

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group

Registration Number: 303755
293 Park Road
Kingston upon Thames
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Trustees

Chair: Graham George Clive McDonald
Treasurer: Nathan Friel
Trustee: Stewart Nash

Trustee's Report 2021

This report covers the period 01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021.

Structure

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group operates primarily as a centre for Scouting activities for young people.

There are three Sections, Beavers (age 6-8), Cubs (age 8-10.5) and Scouts (age 10.5-14). Scouts is inclusive, all children are welcome to join regardless of gender, religion or ethnicity.

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group operates a waiting-list policy for all Sections. The Beaver group in particular is over subscribed.

Once a child leaves Scouts at 14 years of age they can continue in Scouting through a Young Leader Scheme, in which they will continue their journey through Scouting by assisting the younger age Sections.

Each Section has a qualified adult Leader, registered with Scouting UK. They are assisted by another registered adult and often by young leaders as well. We also encourage parents to attend our meetings occasionally to assist. All assistance and involvement is provided on a voluntary basis.

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group operates a Group Executive Committee (GEC). This comprises elected members, Chair, Treasurer and usually one other Trustee. At meetings, these members invite along Section Leaders (and any assistants), a Secretary and Parental Representatives are also encouraged to attend. Meetings are formally recorded and minuted to provide a report for any actions necessary.

The Hall at 293 Park Road is used for Scout meetings and activities and the field behind is used for outdoor activities and camps. When the Hall is not being used for Scouting activities at weekends and evenings, it is available for the public to hire as a venue. The bookings are administered by a parent volunteer.

During School term-time the Hummingbirds Montessori Nursery hire the Hall and field during the day for their own use.

Activities

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group operates during School term-time. Each Section meets once a week to develop new skills. Each child is encouraged to develop as an individual and as part of a group. Each weekly meeting will feature a ceremony, some learning and a physical activity. Progress can allow the child to receive a badge as a token of their achievement.

Other activities throughout the year include overnight camps, which are conducted either on the field at our Hall or on other campsites. Each year 1st Kingston Hill Scout Group celebrates Guy Fawkes Night with a fireworks display. Tickets are made available to those who have children in attendance at the group.

Several times a year we invite parents to come and assist in maintenance of the Hall and field. This usually happens over the course of a weekend.

Objectives

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Financial Review

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group operates with two bank accounts. One is used for day to day activity and one is a savings account and also holds deposit funds from hirers. The control mechanism for accessing both accounts is a complex mandate and it requires two signatories to release funds. Currently the signatories are the Chair and Treasurer. The bank accounts are monitored through internet banking.

Balance of Current Account at year end was £21,021.70

Balance of Savings Account at year end was £19,813.32

Over the last year our overall income has increased on the previous year to £40,280.31

Hall hire has remained popular during times when social distancing has been relaxed. The major change has been the opening of Hummingbirds Montessori Nursery, which is operating weekdays during term-time. Some minor changes have occurred to facilitate the nursery, allocating them storage space for equipment and an office from which to base their business administration. These changes have been conducted to reduce the visual impact and retain the character

of the Hall for the Scouts and other users. Our Savings Account holds deposit money (£1,400) from this enterprise.

Subscriptions have been modified this year to compensate for the impact of the pandemic. It has not always been possible or safe to run face-to-face meetings. In line with advice from Scouting UK meetings have often been conducted through digital platforms. Consequently we asked for reduced rates/donations during these times. Our usual termly subscriptions remain at £42.00 per child. We offer reduced rates for families unable to meet this cost at our discretion on an individual basis.

We have been the recipient of a £10,000.00 non-refundable grant from the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames. This funding was directed at community assets; it reflects not only the youth-work the Scouts are involved with, but also the use of the Hall as a hire venue, the Montessori nursery and the Hall's occasional use as a voting station. This grant has compensated for the enormous loss in money taken subscriptions.

Over the last year our expenditure has reduced to £13,007.67

Expenditure is down slightly this year. Most areas of spending have remained constant but our property maintenance costs have been reduced the most. The large amount of repairs and improvements achieved over the last few years have been good investments and have helped to reduce our maintenance bills recently. Utilities and insurance have increased and will most likely continue to do so. Spending on Scouting activities has been well down on recent years, this is a shame but is due to the pandemic.

Future Plans

We expect to get back to face-to-face Scouting mostly full time, but we must expect the occasional Coronavirus interruption. It would be great to be able to spend some funds on Scouting activities like camps again.

Hopefully the Hummingbirds Nursery will continue to be based at the Hall and continue to contribute to our maintenance funds and benefit the Scouts and wider community. We intend to improve the car parking area which is in poor condition and holds surface water during storms. Another investment would be to replace our ailing ride-on mower to help keep the field in good condition. We shall use some of our surplus funds to pay for these improvements rather than keep excessive reserves in the bank account.

Nathan Friel
Treasurer

Table 1

1st Kingston Hill Scouts 2020-21		April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March		Totals
Income															
Donations															£0.00
Membership subscriptions									£42.00	£84.00		£553.00	£252.00		£931.00
Gift Aid															£0.00
Fund Raising		£10000.00	£447.35												£10447.35
Camps and Activities		£60.00	£50.00						£18.00	£7.00	£1.50	£100.00			£236.50
Hall Hire				£5230.00			£5440.00	£560.00	£340.00	£2328.00	£7363.72	£4800.00	£2600.00		£28661.72
Bank Interest				£1.60			£1.36			£0.37			£0.41		£3.74
Total Income		£10060.00	£497.35	£5231.60	£0.00	£0.00	£5441.36	£560.00	£400.00	£2419.37	£7365.22	£5453.00	£2852.41		£40280.31
Expenditure															
Camps and Activities		£1086.18								£249.95	£360.00		£35.00		£1731.13
Expenses							£160.00		£522.00						£682.00
Badges, Uniforms and Leader Training										£49.00					£49.00
Van															£0.00
Property Maintenance		£518.42							£500.00	£204.00		£657.00			£1879.42
Utilities		£194.61	£146.18	£148.04	£137.60	£207.26	£297.61	£297.61	£505.41	£500.61	£500.61	£500.61	£500.61		£3936.76
Rates															£0.00
Insurance		£2461.36													£2461.36
Capitation												£2268.00			£2268.00
Bank Charges															£0.00
Total Expenditure		£4260.57	£146.18	£148.04	£137.60	£207.26	£457.61	£297.61	£1527.41	£1003.56	£860.61	£3425.61	£535.61		£13007.67
Balance															£27272.64
Total Funds 2019-20															£6903.72
Total Funds 2020-21															£34176.36



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group

On accounts for the year
ended

31-03-2021

Charity no
(if any)

303755

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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: [Signature]

Date: 9/1/2022

Name: BEN COX

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

NA

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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.