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## 28<sup>th</sup> Cambridge Group Scout Council-AGM

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### Leaders

A very great thank you must go to the leadership team who have taken up the lead while the Cub Scout Leader was engaged elsewhere. Clearly the extended leadership team involved in the Camp, the cook tent team and parent's who joined in were essential.

They all work very hard on camp - significantly longer than any nominal eight hour day. All the volunteers are happy that we are back meeting face to face.

We have been very fortunate in not losing any leaders during the lockdown, although many have been obliged to stay in lockdown for personal reasons.



*Kayaking at Grantchester*

## Cub camp highlights



← Hello from Cub Camp

Karting at Cub camp →





## Scout section reports

Following easing of lockdown in Spring 2021, we have enjoyed a productive run of face to face meetings for over 1 term. Last term as part of our COVID secure return to camping, we ran Scout Craft Training days for both our troops looking at providing training at all levels before a return to overnight camping this up-coming term.

Unique to Tuesday Scouts we held a night hike with all completing successfully.

Unique to Monday Scouts we ran a PL/APL training event at the HQ to increase leadership skills.

Looking ahead to the coming term, we are returning to overnight events. Notably:

Scout Craft Camp with over 30 Scouts planning to attend.

A troop hike from Great Chesterford to Cambridge

A Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol leader ( PL/APL), 2 night EXPED in the Chilterns.

2022 should see a return to a full and normal overnight program

We continue to **grow** the Scout Sections. And run on two separate nights, Monday and Tuesday. The weekly meetings are run separately with the Scouts from both nights attending joint camps, expeditions, competitions and activities.

Do **you** wish to join the adventure?



*PL organised cooking competition*



*Just one of the dishes*



*Also judged by the PL's*

## Scouting facts:

Polar explorer Ben Saunders, was a Scout in Kent.

*'Adventure is central to everything I've done,' says Ben, 'and the lessons which set me on that path we learnt in Scouts. I want to encourage and inspire other people to live more adventurously'*



28TH CAMBRIDGE (ST JOHN'S) SCOUT GROUP

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

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Claire Jarman (resigned 20th May 2020)  
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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees present their annual report for the 28th Cambridge (St John's) Scout Group for the year ended 31st December 2020.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (second edition) (effective 1 January 2019).

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### *GOVERNING DOCUMENT*

The Scout Group was established by Scout Trust Deed in 1969 and registered as a charity on 21st June 1971.

#### ORGANISATION AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

The 28th Cambridge (St John's) Scout Group consists of volunteer leaders and helpers, parents/guardians and young people involved in the Scouting movement and is supported by the Executive Committee dealing with the administrative and financial management of the Group, organising such matters as raising funds, Headquarters' maintenance and other users of the building and the renovation project. The Chair is appointed by the Group Scout Leader and approved by the Group at its AGM; the Treasurer and other members of the Executive Committee are appointed at the AGM, but look to involve other volunteers.

#### RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risk within the Scout Group and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that necessary steps can be taken to lessen those risks.

#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The key objective of the 28th Cambridge (St John's) Scout Group is to involve young people in the Scouting movement and allow them to experience the wide range of Scouting activities. The Group runs five sections for Beavers (6-8 years), Cubs (8-10 and a half) and Scouts (10 and a half up to 14+) with a packed programme of weekly meetings in term time, camps and other activities with a team of volunteer leaders and Young Leaders many of whom are former scouts in the Group.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS, PERFORMANCE AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

The 28th Cambridge is a thriving Scout Group well recognised in the District with waiting list for each section with a higher number of awards and badges earned. The Group tries to offer the experience of Scouting to as many young people as possible and runs meetings on Monday and Tuesday evenings. The benefit of the Scouting experience is not only the great enjoyment involved in all the wide range of activities but also the confidence it gives to young people to become involved and to work together and tackle new experiences throughout life - to live the adventure.

The Group benefits from a Headquarters building on a site leased from the local Council in Flamsteed Road and through grant funding from the Council has substantially renovated the building. The HQ building is a valuable resource for hire to the community and normally in use morning and evening 6, and occasionally 7, times a week.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused significant disruption during the year. When allowed, meetings and activities were held in person with appropriate safety measures in place; during lockdowns, the weekly meetings and AGM were held online. Income from subscriptions and rental were significantly reduced, but grants from the Council protected the Group's financial position.

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## FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESERVES

The trustees consider the results and financial position satisfactory for the year. The Statement of Financial Activities shows a deficit after depreciation of £2743 (deficit 2019 of £690).

Unrestricted reserves have increased to £179950 (2019: £176693) and free reserves are £44578 (2019: £41938) which is also considered satisfactory.

