

61ST NEWCASTLE (ST FRANCIS) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 503585

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1974-09-18

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE INSTRUCTION OF BOYS OF ALL CLASSES IN THE PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLINE, LOYALTY AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Activities: The purpose of Scouting is to contribute to 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.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Newcastle Upon Tyne City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£17,345	£11,208	-	-
2024-03-31	£7,659	£27,959	-	-
2023-03-31	£18,103	£38,311	-	-
2022-03-31	£25,249	£12,372	-	-
2021-03-31	£28,498	£14,460	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
KEN DOUTHWAITE	Chair	
Christopher James Shand		2025-09-17
Darren Steven Arbon		2025-09-17
David John Ridley		2025-09-17
GEORGE JOHN CLARK		2017-09-01
IAN HUMPHRIES		
LAURA HUMPHRIES		2010-09-01
Ryan William longstaff		2025-09-17
VIVIEN HUMPHRIES		

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10th July 2022

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Report of the Group Chairman

This report covers the period where the country moved out of lockdown and life returned slowly back to near normal. Scouting of course mirrored this with the return to face scouting in September 2021 and more usual scouting activities, even culminating in the first camp for 2 years and other outdoor activity days in February of this year, much to the relief and excitement of all.

Indeed looking back at the wide range of activities that the group has provided for the various sections over the last 12 months, it is wonderful to see what has been achieved. Activities such as the Tour de 61st cycle challenge, visits to the Civic Centre and gaming workshops, participation in our own Winter Olympic sports, demonstrations by hearing dogs, monopoly runs, visits to the Victoria tunnel and participation in the County climbing event, all demonstrate the diverse nature of scouting activities.

Alongside these activities, scouting provided by the 61st continues to show our young people how society works, and what responsibilities they will have as they grow up. This is demonstrated to them through activities such as their participation in the Remembrance Day Parade, including involvement with the wreath laying and distribution of Orders of Service. The Beavers also had a chance to visit the Council Chamber at the Civic Centre, and the Cubs enjoyed a visit from the Lord Mayor at one of their meetings, as well as a demonstration by a member of the Newcastle election team to show how the election process works. It even meant that the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Dene Explorers (plus a wonderful group of parents) took part in a Council organised litter pick!

This myriad of activities could not happen if it wasn't for the dedication and hard work of the group, and section leaders and their helpers, who give up many hours of their time to organise everything. I am sure you will all join me in thanking them for their efforts over the years.

I must also thank you, parents, families and carers, who make sure that the young people get to the right places at the right times, and continue to support the group with enthusiasm, helping with maintenance or volunteering for the grass cutting rota, and just generally helping! Everything helps, thank you.

The Scout Centre has also recently had a renovation of the training area. The improved fencing and new concrete surface will allow more frequent and safer use of this area and benefit the whole group over coming years.

The executive committee has also just started to meet face to face again as restrictions have eased. It exists to support the group activities in any way it can and helps with maintaining and improving the scouting facilities. It relies on the support of families and carers, both by joining the committee, (new members are always welcome) and by helping with general maintenance when required. So thank you to everyone, both for helping in the

past year and in anticipation of your help over the coming year as scouting continues to open up.

Finally, I must thank Ian Poll our secretary and George Clark our treasurer for all their hard work over the past year. I would also reiterate my thanks to the leadership of the group, and all its section leaders and helpers, for all their drive and enthusiasm that keeps the standard of scouting at the 61st Scout group so incredibly high.

Thank you,

Ken Douthwaite
Group Chairman
June 2022

Report of the Group Treasurer

For the Financial year 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022

The attached accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and have been independently examined by Doug Johnson a former City Treasurer of Newcastle. His signed statement that the accounts show an accurate reflection of our financial position is also attached.

The accounts represent the activities of both the Group and the Beaver section whose finances are looked after by me as they don't have their own bank account.

