



**1st Birchington Air Scout Group
Annual Reports & Accounts**

Year Ended 31 March 2021

Charity Commission Registered Number: 303417

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1st Birchington Air Scout Group
Year Ended 31 March 2021

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1st Birchington Air Scout Group

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Executive Committee

Group Scout Leader (GSL)	<i>POSITION VACANT</i>
Group Administrator	Daniel Le Corney
Chairperson	Ben Goult
Treasurer	Samantha Stanton
Secretary	Samantha David
Scout Leader	Richard Phillpot 2020/21 / Jon Jackson 2021/22
Cub Scout Leader	Daniel LeCorney
Beaver Scout Leader	Brigette Watson
Scout Parent Rep	<i>POSITION VACANT</i>
Cub Parent Rep	<i>POSITION VACANT</i>
Beaver Parent Rep	<i>POSITION VACANT</i>
Executive Committee Member	Richard Phillpot

1st Birchington Air Scout Group

Annual general Meeting (AGM) - VIRTUAL Thursday 20th January 2022 Agenda

- 1 Welcomes
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Approve Minutes of 1st Birchington Air Scout Group AGM 27/11/2020
- 4 Financial Report
- 5 Consideration of the annual report including the annual statement of accounts to 31 March 2021
- 6 Election of Executive Committee
- 7 Appointment of the independent assessor of the accounts
- 8 AOB

1st Birchington Air Scouts Financial Report 2021

The 1st Birchington Air Scout Group entered April 2020 with funds of £3,454, at this point the country had just entered it's first lockdown and all scouting activities had stopped. The hard work of the section leaders meant the virtual meetings took place for the majority of 2020/21, with the members being asked to contribute towards the capitation fees during this period, for which we received £970.

Gift aid claims were made covering a 3 year period and we received £3,795 during the year. We also applied for and received Government support grants of £20,974 during the pandemic. With scouting activities limited and the lockdowns, other areas of income were minimal. Hall donations totalled £190, no income was received for scouting activities and the fundraising, such as street collections, could not go ahead.

We received donations of £200 from The Crispe Charity, to support the activities carried out by the Scouts and £500 from Birchington Parish Council, towards the asbestos removal. The overall income for the Group was £26,740.

With the approval of the Executive Committee, £8,536 of the funds have been spent on hall refurbishments, including removal of asbestos, replacement of the hall heating system, radiator covers and sanding the floor. Other premises costs totalled £1,633, covering insurance, heating, rates and cleaning. Capitation charges were £1,376 for this financial year. Expenditure on scouting activities reduced to £515, for the reasons mentioned above. There were no other significant areas of expenditure in this financial year, costs totalled £12,814.

The funds at 31st March 2021 were £17,380, which is a strong position for the Group. The Executive Committee have identified some small areas of spend on the hall facilities that have been required since the year end and allocated a small amount to each section to spend on activities for the members this year. We've all enjoyed seeing the Leaders and Scouts return to meetings in the hall and hope that this can continue for many years to come.

**Samantha Stanton - Treasurer
December 2021**

**1st Birchington Beavers
2021 Report**

We currently have nine beavers with five newbies who have started this term taking us to fourteen. We still have a healthy waiting list so have a regular intake each term.

During the past year it has obviously been difficult to deliver the usual adventurous activities that we normally would, but we have enjoyed lots of badge work via zoom and later back face to face. We have had to be a bit inventive to try to get our beavers through their challenge badges to aim for their bronze awards.

We did manage to take part in the only district beaver event of 2021, the beaver hike in September. It was a great experience for our youngsters to see the wider scouting family of Thanet. We did take part in last years remembrance day service in November and as always the beavers did us proud in front of the whole village. A very different event but one they enjoyed.

Unfortunately being back in yellow covid restrictions will probably mean we miss the first few district events of the calendar but hopefully we will be back to it all soon. We are currently only planning a term at a time to avoid too much changing around if things change. We are lucky that we do have lots of zoom activities in the bag if we need them.

Our main focus for this year is to get back out and having adventures together and hopefully a sleepover soon!

As always a big thank you to all the adults that support our scouting, Vicky, Jon and Mary. I know I couldn't do it without you . Here's to another year of beavering.

Brigette (a.k.a. Birch)
January 2022

1st Birchington Cubs 2021 Report

Like the rest of the country, we entered 2021 in a state of lockdown and were restricted to using Zoom for our Tuesday meetings for the first three months of the year. Typically, we had around 50% of Cubs taking part in any given Zoom session. We attempted to make our time online relaxed and informal so that no-one missed anything important. The most memorable online activity was probably the duck races, which were completely random and very funny.