The trustees review the level of reserves from time to time to ensure there is a sufficient level to meet future and unexpected obligations such as property repairs, whilst ensuring the continuance of the Scout Group.

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are required by charity law to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:-

- (a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (c) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.
- (d) State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and with applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- (e) Observe the methods and principals of the Charities SORP

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act.

The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees confirm they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES



Geoff Oliver  
Scout Group Leader

12 September 2021.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF 28TH CAMBRIDGE (ST JOHN'S) SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of the Scout Group for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 4 to 9.

## 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 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 Trust 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 the 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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



IAN SHIPLEY FCCA  
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF:  
PRENTIS & CO LLP  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS &  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

8 October 2021.



## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Restricted Funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
<b>INCOME</b>							
Income from charitable activities:							
Subscriptions		4338	-	4338	9506	-	9506
Fundraising events		592	-	592	45	295	340
Camping and Activity Days		4516	-	4516	24986	-	24986
Income from other activities:							
Government Grant		11334	-	11334	-	-	-
Rental		3695	-	3695	10357	-	10357
Interest receivable		20	-	20	28	-	28
Gift Aid		4346	-	4346	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>28841</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28841</b>	<b>44922</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>45217</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>							
Charitable activities	2	25584	6000	31584	39467	6440	45907
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>25584</b>	<b>6000</b>	<b>31584</b>	<b>39467</b>	<b>6440</b>	<b>45907</b>
<b>NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>3257</b>	<b>(6000)</b>	<b>(2743)</b>	<b>5455</b>	<b>(6145)</b>	<b>(690)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>							
Total fund balance brought forward		176693	84599	261292	171238	90744	261982
Total fund balance carried forward		179950	78599	258549	176693	84599	261292

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

## BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS	3	211882	217882
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank	4	46638	43239
Debtors	5	629	737
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>47267</u>	<u>43976</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: Due within one year	6	<u>600</u>	<u>566</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>46667</u>	<u>43410</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>258549</u>	<u>261292</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Restricted funds	7	78599	84599
Unrestricted funds	7	179950	176693
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		<u>258549</u>	<u>261292</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 12 September 2021.



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Scout Group Leader

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## (a) BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these financial statements.

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The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the Group's ability to continue as a going concern.

## (b) STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

The trustees have opted to take advantage of the amendment to Charities SORP FRS 102, whereas only larger charities are required to prepare a statement of cash flow.

## (c) INCOME

Income represents the amount derived from the charity's ordinary activities. Income is recognised in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. No income is stated net of any associated expenditure.

## (d) EXPENDITURE

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to beneficiaries. Governance costs include costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and are part of the charity's activities. Expenditure is allocated to expense headings on a direct cost basis.

## (e) FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

The property held is a leasehold held on behalf of the Group by the Scout Association as custodian trustee. During 2012/13 improvements were carried out on the property, amounting to £118258 and these are considered to have a useful economic life of 20 years. The depreciation is written off to restricted funds as a restricted grant was received from Cambridge City Council for the improvements.

Leasehold improvements	- 20 years
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2.	EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020	Unrestricted 2020 £	Restricted 2020 £	Total 2020 £
	Scouting activities - Camps/activity days	4228	-	4228
	Scouting activities - Weekly meetings	1384	-	1384
	Capitation	4698	-	4698
	Insurance	1310	-	1310
	Utility bills	2339	-	2339
	Ground rent	1004	-	1004
	Building maintenance	8556	-	8556
	Equipment	1176	-	1176
	Donations	266	-	266
	Depreciation	-	6000	6000
	Independent Examination	623	-	623
		<u>25584</u>	<u>6000</u>	<u>31584</u>

	EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019	Unrestricted 2019 £	Restricted 2019 £	Total 2019 £
	Scouting activities - Camps/activity days	22585	440	23025
	Scouting activities - Weekly meetings	2239	-	2239
	Capitation	4399	-	4399
	Insurance	1649	-	1649
	Utility bills	2628	-	2628
	Ground rent	1004	-	1004
	Building maintenance	1938	-	1938
	Equipment	2426	-	2426
	Depreciation	-	6000	6000
	Independent Examination	599	-	599
		<u>39467</u>	<u>6440</u>	<u>45907</u>

3.	FIXED ASSETS - YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020	2020
	COST	£
	Balance at 1st January 2020	<u>253882</u>
	DEPRECIATION	
	Balance at 1st January 2020	36000
	Charge for the year	6000
	Balance at 31st December 2020	<u>42000</u>
	Net book value at 31st December 2020	<u>211882</u>