In another year disrupted by Covid closures and restrictions, the Group and Beaver section continue to go from strength to strength in financial terms. Helped by further Covid relief grants and a continued support from our long-term hirers our income has far exceeded our expenditure. Income for the year totalled £22228.29.

As a consequence of the disruption our expenditure at the same time reduced to only £10116.89. The biggest element of that expenditure was the complete replacement and increased number of units of every light in the Scout centre with energy saving LED lighting. Recognising the effects of the increasing utility bills in future we are trying to reduce that burden as far as we possibly can and that investment of £4421 will hopefully repay itself over the coming years.

For the observant amongst you who notice that capitation income has been collected from you over January to March, yet there is no charge against that heading. That is because the £3228.50 was not due to be paid until April and it has been recorded in next year's accounts.

I would like to reassure parents that the balances sitting in the accounts are not just going to sit there earning pathetic levels of interest. They are being reinvested back into both the fabric of the building and improvement of the training facilities for the sections. Two pieces of work have been carried out in April 2022 costing in excess of £16000, but more about them in next year's report. Further work on the fabric of the building is also planned for next year to both protect and extend the life of the building, but also provide a welcoming environment for all users of the Hall

The overall result for the year is a surplus of Group funds of £12062.79 from 2021 and Beaver funds grew by £48.61 to give the overall surplus of £12111.40 reflected in the accounts.

I recommend these accounts to the AGM.

George Clark
Group Treasurer
22nd May 2022

61st Newcastle (St Francis) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account for the Year 01/04/21 to 31/03/2022				
2020/21	Receipts	2021/22	Notes	
1018.75	Hall Hire	7105.00	Dance Class £3057.50; Polling station £150; Yoga £512.50 Ballet £3325; Private £60	
24125.33	Grants, Donations and Gift Aid	10850.33	Covid restart grant, £10667; Robert Hudson £183.33	
1650.00	Capitation Income	3220.00	Beavers £780; Cubs £1360 and Scouts £1080	
6401.54	Beaver Colony Income	1032.50	Subscriptions	
15.96	Bank Interest	5.77		
68.11	Misc Income	14.69	Fine payments	
33279.69	Total Income for the year to date	22228.29		
	Payments			
	Scout Centre Running Costs			
983.08	Hall and Grounds Maintenance	5992.15	Extinguishers £139.52; Electrics £4420.80; Hedge £620; Window £290.00; Heating £216; Alarm £212.99; Other £92.84	
4088.00	Covid compliance works	0.00		
977.25	Insurance Costs	1053.44	Access Insurance for year to 20/12/22	
1083.96	Heat and Light	1368.43	Gas £1105.54; Electric £262.89	
116.40	Water Rates	156.80	Anglia Water	
1436.63	Cleaning incl Covid19 requirements	25.98		
8685.32	Sub Total	8596.80		
	Equipment Costs			
0.00	Training	0.00		
0.00	Equipment	357.20	New Union Flags and Poles £179.40 Misc £177.80	
42.00	AGM Expenses	0.00		
42.00	Sub Total	357.20		
	Sundries			
2237.25	Capitation fee to Scout Association	0.00		
0.00	Transport Costs	0.00		
679.15	Beaver Colony Expenses	983.89		
111.98	Sundry Expenses	179.00	Gift for independent examiner of accounts (2 years) £49; Refund subs to Cubs £30 Donation to RBL £100	
3028.38	Sub Total	1162.89		
11765.70	Total Expenses for the Year to date	10116.89		
21523.99	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	12111.40		
30614.09	Balance Brought forward	52138.08		
52138.08	Balance Carried Forward	64249.48		
	Represented By			
1138.08	Barclays Community Account	4249.48		
51000.00	Barclays Instant Access Account	60000.00		
52138.08		64249.48	Split; Group Funds £58478.48; Beaver Funds £5771	

61st Newcastle (St Francis) Scout Group Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022

