

## 81<sup>st</sup> St Andrews Bristol Group Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2022

### Background

The group is registered with the Charity Commission under the charity number 302165

The group is part of the Scout Association located within the Scout County of Avon, Bristol South District and has the group registration number 10013746.

The group operates under the guiding principles of the rule book of the Scout Association, known as 'Policy, Organisation and rules' (POR) as updated and amended from time to time, with particular reference to Section 3 The Scout Group which sets out general principals and framework for operating scout groups.

POR also defines 'key policies' and operational processes which include but are not limited to Safeguarding, GDPR, Health & Safety, Financial & Administrative functions and Risk Assessment.

The management of the scout group is conducted by the Group Executive [Charity Trustees] whose names are listed below:

Mrs Crystal Chojnacki, Mrs Kelly Phipps, Mr John Holder, Mrs Audrey Holder.

The group does not have any paid employees, is all run by volunteers. It is not registered for Gift Aid and operates from Leasehold premises. The group is not a grant making body.

There were no serious or notifiable incidents during the year under review.

The accounts for the financial year 2021-22 and Independent Examine Statement form a separate document to this report. No funding was received as a payment for contracts with central or local government. However, Covid relief grants were received from government paid by the local authority totalling £21834.36 as detailed in the separate annual accounts. It is not foreseen that this level of support will continue in future years and therefore income levels will fall back. The accounts were independently examined by Mr S J Thomas a retired bank official.

The Charity does not have any trading subsidiaries, nor does it operate outside of England & Wales and has not received any overseas funding.

As a young persons Charity, all volunteers including trustees are subject to a DBS check prior to appointment, which is reviewed upon positional changes and after five years. This service is provided centrally by the Scout Association via its approved contractor. Trustee details are recorded and shown on the Charity Commission portal and above.

### Objective and Activities

The objectives of the Scout Group are as a unit of the Scout Association. The aim of the Scout Association is: "To promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities." The method of achieving the aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

### Public Benefit

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. The group catchment covers a large proportion of the BS13 postal areas of south Bristol.

### Achievements & performance 2021-22

For the first period under review the group was still subject to COVID restrictions so did not meet face to face, however, as these were relaxed the sections within the group were active, as summarised in the brief statement below:

All sections of the group which includes Beavers ages 6-8yrs, Cubs ages 8-11yrs and Scouts ages 11-14 yrs met face to face on different evenings from beginning of July and all took part in various activities relating to certain badges, including safety, gardening, skills. As guidelines were relaxed they all went ten pin bowling for Christmas.

Plans for the coming year include sleepover for the younger members and two camps for June and September. Also parade to commemorate St George's day.