We re-started face-to-face meetings at Easter and spent most of the summer term filling in the gaps of the various Challenge Badges, practicing skills such as chopping vegetables, tracking signs in the woods at Crispe Park and lots of washing hands. At the end of April, we did a St George's hike (in lieu of a parade) across the countryside and coast between Birchington and St Nicholas. In July we spent two weeks helping Birchington in Bloom plant new flowers at their site in Canterbury Road. Our last meeting of the summer term was a swimming pool session at Birchington Vale holiday park.

After restrictions were relaxed allowing residential events to go ahead, we were lucky enough to be one of the first sections to go camping. We had a weekend in July at Marshside Campsite in Minster. All 19 of our Cubs took part. The theme was Minecraft – which we called 'Cubcraft' – with the activities themed around the game, which worked well considering none of the leaders had played it.

In the autumn term the Cubs successfully attempted the DIY badge, learning skills such as drilling, sawing wood, and using a screwdriver. Half of the Cubs completed the Cyclist badge, which included a bike ride to Reculver and back. A team of six Cubs entered the District fishing competition, which they won for the second time in a row. November was our air activities month, which included using marshmallows, biscuits and cakes to assemble different parts of an aeroplane, practicing the phonetic alphabet with radios and a trip to RAF Manston History Museum. Our last event of the year was a festive sleepover at our Scout Hut, with a trip to the indoor adventure golf course in Margate plus a Christmas dinner thrown in.

Sadly, we have said goodbye to several Cub leaders who have stepped down this year: Paul, Lucy and Sonia. Thank you to them for all the support they have given 1st Birchington during their time in Scouting. Towards the end of the year we started a family rota to encourage parents and other relatives to support our weekly meetings – so far this has been pretty successful and hopefully this will carry on in 2022. Massive thanks to our three regular leaders/helpers – Matt (Bagheera), Bob (Mowgli) and Janice (Willow) – without whom the activities you have read about in this report wouldn't've been possible. Finally, a big BRAVO to all the Cubs, they have all been brilliant this year and are a very special group of young people.

**Dan (a.k.a. Rama)
December 2021**

1st Birchington Scouts 2021 Report

It was with great regret that June and I had to step down from Scouts in December 2020, the pressures of the pandemic and work unfortunately meant that we were unable to continue in our current roles.

We have immensely enjoyed our time running the Scout section for 3 years up to December 2020 and running the Cub section for 9 years before that, we would like to thank all of the many leaders and parents who have helped us over the years and most importantly we would like to thank all of the young people for their enthusiasm, commitment and many wonderful memories.

We are so very pleased that Jon and Jody have taken over running the Scout section and we are sure they will make it a fantastic section, we are very thankful that they have taken on the roles, we wish them every success for the future.

Best wishes

**Chopper & Hurricane
(Richard & June Phillpott)**

After taking over as the Scout's section leader in September 2021, I have been on a very large learning curve. I Started my training with Ben Churchill from 1st Garlinge, he and his team were extremely kind and let me and the existing Birchington Scouts attend his Scout meeting to show me what is required. This was great and extremely productive, I also managed to permanently borrow one of their leaders, Jody. Without her the Scouts at Birchington would not be able to carry on and the Birchington Air Scout's are extremely grateful for her commitment to us.

When returning to Birchington on Bonfire night 2021 we started our own program and we have covered the following so far; Master of Arms event, Pioneering (catapult making), Remembrance day, Air Badge work, Navigation and maps and DIY.

For this year, 2022 we have planned the following; 1st Aid, Visiting the Manston Air Museum, Bouldering at the revolution skate park and Model making. We are currently planning our activities termly due to Covid.

Lastly, we have currently 13 Scouts and 2 leaders. Our plan is now to gain another leader and grow the Scout group.

Myself and Jody are undertaking any training that we can do to make our Scout group more independent but there seems to be a lack of trainers or assessors. We are doing everything possible to ensure that our Scouts are learning and having fun and we are always trying to improve our Scout troop and ensuring that they are growing in confidence.

I would like to thank everybody at Birchington Air Scouts for the support and guidance that they have given me, Brigitte and Mary have been outstanding and as I said before, without Jody I would not have had the know how and may have not been able to stay.

Thank you to all of you.

Jon

January 2022

1st Birchington Air Scout Group

Year Ended 31 March 2021

Receipts & Payments Account

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Total Receipts for the year	26,740	12,752
Total payments for the year	12,814	14,900
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	<u>13,926</u>	<u>(2,148)</u>
Transfer between fund	-	-
	<u>13,926</u>	<u>(2,148)</u>
Cash, Bank & Similar funds bought forward	3,454	5,602
Cash, Bank & Similar funds carried forward	<u><u>17,380</u></u>	<u><u>3,454</u></u>

The above account and accepting statement(s) of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 18th November 2021

and signed on their behalf by



SAMANTHA STANTON ACA BA.