	Group	Scouts	Cubs	Beavers	Total
Balances as at 1st April 2021	46415.69	3115.73	1040.13	5722.39	56293.94
Income for the year					0
Subscriptions	3220.00	1240.00	1245.00	1020.00	6725.00
Residentials and Camps	-	252.00	45.00	-	297
Other Income	20.46	-	183.37	12.50	216.33
Hall Hire	7105.00	55	-	-	7160.00
Grant, Gift Aid, and Donations	10850.33	-	-	-	10850.33
Total Income	21195.79	1547.00	1473.37	1032.50	25248.66
Expenditure for the year					
Scout Centre running costs - heat& light, rates, maintenance etc	8596.80				8596.8
Equipment/Badges costs	357.20	376.48	379.42	683.11	1796.21
Sundry expenses	179.00	32.74	182.00		393.74
Activity costs	-	777.16	507.15	300.78	1585.09
Total Expenditure	9133.00	1186.38	1068.57	983.89	12371.84
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	12062.79	360.62	404.80	48.61	12876.82
Balance carried forward to 2022/23	58478.48	3476.35	1444.93	5771.00	69170.76
Represented by					
Cash held in bank accounts	58478.48	3476.35	1444.93	5771.00	69170.76

Note to these Accounts

For Charity Commission purposes the Capitalisation monies collected on behalf of Newcastle District does not count towards the Groups Annual Turnover and have not therefore been included in these Consolidated accounts which will be submitted with our Annual Return. They remain within the Group Accounts however to be transparent that they have passed through the Groups Accounts and been paid to Newcastle District

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the trustees of:

61st Newcastle (St Francis) Scout Group Charity No: 503585

On accounts for the year ending:

31st March 2022

Respective responsibilities of trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) of the 2011 Act) and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosure in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention: 1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that: Proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act) and Accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



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Date:

9/5/22

Report of Group Scout Leader

We are at that time of year again when we reflect on activities and achievements over the previous year. Before writing this report, I looked back at previous ones and in particular the 2020 GSL report. Here is an extract from that report –

As with many aspects of our day to day work and social activities we find ourselves in lock-down, confined to our homes except for permitted exercise. Our young members suddenly have no school, and no social or sporting activities to attend. Our Scout Centre has been mothballed, ready for the day sometime in the future when we may be allowed to get together again. In all honesty that may be some time yet. In the mean time we have tried to stay positive and embrace the digital world.

If I'm honest, I wasn't sure if or when the nightmare might end, but it has and over the last 12 months we are getting back to the scouting we were used to prior to the Pandemic and lock downs. I don't think I ever want to be in another zoom meeting again, but they served a purpose in keeping connected with our young members and while challenging to come up with new ideas for those meetings, Leaders were rewarded by seeing multiple little boxes on our screens with smiling faces and a "hello wave".

Face to face scouting is now fully operational and we are undertaking activity days and camping during the course of 2022, with Explorers camping in February, Cubs in June and Beavers and Scouts planned for later in this calendar year.

I will leave the section leaders to describe the activities and other notable events that took place for our young members during 2021/22 in their section reports.

Our Scout Centre is now fully operational again, our training area has been renovated as described in the Chairman's report along with other essential work replacing the soffits and guttering. We still need extensive repair work to the fabric of the building but finding someone to undertake the work is proving difficult. If you know of any individual or company that might be interested, please let me know.

Scouting really is at its best in the Great Outdoors – we like to put the Out in Scouting and we are acutely aware of the impact we humans are having on the environment and are keen to do our bit to help. We have started a small garden at the west end of our grounds, dedicated to supporting pollinators – bees and other insects etc. It's in the early stages of development but if anyone has surplus bee-friendly plants that they could donate, we and the bees will be very grateful. Our regular Hall hire who provides a weekly Yoga class has commented on the look of the Scout Centre grounds and complimented the Group in providing such a nice outdoor space to run her class (weather permitting). I must therefore thank our volunteer grass cutters for helping maintain the grounds for us all to enjoy

The Queen's Jubilee was marked by the planting or a new tree at the east end of the grounds to the left as you enter. We look forward to seeing that develop and mature to give a lasting memorial. We also have planted a small orchard adjacent to the training area

and are patiently awaiting it maturing and providing a fruit harvest in the next couple of years.