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	COST		£		
	Balance at 1st January 2019		253882		
	DEPRECIATION				
	Balance at 1st January 2019		30000		
	Charge for the year		6000		
	Balance at 31st December 2019		36000		
	Net book value at 31st December 2019		217882		
4.	CASH AT BANK	2020	2019		
		£	£		
	Current account	26618	39725		
	Deposit account	20020	-		
	NSB - Reserve	-	3514		
		46638	43239		
5.	DEBTORS	2020	2019		
		£	£		
	Prepayments and accrued income	629	737		
6.	CREDITORS	2020	2019		
		£	£		
	Independent Examination	600	566		
7.	ACCUMULATED FUNDS	Balance at	Balance at		
	YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020	1st January	31st December		
		2020	Income	Expenditure	2020
		£	£	£	£
	Restricted funds				
	Grant received	84000	-	6000	78000
	Hardship Fund	599	-	-	599
	Total Restricted funds	84599	-	6000	78599
	Unrestricted funds	175820	28841	25201	179460
	Designated funds	873	-	383	490
	Total Unrestricted funds	176693	28841	25584	179950
	TOTAL FUNDS	261292	28841	31584	258549

## Restricted Funds

Hardship Fund. This is money given by Kynaston Lodge to support Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from a disadvantaged background.

## Designated Funds

Tent Fund. This is for tent replacements.



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ACCUMULATED FUNDS YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019	Balance at 1st January 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31st December 2019 £
Restricted funds				
Grant received	90000	-	6000	84000
Hardship Fund	744	295	440	599
Total Restricted funds	90744	295	6440	84599
Unrestricted funds	170264	44922	39366	175820
Designated funds	974	-	101	873
Total Unrestricted funds	171238	44922	39467	176693
TOTAL FUNDS	261982	45217	45907	261292

## 8. STAFF COSTS

There are no staff costs.

The trustees consider they are the key management and are not remunerated.

Trustee expenses of £3233 (2019: £3555) were reimbursed during the year. Payments amounting to £4698 (including the capitation fee) (2019: £6709) were paid to Cambridge District Scout Council a charity of which G Oliver and J Racher are also trustees.

In common with other Scout Groups, trustees can have members of family participating in activities and members of the Group. All activities and membership are on the same terms as the other users.

## 9. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

The Scout Group has total financial commitments (lease on property) of £2008.

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even sleepovers the Cubs who attended camp did remarkably well by any standards. The confidence gained by the Cubs in facing the many new experience each day is marked. Thanks must go to the parents for allowing their children to take this step; indeed, it was the evident enthusiasm of so many parents that ensured that the leaders were clear that this camp was very much wanted. More cubs would have attended, but for the limits on numbers and family holidays booked in the absence of certainty that the camp was going ahead.

### Leaders

A very great thank you must go to the leadership team who have taken up the lead while the Cub Scout Leader was engaged elsewhere. Clearly the extended leadership team involved in the Camp, the cook tent team and parent's who joined in were essential.

They all work very hard on camp - significantly longer than any nominal eight hour day. All the volunteers are happy that we are back meeting face to face.

We have been very fortunate in not losing any leaders during the lockdown, although many have been obliged to stay in lockdown for personal reasons.



*Kayaking at Grantchester*

## Cub camp highlights



← Hello from Cub Camp

Karting at Cub camp →





## Scout section reports

Following easing of lockdown in Spring 2021, we have enjoyed a productive run of face to face meetings for over 1 term. Last term as part of our COVID secure return to camping, we ran Scout Craft Training days for both our troops looking at providing training at all levels before a return to overnight camping this up-coming term.

Unique to Tuesday Scouts we held a night hike with all completing successfully.

Unique to Monday Scouts we ran a PL/APL training event at the HQ to increase leadership skills.

Looking ahead to the coming term, we are returning to overnight events. Notably:

Scout Craft Camp with over 30 Scouts planning to attend.

A troop hike from Great Chesterford to Cambridge

A Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol leader ( PL/APL), 2 night EXPED in the Chilterns.

2022 should see a return to a full and normal overnight program

We continue to **grow** the Scout Sections. And run on two separate nights, Monday and Tuesday. The weekly meetings are run separately with the Scouts from both nights attending joint camps, expeditions, competitions and activities.

Do **you** wish to join the adventure?



*PL organised cooking competition*



*Just one of the dishes*



*Also judged by the PL's*

## Scouting facts:

Polar explorer Ben Saunders, was a Scout in Kent.

*'Adventure is central to everything I've done,' says Ben, 'and the lessons which set me on that path we learnt in Scouts. I want to encourage and inspire other people to live more adventurously'*