1st Birchington Air Scout Group

Year Ended 31 March 2021

Receipts

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	250	5,514
GIFT AID RECLAIMED	3,796	-
	<u>4,046</u>	<u>5,514</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Bank interest	0	1
	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
DONATIONS AND GRANTS		
Donations	1,900	2,258
Grants	20,794	-
	<u>22,694</u>	<u>2,258</u>
ACTIVITIES		
Beaver/Cub/Scout activities	-	2,729
Uniform	-	17
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,746</u>
FUNDRAISING GROSS		
Street Collections	-	1,291
Spring Fayre	-	429
Quiz Night	-	230
Emily Teddy Sale	-	41
Christmas Raffle	-	199
AGM	-	44
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,233</u>
SUNDRY RECEIPTS	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL RECIEPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>26,740</u></u>	<u><u>12,752</u></u>

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Payments

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
PREMISIS		
Cleaning	137	385
Rates and Water	180	492
Light and heat	703	1,368
Insurance	613	659
Repairs and renewals	8,536	271
	<hr/> 10,170	<hr/> 3,174
DONATIONS	282	-
	<hr/> 10,452	<hr/> 3,174
ACTIVITIES		
Beavers/Cubs/Scouts	515	7,622
	<hr/> 515	<hr/> 7,622
FUND RAISING EXPENSES	-	186
	<hr/> -	<hr/> 186
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		
Printing and Stationery	-	48
Group expenses	447	599
Courses	-	-
Tents/Camping equipment etc	-	1,110
Bank charges	24	60
Capitation	1,376	1,913
	<hr/> 1,847	<hr/> 3,730
PURCHASE UNIFORM	-	188
SUNDRY REPAYMENTS	-	-
	<hr/> -	<hr/> 188
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<hr/> <hr/> 12,814	<hr/> <hr/> 14,900

1st Birchington Air Scout Group

Year Ended 31 March 2021

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
MONETARY ASSETS		
cash bank and similar funds		
BANK CURRENT ACCOUNT 1	16,379	1,202
BANK CURRENT ACCOUNT 2	-	722
BANK TERM DEPOSIT	1,001	1,001
CASH IN HAND	-	529
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	17,380	3,454

1st Birchington Air Scout Group
2020 AGM minutes
Held online via Zoom on 27th November 2020

Present:

- Ben Gault (Group Chair)
- Sam Stanton (Group Treasurer)
- Richard Phillpott (Scout Leader)
- Daniel Le Corney (Group Administrator and acting Cub Scout Leader)
- Brigitte Watson (Beaver Scout Leader)
- Richard Horne (District Commissioner, Thanet Scouts)
- June Phillpott
- Mary Forster
- Vicky Brown
- Paul Hendrick
- Sonia White
- Matt Randall
- Bob Kingsman

Apologies:

- None

1. Welcome

Richard P welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 7.30pm. He explained that the parents and leaders were emailed an AGM notification and link last week with the accounts and annual reports attached, and everyone was invited to submit questions which would be answered on the night. No questions were received. One parent proposed approval of the accounts and previous AGM minutes by email.

2. Approval of minutes from the AGM on 1st November 2019

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by Ella Holloway (by email) and seconded by June Phillpott.

3. Financial Report

Richard P advised that because the accounts cover the period to 31st March 2020, they do not reflect the changing situation since then. The group has since received a £10k government grant, a lot of which has been spent on improvements to the Scout Hut. We currently have around £8k in the bank and have money set aside to help cover membership fee (capitation) costs next year. We might be eligible for a new grant; this is more complicated to apply for because it is based on loss of income due to the extended restrictions.

4. Approval of accounts to 31st March 2020

Approval was proposed by Ella Holloway (by email) and seconded by Mary Forster.

5. Election of Executive Committee

Ben agreed to carry for another year as Chair. His election was proposed by Richard Phillpott and seconded by Brigitte Watson.

Sam was happy to remain Treasurer. Her election was proposed by June Phillpott and seconded by Vicky Brown.

6. AOB

- Sam advised that we have just received a £200 donation from the Crispe Charity.
- The AGM thanked Bob, Matt and everyone else who helped organised the works to the hut earlier this year. Matt will be finishing off some bits over the next few weekends. Bob summarised some additional work which will need to be done next year.
- The AGM agreed to offer to donate the trailer to Marshside campsite with the proviso that we be allowed to use it in the future if needed. Richard H advised us to contact the campsite manager to discuss.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 7.50pm.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

1ST BIRCHINGTON AIR SCOUT GROUP

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st MARCH 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

303417

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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**

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Kathryn Louise Toovey

Date:

9.1.2022

Name:

KATHRYN LOUISE TOOVEY.

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body**

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE