

62nd Bristol Scout Group

Year Ended 31 March 2021

Reference and administration details of the Charity and its advisors

Status

62nd Bristol Scout Group is a registered charity governed by Royal Charter 4th January 1912 as amended by Supplemental Charter dated 28 March 1949 as amended on 18 Feb 1959 as amended on 5 May 1967 as amended on 19 July 1991 as amended on 8 Feb 2018 as amended on 30 April 2019 as amended on 12 Feb 2020. Charity number: 302174.

Trustees

The trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

Geraint Hopkins	Appointed Chair 22 July 2020
Philip Osborne	Resigned Chair 22 July 2020
Meriel Rosser	Treasurer
Mark Heath	Secretary
Clive Grant	
Donald Pritchard	
Timothy Bird	
Shaun Piper	
Andrew Pope	Appointed 29 October 2020

Address

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Rozel Road
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The trustees present their report and unaudited financial statements of 62nd Bristol Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The financial statements comply with the duty in section 4 of the 2006 Act to have due regard to guidance on public benefit published by the charity commission.

Objectives and activities

The charitable objectives of the 62nd Bristol Scout Group are 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.

As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We encourage our young people to do more, learn more and be more. Each week the 62nd Bristol Scout Group gives young people of Bristol the opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed.

Achievements and performance

The past year has been a tough one for scouting, with only a very limited number of weeks when we were able to carry out proper face to face scouting due to the ongoing Coronavirus restrictions. Given that, the scout leaders have done a fantastic job in ensuring a full range of activities via online scouting: inviting special guests to inform, entertain and challenge our young people; online sessions including cook-alongs, pictiary games, quizzes and craft activities; as well as virtual camps, a Cub virtual badge day, and challenges for young people to complete at home.

Many of our young people also completed a number of badges at home, several returning to face to face scouting with arms packed full of badges, finding it a good way to keep occupied. We're very grateful to young people and their parents for engaging in the activities both online and face-to-face where possible over the year.

Although this didn't suit all young people, many of whom had spent all day online, many thoroughly enjoyed the escape and connectivity the online sessions brought them.

Sections also devised socially distanced outdoor activities for young people and their families.

As a result of this, we have not asked for full subs during the year, however a number of families have chosen to donate the subs equivalent or an alternative reduced sum, and many thanks go to those families for this.

Numbers in our beavers, two cub groups (Seeonee on Monday and Banderlog on Thursday) and our Wednesday and Friday scout groups have reduced during the year from a census headcount in 2020 of 164 to 130 in 2021. This has partly been due to the reduced provision of face to face scouting over the last year, but also a natural reduction of some of our oversubscribed sections. We have a healthy waiting list however, with 79 young people aged six and up and so our sections are being quickly replenished.

We also have a number of ex scouts who moved on to explorers and have stayed with the group to become young leaders and beyond, as well as 2 leaders, 25 assistant leaders and 5 sectional assistants.

The trustees have also been busy, constructing a shelter adjacent to the hut to give greater options for complying with restrictions. Particular thanks go to Don Pritchard, Phil Osbourne and Andy Pope for this.

Volunteers and trustees led by Andy Pope also assembled pre-cut (Andy) shelving for the foyer area of the hut. The extra storage along with a rigorous sort through the groups equipment and materials has helped declutter and organise the Hut.

We have also carried out a big exercise to claim Gift Aid on subs and donations from April 2016 to March 2020, bringing in an additional £8k to the group. We encourage all families who are able to make the Gift Aid Declaration via Online Scout Manager (OSM), so we can maximise the amounts we can reclaim.

Xmas tree sales went ahead as in previous years with the added precautions in line with Covid restrictions guidance. Sales and organisation were well supported by a mixture of all affiliates to the 62nd. Good feedback from the local community and increased sales on the previous year.

Plans for the future:

The hut has not been in a great condition for years, and the floor in particular has significantly deteriorated over the time the hut hasn't been in use. We plan to carry out significant works to the hut, including repair/replace the roof and floor, but also considering a more comprehensive hut replacement. The trustees will be considering the best course of action over the coming months to ensure best use of resources.

We hope to be able to run some sort of BBQ when we can – possibly with short notice, as restrictions allow.

Financial Review

This has also been an unusual year financially for the 62nd Bristol Scout Group.

Our income was £46.8k (2019/20: £57.8k) and expenditure £25.1k (2019/20: £52.7k) and our balance at the end of the financial period was £75.2k (2020: £53.4k).

We increased fees for all sections, with the exception of beavers, from £35 per young person per term to £40. This is mainly to cover the increase in charges that are incurred on us by district/county/national scouts, which we have been subsidising for the last few years.

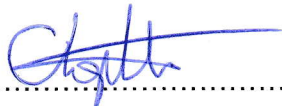
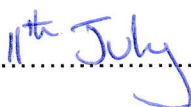
The main financial impacts in the year are a reduction in income from subs of c£8k and expenditure on new shelving and the external shelter of £4.3k. We've also made some repayments of deposits for activities and camps to families.

However, financially, there are also lots of positives: our Christmas Tree sale brought a surplus of £5.1k, a record for the group; the backlog claim for Gift Aid brought us an additional £8k and we have been eligible for Government grants of £19.4k. Although we haven't yet spent much of the grant, this will contribute towards future works on the hut to repair the deterioration over the Covid period.

Our current balance in excess of reserves is c£60k, however we may well require sums in excess of this to fund works on the hut, in which case we will be seeking funds through as many sources as we are able.

Reserves policy: we hold £15k in reserves, which would cover all operating costs, including contribution to district, for an average financial year, excluding activities/camps and fundraising expenditure.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

.....Date. .....2021

Geraint Hopkins – Chair of trustees

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 MARCH 2021

	2020-2021 CURRENT YEAR £	2019-2020 PREVIOUS YEAR £
CURRENT ASSETS		
BANK CURRENT ACCOUNTS		
GROUP	55,404.16	22,143.06
SCOUTS FRI	7,875.77	15,033.32
CUBS SEEONEE	2,268.91	3,824.18
CUBS BANDALOG	1,270.68	3,819.38
BEAVERS	1,221.88	929.55
CASH IN HAND	157.57	157.57
PREPAYMENTS	6,955.00	7,544.00
RECEIVABLES	0.00	1,977.00
CURRENT LIABILITIES	0.00	(2,019.50)
NET TOTAL	<u>75,153.97</u>	<u>53,408.56</u>

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR	46,810.24	57,838.98
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	-25,064.83	-52,737.63
DEFICIT / SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<u>21,745.41</u>	<u>5,101.35</u>
CASH, BANK AND SIMILAR FUNDS B/F	53,408.56	48,307.21
CASH, BANK AND SIMILAR FUNDS C/F	<u>75,153.97</u>	<u>53,408.56</u>

INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2020-2021 CURRENT YEAR £	2019-2020 PREVIOUS YEAR £
SUBSCRIPTIONS	6,970.00	15,269.33
ACTIVITIES / CAMPS		
BEAVERS	0.00	274.45
CUBS Seeonee	0.00	1,014.05
CUBS Bandalog	-275.00	1,803.16
SCOUTS-Friday	-2,257.00	19,375.50
SCOUTS-Wednesday	0.00	3,047.50
GROUP	0.00	4,889.45
FUND-RAISING		
CHRISTMAS TREE		
SALES	13,879.34	11,326.77
EASY FUNDRAISING	82.57	69.16
OTHER INCOME		
LETTINGS + EQPT HIRE	0.00	375.00
GOVERNMENT GRANTS	19,431.00	0.00
GIFT AID	8,090.33	0.00
DONATIONS	0.00	71.61
OTHER	889.00	323.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>46,810.24</u>	<u>57,838.98</u>

EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2020-2021 CURRENT YEAR £	2019-2020 PREVIOUS YEAR £
PREMISES		
WATER	137.00	134.46
LIGHT AND HEAT	132.15	781.00
INSURANCE	805.00	1,029.25
REPAIRS AND RENEWALS	1,394.41	224.49
EXTERNAL SHELTER (COVID)	2,892.39	0.00
MEMBERSHIP - SUBS TO DISTRICT	7,544.00	7,761.25
ACTIVITIES / CAMPS		
BEAVERS	90.15	1,335.28
CUBS-Seeonee	75.50	2,271.08
CUBS-Bandalog	141.40	2,957.23
SCOUTS-Friday	70.94	20,676.11
SCOUTS-Wednesday	0.00	-619.25
GROUP	0.00	4,760.50
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES		
Xmas Trees	8,726.80	6,948.00
ADMIN / ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES	387.83	679.16
TRAINING	120.00	1,198.62
PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT	1,081.03	2,211.79
BADGES, UNIFORMS ETC	1,446.44	128.66
OTHER	19.79	0.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>25,064.83</u>	<u>52,737.63</u>

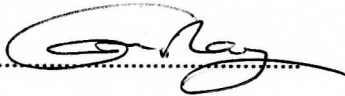
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12 June 2021

Meriel Rosser
Treasurer
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Dear Meriel,

In accordance with the request made by the executive committee of the Bristol 62nd Scout Group, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021 as set within the AGM report. In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me.

Signed.....



Date.....

12/6/2021

Gillian Ray