



THE 64th BIRMINGHAM SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL REPORT &

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2021

AGENDA

- 1 Group Chair's welcome
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Approval of minutes of the last Group AGM held on 15th September 2019
- 4 Approval of Group Scout Leader's nomination of Group Chair
- 5 Approval and Election of 2021 Group Executive members
- 6 Appointment of Accounts Scrutineer
- 7 Consideration of Annual Report & Accounts for the year ended 31/03/21
- 8 Section Reports
- 9 Group Scout Leader's Report
- 11 Any Other Business, relative to the AGM (pre-notified only)
- 12 Group Chair's closing remarks

64TH BIRMINGHAM SCOUT GROUP CHARITY STATEMENTS

The Purpose of 64th Birmingham Scout Group

The 64th Birmingham Scout Group provides a weekly Scouting provision across all Scouting Sections with volunteers actively engage & support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society through giving the young people we work with Skills For Life.

As Scouts we are guided by Scouting values

- **Integrity** We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy & loyal.
- **Respect** We have self-respect & respect for others.
- **Care** We support others & take care of the world in which we live.
- **Belief** We explore our faiths, beliefs & attitudes.
- **Co-operation** Make a positive difference; co-operate with others & make friends.

The Scouting Method means that Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting & :-

- Enjoy what they are doing & have fun
- Take part in activities indoors & outdoors
- Learn by doing
- Share in spiritual reflection
- Take responsibility & make choices
- Undertake new & challenging activities
- Make & live by their Promise.

Public benefit statements

The 64th Birmingham Scout Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education & the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

The Group has in place systems of risk & internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include two signatories for all payments & a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Structure, governance & management

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of The Scout Association. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts & making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer & Secretary together with elected, nominated & co-opted representation & meets regularly through the year. The Group Executive exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments & is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property
- The raising of funds & the administration of District finance
- The insurance of persons, property & equipment
- Group public occasions
- Assisting the recruitment of leaders & other adult support
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required
- Appointing District administrators / advisors other than those who are elected

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of The Association & The Policy, Organisation & Rules of The Scout Association. The Scout Group is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Scouts.

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 18 months running costs for the building and an £15k emergency building work fund, circa £35k.

The Group held reserves of approximately £79k against this at year-end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However, this can be explained by on going building development projects, planned equipment purchases within the Group over the next 12 months and the Covid recovery plan.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 15th SEPTEMBER 2019

Present

81 members & friends attended the AGM at Rhydd Covert campfire circle.

Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognised the apologies.

Minutes of last AGM

Copies of the minutes of the AGM in 2018 were distributed & were duly approved.

Nominations & Elections of Officers

Group Scout Leaders Nomination of Group Chair

Paul re-nominated the Group Chair Keith Hemmings. Keith was duly appointed.

Election of Group Executive

The GSL indicated that only one nomination per seat on the Executive had been received. Therefore the following elected and nominated members were approved by mass by show of hands:

Ex-officio members:

Group Chair	Keith Hemmings	Group Secretary	Louise White
Group Scout Leader	Paul Little	Group Treasurer	Celvon Binns
Beaver Leader	Claire Bakhshi	Cub Leader	Chas LeMaistre
Scout Leader	Stuart Granger	Explorer Leader	Jamie Burrell

Elected members:

Beaver parent rep.	Laverne Major
Cub parent rep.	Debbie Oboh
Scout parent rep.	John Jones
Explorer parent rep.	Martin White

GSL nominations:

AGSL	Amy Keogh
Young person rep.	Any Explorer
Network rep.	Callum Peyton
GDPR Lead	Emma Ray-Sharma

Appointment of Auditor

Lorna Pinches agreed to continue in the role of Group Auditor & was duly re-appointed.

Annual Financial Report & Approval of Accounts

The Group Annual Accounts relating to the year ending 31st March 2019 were presented by the Group Treasurer (Celvon Binns). The Accounts were duly adopted.

Section Reports

Sections gave verbal reports on the activities & progress of their respective sections. All reports clearly showed that the Group has been extremely active at all levels.

Group Scout Leader's Report

Paul welcomed everyone to our Group camp at Rhydd Covert and shared how fantastic it was to see every section present, he then reviewed the Group's progress over the past 12 months. Highlighting the starting of our Early Years pilot section, Hedgehogs, and the success that had been. It was particular special as the 64th's hedgehogs were the first to open within the UK pilot and were invited to meet the Duchess of Cambridge in March. Paul thanked Amy and Claire for their work in getting this started, the Executive for supporting it and Saroj for all her work on supporting.

Paul thanked the parents for their support, all Group members for their hard work over the past year delivering fantastic programmes of activity and to all the youth members for their commitment and engagement in Scouting.

Paul made a special mention to the recent passing of Bill Askew, who had been a long standing and extremely devoted member of the 64th for over 50 years who at the time of his death was our Group President.

The Super Awards were also presented to a young person from each section.

Awards

Awards were presented to the following members of the Group or recognised in their absence;

Bronze CSA: Isabella Hayes, Jacob Jones, Kabir Singh & Stephanie Watton

Gold CSA: Excellence Oboh

Bronze DofE: Jack Price

Gold DofE: Jamie Burrell

Queen's Scout Award: Kris Simpson

Bill Askew Award: Nakeeta Lotay

Any Other Business

The District Commissioner (Geoff Shuttleworth) presented a number of long service awards and presented Excellence Oboh with the Commissioner's Commendation.

Group Chair's Closing Remarks

The Group's Chair (Keith Hemmings) presented a report in which thanked everyone for their efforts over the weekend's camp and also paid special tribute to Bill Askew and the huge difference he had made to the Group over many years.

Keith then declared the closure of the meeting & wished everyone a safe journey home.

2021 GROUP EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Ex-Officio Members

Chairman	Keith Hemmings	Squirrel Leader	Saroj Watton
Secretary	Louise White	Beaver Leader	Claire Bakhshi
Treasurer	Celvon Binns	Cub Leader	Chas LeMaistre
GSL	Paul Little	Scout Leader	Stuart Granger
Deputy GSL	Amy Keogh	Explorer Leader	Jamie Burrell

Elected Members from the Group Scout Council

Squirrel parent	Joan Hamilton	Scout parent	Debbie Oboh
Beaver parent	Elizabeth Agunbiade	Explorer parent	Sabra Saheed
Cub parent	Bal Madhar		

Group Scout Leader Nominations

Youth rep.	Callum Peyton	GDPR Lead	Emma Ray-Sharma
GSL Nom.	Martin White		

2020 & 2021 YOUTH SCOUT AWARDS

Bronze Chief Scout's Award

Lesley Agunbiade, Jacob Davis, Mya Henry, Simran Malhi, Xavier McIntosh, Joshua McKenzie, Chanan Sandhu, Rudi Sandhu & Belina Shergill

Silver Chief Scout's Award

Harry Bakhshi, Alexander Enchev, Anjali Sehjal & Pheobe Sharma

Platinum Chief Scout's Award & Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

Joel Crowe & Excellence Oboh

Diamond Chief Scout's Award & Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award

Alice Boshell, Aaron Dyson & Jarnail Sehjal

Queen's Scout Award & Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

Michaela Cummings, Corbin Elliot, Callum Peyton & Callum White

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Dalpreet Dhillon (Bronze), Reo Christopher (Bronze & Silver), Callum White (Silver) & Kris Simpson (Gold)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

We would also like to thank all our volunteers who work so hard, we would also like to give special congratulations to those who gained specific awards.

Saroj Watton (Commissioner's Commendation), Jamie Burrell & Amy Burrell (Chief Scout Comm. For Good Service) & Graham Prottey (Award for Merit).

Jamie Burrell & Amy Keogh (5 years); Dan Bow, Michael Bushell, Martin White & Stuart Granger (10 years); Kevin Bow, Simon Farrelly & Paul Little (20 years); Keith Hemmings (30 years); Julie Lonsdale & Jane Phillips (40 years)

Gone Home

For many generations trail markers have been used to safely guide travellers in the right direction. There is one universal symbol, a dot surrounded by a larger circle. This trail marker means "End of Trail - Gone Home" Some feel life itself is best described as a trail, for it has a beginning, an end and many turns and bends along the way. We would like to reflect on three members of our Group who passed away since our last AGM.

Michael Richardson



Over the years Michael was a strong supporter of the Group holding roles within our fundraising teams and was our Group Chair for over 30 years.

Michael showed a true Scouting spirit and was a key figure in giving the Group it's strong governance and financial security that we enjoy today as well as supporting our move to the Clem Dench Scouting Centre.

Michael passed away in January 2021 and will be greatly missed by family, friends and all who knew him.

Jane Phillips



With her father Bill being the 64th's Group Scout Leader Jane grew up within the Scout Group and so it was no surprise that she became a Cub Leader at the 64th as soon as she could, a role that she then held for the next 44 years – always being the happy and enthusiastic face that greeted the Cubs every week and ensured they not only had fun but that their records were up to date and they each had every badge they'd earned.

Jane was also a keen cook and loved sharing her passion for camp cooking and food hygiene knowledge with anyone willing to learn, running evenings for all sections, the kitchen tent on Cub and Scout camps (where Jane always managing the catering).

Jane was an exemplary example of true Scouting spirit, a friend to all and made a huge difference to the lives of many. Jane passed away March 2021 and will be sorely missed by friends, family and Scouting colleagues.

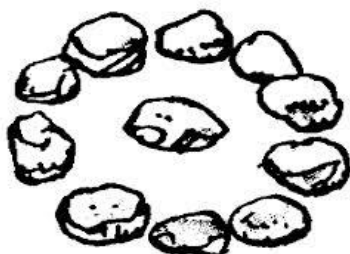
Kip Freshwater



Kip was one of our Hedgehogs who mainly knew Scouting via zoom, but whilst online sessions presented a barrier to some it provided a window of opportunity to Kip. Kip spent much of his life battling against leukaemia but, as tough and rubbish as that often was, Kip seemed to always have a smile on his face and an amazing sense of resilience.

Kip was truly one of the bravest and most inspiring little man many of us have ever known who truly epitomised the best Scouting spirit, fully engaged with our zoom sessions whether he was home or in hospital with a smile on his face and was awarded The Chief Scout's Medal for Meritorious Conduct hours before he passed.

Kip passed away in July 2021 and will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him and whose lives he touched.



64th Birmingham Scout Group Annual Accounts

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Income	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
Donations and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	2,820.08	5,677.50
Gift Aid		1,005.00
Group income		765.36
Utility refund	308.80	154.88
Clem Dench letting income	1,960.00	9,629.00
Sub Total	5,088.88	17,231.74
 Fundraising & Activities		
Covid Recovery Grants	21,737.07	
Camp & activity income	910.00	3,690.00
Sub Total	22,647.07	3,690.00
 Investment Income		
Bank interest	36.23	219.07
Sub Total	36.23	219.07
 Total Gross Income	27,772.18	21,140.81
Expenditure	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
Charitable Payments		
Utilities	1,534.57	2,689.79
Insurances	986.41	928.97
Building maintenance	678.00	466.69
Building cleaning		
Capitation (members subs paid on)	1,824.50	3,000.00
Youth Programme & activities	169.40	4,073.13
Other		
Group expenses	270.27	2,015.24
Sub Total	5,463.15	13,173.82
 Activities & Donations		
Camp expenditure		906.83
Equipment purchases		
Sub total	0.00	906.83
 Total gross expenditure	5,463.15	14,080.65
 Difference between annual income & expenditure	22,309.03	7,060.16

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-20
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	27,948.97	15,676.17
Bank deposit account	20,632.06	10,628.87
Investment account	30,372.44	30,339.40
Total cash funds in bank	78,953.47	56,644.44
Total group assets (note 1)	78,953.47	56,644.44

Note 1: Ring Fenced amounts

Refundable deposit Kumon	200.00	200.00
Refundable deposit Crossroads Care	200.00	200.00
Total	400.00	400.00

Note 2: Contra payments

£8,000 was paid on the Group's behalf by Birmingham Council Youth Services to Birmingham Council Property Services to cover the building rental.

Note 3: Amount in Dispute

The Group is currently in dispute with the District over £2541.34 that came to the Group following the merger of the 84th Group with the 64th in 2017 and is currently held by the District. As the funds were in dispute in March 2021 they are not included in the above totals. For information this is now resolved and the funds were transferred to the Group in June 2021.