are always needed.

Our Centenary Celebrations are well advanced with the help of our "Friends of 1st Cookham Scout Group" Facebook page. This has attracted 176 members. Spread the word. The weekend celebrations will be held on 8-10th October 2021, more details will follow on Facebook. A Group Centenary badge will be given to all members.

In my role as GSL, I am very ably assisted by Mike Day who is AGSL. I couldn't do my role without him. He does much more than me. We have Mike to thank for recruiting so many new assistant Leaders.


Finally, I would like to personally thank every one of you for making Cookham Scout group such a success. There are a few Leaders and members of the group that have made the last 12 months possible during Covid times. On behalf of all of our young members thank you for your continued support.

Financial Review

Major Income and Expenditure Items

	This Year £	Previous Year £
Total net fund raising was lower than last year due to COVID		
Guy Fawkes Public Firework Display	-	680
Summer Fair	-	4,181
Marquee hire	-	2,080
Catering activities	-	431
Total net fund raising for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>7,372</u>
HQ Rental income	14,802	15,463
Amount spent on improvements to HQ outbuildings	3,926	27,245
New tents and other equipment purchased totalled	1,608	2,171
The Group subsidised activities including section activities, minibus hire & and supporting individuals who would not otherwise have been able to attend camps. Excluding waived subscriptions.	2,473	2,904
Leader training & insurance cost	1,710	1,543
At the end of the year Group reserves amounted to	107,645	73,809
These reserves are allocated as follows:		
Working capital requirements	3,000	131
Contingency fund in case of fund raising failures or disaster costs	40,000	40,000
Reserve for future development	64,645	33,678

Approved by the trustees on 18 May 2021
and signed on their behalf by


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Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31 March 2021

	This Year General fund £	Previous Year £
Total receipts for the year (see supporting analysis)	39,050	68,183
Total payments for the year (see supporting analysis)	<u>21,704</u>	<u>90,076</u>
Net receipts (payments) for the year	17,346	(21,894)
Surplus/(Loss) on revaluation of investments	16,490	(923)
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	<u>73,810</u>	<u>96,627</u>
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>107,646</u>	<u>73,810</u>

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Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2021

	This Year £	Previous Year £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Subscriptions from members	6,907	10,646
Less Paid to Scout District	<u>(7,550)</u>	<u>(7,696)</u>
	<u>(643)</u>	<u>2,950</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Bank and building society interest	-	1
Dividend	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
DONATIONS, GRANTS and CLOTHING SALES	22,435	3,454
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR ACTIVITIES	10	13,864
FUND RAISING INCOME (before charging fund raising expenses)	-	29,828
INCOME FROM HIRE OF HEADQUARTERS BUILDING	14,802	15,463
OTHER INCOME Income tax recovered on subscriptions	2,446	2,623
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>39,050</u>	<u>68,183</u>

Payments for the year ended 31 March 2021

	This Year £	Previous Year £
PREMISES		
Running costs	6,764	8,972
Repairs and Renewals	3,926	27,245
DONATIONS/GRANTS: Cookham Explorers	1,639	-
Others	1,000	2,904
ACTIVITIES	2,822	23,242
FUND RAISING EXPENSES	-	22,444
ADMINISTRATION & ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		
Leader training and insurance	1,710	1,543
Miscellaneous	549	852
PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT	1,608	2,171
INTEREST PAID	-	-
PURCHASE OF BADGES AND UNIFORM	1,685	703
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>21,704</u>	<u>90,076</u>

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 March 2021

	This Year £	Previous Year £
MONETARY ASSETS		
Invested funds - St James' Place	31,930	51,440
Interest bearing accounts at banks and building societies	64,056	11,704
Non-interest bearing accounts at banks	10,620	2,930
Cash in hand	-	-
	<u>106,606</u>	<u>66,074</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax refunds reclaimable from Inland Revenue	720	11,811
Sundry receivables	354	354
	<u>1,074</u>	<u>12,165</u>
LIABILITIES		
Expenses to be reimbursed	(35)	(236)
Reserve for overpaid subscriptions		(3,203)
Refunds due for events cancelled due to COVID	-	(990)
	<u>(35)</u>	<u>(4,429)</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>107,645</u>	<u>73,810</u>

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Independent examiner's statement

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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.



Peter Austen
Chartered Accountant
Pippins, Popes Lane, Cookham Dean, Berkshire SL6 9NY
18 May 2021