

## **Chairman's Report**

Welcome to this year's annual review of the group, a year that's been like no other before.

The last year has been dominated by the effects of the Covid-19 epidemic, with regular section meetings being re-scheduled to online zoom calls. A big thank you to the leader team for their ingenuity in continuing to deliver an inspiring program to our young people through the challenges and technical challenges on a video call. Having seen some of the results, they were truly amazing.

Even our regular maintenance activities, for both our flotilla of boats and headquarters has also been restricted during this time. We will need to catch up with this once the current restrictions allow us to do so, so please support the group if you can .

Due to the conditions, we were unable to hold or participate in a number of our usual social & fundraising activities this year, including Family Camp, Boundary Walk, Fireworks evening, quiz night to name a few. We will look to recommence these events as soon as we are able to safely.

I sure that you will join me in thanking all members of the group, our leader team & assistants, Executive members, and will continue to support the Group to enable us the continued opportunities to deliver adventures to the young people through these ongoing challenging times.

Kevin Stanley  
Group Chair

## GSL Report

The trials and tribulations of the COVID years have been seen first-hand reading through the reports of the year past.

We can all agree that we are more suited to 'hands on' Scouting, rather than 'online', but we tried and with some success kept the 1<sup>st</sup> Maidenhead going.

With not only the section members to check in on, but the leaders also needing a regular chat to ensure we were all coping ok with the restrictions.

Due to this we did lose a few from both leader, and section member perspective, and we still struggle without them – more so the leaders, as the waiting list is still buoyant.

With the changing times we not only had to learn the art of zooming and making it work for us and our activities, but also the Scout Hut and boats – all needing maintenance and checks, and this also incurs costs still – we were grateful that our supportive parents were able to continue to finance us given the circumstances.

We hope for a brighter and less lockdown challenging next year, where we can get back on the water and land – anywhere apart from online!

Thank you as always to the leaders, helpers, and committee for their continued support.

Wayne

## Sea Beaver Scout Section Report

Beavers have had a fun year despite not having as many face to face meetings as we would have liked.

Highlights for this year include den building at Quarry Woods, outdoor cooking and awarding Chief Scout Awards at Grenfell Park.

We very much enjoyed the camps at home we had every term. We celebrated Halloween, Space and VE Day. The sleep-in zoom meetings gave us all the opportunity to see the sleep-in dens and the crafts. The beavers worked hard and showed great imagination. Photo of Tiger showing her very spooky den.



Our Beavers have been a credit to 1<sup>st</sup> Maidenhead, when on trips and with how hard they have worked towards their badges. This year we awarded 333 badges to the beavers.



We were so pleased that sixteen Beavers were awarded the Chief Scout's Bronze Award, the highest award achievable in Beavers. This is an amazing achievement especially during this time. A big thank you to Tiger who gave help and encouragement to all the beavers.



We had three Young Leaders, Anna, Simon and Sam all working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

The final thanks go to our lovely group of Beavers with their supportive parents.

The Beaver team: Hawkeye (Elizabeth), Rusty (Jackie), Tiger (Alison), Otter (Neil) and Dragonfly (Liz).

### **Cub Report 2020**

After the Sea Cub Spring Term changed dramatically half way through, we muddled our way on Zoom for a few weeks, recorded challenges and indoor camps were tried, but unfortunately due to the change in work life this was difficult to adjust to, and with the Sea Cubs fed up with everything online we were not really getting much interest, we kept in touch with a few special online meetings, but the Summer Term was non-existent.

In September the rules changed, and we were allowed to meet up, with certain restrictions, but we were at least back!

With the Cub Pack split into 3 groups, we were able to adhere to the guidelines easier and do more. The first sessions were back to Taplow Lake for Paddle Boarding which we all enjoyed.





Next up we headed to Quarry Wood for Shelter Building, after the three weeks I'm surprised there were any branches left on the ground!



As the weather changed, we headed to the footpaths and tried out the chip shops – it is amazing how different each group walks – some fast, some slower – less time for chips with the latter...

Just as we were getting used to a new way, the rules changed and we were back to online...two evenings and we were done for the year and with the Zooming!

After the struggles with the previous online meetings, we halted again and waiting until the rules changed again...but this time the wait was longer.

Akela

### **Sea Scouts Section Report**

As with everyone else our time has been dominated by limited face-to-face activity.

#### **Summer 2020**

All conventional events and meetings were cancelled with Zoom replacing the weekly Thursday night meetings. During the Summer 2020 term we met every Thursday with a diverse range of virtual activities taking place. Notable events were the Egg drop challenge which really tested the ingenuity of the Scouts. Other fun activities included Mapping, Scavenger hunts, junk modelling and Pictionary.

Attendance during this term ranged from 9 to 16 with an average of around 15.

#### **Autumn 2020**

We were fortunate to be able to meet in person during the Autumn 2020 term. All activities took place outdoors per guidance with various activities engaged in.

We had a sports day where the Scouts worked towards their sports badge and as always successful Chip-Shop-Hike.



There was shelter-building evening in quarry woods as well as Tin Lantern Crafting evening



As we moved back into lock-down we shifted into Zoom sessions again with fun and productive sessions such as A Bake-off, floating paracord keyrings and Christmas sweets baking.

### **Spring 2021**

Online sessions continued into 2021 with paper boats, bird feeders and online games part of the program. The bird feeders, the scouts sewing their own knotting bags, soap carving and a mini-pioneering project all extended and challenge the scouts in their home environments.



### **General**

We said goodbye to Scott as Scout Leader as well as our two stalwart Young Leaders; Simon and Aimee as they headed off to university.

We also welcomed Wei Mumford as a Section Assistant.

Attendance overall has been good with an average of 21 Scout out of 29 this term. Covid and secondary school requirements have impacted attendance significantly.

Two of our oldest Scouts have been promoted to Senior Scouts and are transitioning into Explorers. They will remain with us till October half term.

Thank you to Mike and Margaret for your help and support this last year.

Justin Glanvill

## Mid Thames Explorer Scouts 2020-2021

Well, I started the year in style my shortest camp ever with a trip to hotel Wexham and it wasn't a good weekend to go

But still the scouts and explorers had a good winter camp with lots of plucking going on , then cooking their endeavours on open fires



That was our last time out in our wonderful Mediterranean Climate and Lockdown came But we soldiered on with Zoom meetings with varying degrees of success with most of the unit regularly taking part.

We held quizzes , baked dodgy cakes, some technical challenges to keep the explorers little grey cells working, tried some navigation exercise, guess where Bryan was or wished he was and some silly challenges to keep us all sane.

Then September came and were allowed to meet and get out on the water albeit socially distanced or in Family bubbles, hard work just 2 people rowing a Gig



Hannah represented the whole district on her own on Remembrance Sunday

Come December we thought we try some boating and lighting some fires. Practice our Culinary skills .



A difficult year which I hope we never repeat but as always, the explorers rallied to the challenge and did what they do best - just chilled out.

As always thanks to Mike for supporting the unit and to the support received from the group

Bryan Barnard



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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 01/04/2020 To 31/03/2021

### Receipts and payments

2020/2021				2019/2020	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
Receipts					
Donations, legacies & similar income					
Membership subscriptions	8,442	-	-	8,442	19,507
Less: Capitation subscriptions paid	- 3,326	-	-	- 3,326	- 5,432
Net Membership Retained	5,116	-	-	5,116	14,075
Donations	-	-	-	-	1,873
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	4,702	-	-	4,702	5,073
Section Activities	44	-	-	44	9,971
Group Activities	4,376	-	-	4,376	3,115
Uniform	122	-	-	122	110
District Activity Subsidy	126	-	-	126	378
Other similar Income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	14,486	-	-	14,486	34,595
Grants					
Maintenance Grant	-	-	-	-	
Other Grants	10,000	-	-	10,000	7,017
Sub Total	10,000	-	-	10,000	7,017
Fundraising (gross)					
Premises/Marquee/Tent Hire	480	-	-	480	2,481
Group Fundraising	512	-	-	512	1,342
External Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
Other Fundraising Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	992	-	-	992	3,823
Investment Income					
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	37
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	-
Property Rent income	-	-	-	-	-
Other Investment income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	-	-	-	-	37
Total Gross Income	25,478	-	-	25,478	45,472
Asset and investment sales etc.	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	25,478	-	-	25,478	45,472

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Payments					
Charitable Payments					
Youth Programme & Activites	4,645	-	-	4,645	19,365
Membership fees	396	-	-	396	744
Adult Support & Training	-	-	-	-	378
Rent	-	-	-	-	-
Water / Sewerage	212	-	-	212	223
Electricy & Gas	1,071	-	-	1,071	818
Telephone	744	-	-	744	795
Insurance	7,242	-	-	7,242	6,594
Repairs & Renewals	5,919	-	-	5,919	2,385
Material & Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Admin & Establishment	-	-	-	-	102
Contribution to Camp Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Uniforms	-	-	-	-	537
AGM & Trustess Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Badges & Awards	150	-	-	150	900
Other Costs	-	-	-	-	25
Sub total	20,379	-	-	20,379	32,866
Funraising Expenses					
Group Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	-
Membership fees	-	-	-	-	-
Other Fundrasing Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	20,379	-	-	20,379	32,866
Asset and investment purchases	660	10,504	-	11,164	11,317
Total payments	21,039	10,504	-	31,543	44,183
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,439	- 10,504	-	- 6,065	1,289
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	16,479	15,362	-	31,841	30,552
Cash funds this year end	20,918	4,858	-	25,776	31,841

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## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	31 March 2021			31/03/2020	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
<b>Cash Funds</b>					
Bank Current Account	£ 20,918	£ -	£ -	£ 20,918	£ 25,697
Bank Deposit Account	£ -	£ 4,863	£ -	£ 4,863	£ 15,362
Building Society Account	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -
Cash / Floats	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>£ 20,918</b>	<b>£ 4,863</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 25,781</b>	<b>£ 41,059</b>
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>					
Gift Aid Claim	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Debts Due from the County / District / Group	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Refunds Due	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Insurance Claim	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>
<b>Investments Assets</b>					
Investment Property -m Detail	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Quoted Investments	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Other investments - Detail	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>
<b>Non-Monetary Assets for Charities</b>					
Badge Stock	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Shop Stock	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Other Stock	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Land & Buildings	£ 159,073	£ -	£ -	£ 159,073	£ 159,073
Motor Vehicles	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Scouting Equipment, Furniture Etc.	£ 165,339	£ 9,201	£ -	£ 174,540	£ 163,376
Other		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£ 324,412</b>	<b>£ 9,201</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 333,613</b>	<b>£ 322,449</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Account not yet paid	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Expenses incurred but not yet invoiced	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Subscriptions not yet paid	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Loan - Detail	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Other Liabilities	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

  


Print Name

Kevin Stanley - Group Chair

Wayne Davie - GSL

Date of approval

30/01/2022

30/01/2022



# Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the

1<sup>st</sup> MAIDENHEAD (MID THAMES) SEA SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My Work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiners 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 charity and the charity'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 this year (under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (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 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.

## Basics 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 for 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 (~~other than that disclosed below \*~~)

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements
  - a. To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - b. To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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 be reached

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Date: 30 / 01 / 22

\* please delete the words in brackets if they do not apply