While everything is rosy at the 61st (pun intended), we would still welcome adult volunteers to join the grass cutting rota, help at a section's meeting night or join our Executive Committee as a Trustee of the Group. If any of these sound interesting to you or someone you know, please contact me.

Thanks to all those who already help as Leaders, Helpers and grass cutters and lets enjoy our freedom again as we look towards 2023

Ian Humphries
Group Scout Leader
July 2022

Report of the Beaver Scout Leader



This is the first report from myself as Beaver Leader. Glyn retired last year and we had a Warranted leader who took on the role however her personal commitments have meant she had to stand down from the role in September.

The Beaver section has James and Jack who are leaders with experience as they worked with Glyn.

We are keen to continue to grow the Beaver section with our numbers around 20 to 24. We have publicised the Group at local schools and are keen to add more Beavers to our lists Beavers are aged 6 to 8 years but we can take in just before 6th birthday. If anyone knows of any friend or sibling who may be 6 over the next year, please let me know their details.

The beaver section continues to follow a varied programme of activities and gain badges across the section. We have awarded 135 badges and 10 chief scout silver awards over the past 9 months.

We took part in the District Climbing competition and this was a huge success. We had a visit from the Lord Mayor of Newcastle and visited the Civic Centre to climb up the bell tower. Well done to all who made this trip as it is a long way up!!

We made Mother's Day and Father's Day presents and have decorated biscuits as part of the creative badge. We have also gained the gardeners badge by helping with the Scout Centre Garden. We had a visit from Chaz and her helper Margaret from guide dog for deaf people and they really enjoyed meeting the Beavers, who gained their animal friend badge. Our Christmas party theme was 'Superheroes' and they certainly turned out in force with all superheroes represented. Well done to parents for entering into the spirit as well.

We attended the group litter pick and found many interesting things along our part of the tram track This was so worthwhile as our contribution to the community. We challenged the other sections to a 'Nose and spoon race around the Scout centre and raised £100 for Comic relief. Well done to the Explorer section as they completed the most laps in the time set by the Beavers.

The Beavers completed their Beaver cyclist badge and we had a fun night creating a road in and outside of the hall for the 20 + bikes that Beavers brought along. We have an active set of Beavers and we are doing the health and fitness badge at the moment with many of the Beavers already taking part in a wide range of sports from football, rugby and swimming to gymnastics. As part of the Road Safety badge which had real (almost!) cars driving along a road with a pedestrian crossing.

We welcomed 'Mr Nibbles' into our colony. He is a plush toy beaver and he is at every meeting and event that we attend.

Thanks to our young leaders Marco and Iggy for continuing to support Beavers each week. We will be looking for more young leaders in the near future when they reach the 'grand old age' of 18 years and become adult leaders (hopefully!).

Thanks to Liza-May Marshall for her support each Monday. If anyone else would like to come along as a parent supporter or as a leader you will be most welcome. I would also like to thank all of the parents who support and continue to support the Beaver section throughout the year.

We are keen to have visitors join us so if as a parent you think your day job would be interesting and are happy to present a short Q and A, please let me know.

Finally, as a Beaver section we are looking forward to the coming Scouting year with more interesting activities to do including a Beaver one-night sleepover in the Scout Centre 'Tents indoors. This will give the beavers an insight into camping with the 61st.

Viv Humphries

Beaver Scout Leader

June 2022

Report of the Cub Scout Leader



Welcome back! We are really heartened by the number of cubs a) who have returned to us b) are new to the group.

We are keen to continue to grow the Cub section with our numbers around 30 to 36. We have publicised the Group at local schools and are keen to add younger siblings to our waiting lists.

The cub section continues to follow a varied programme of activities and gain badges across the section. We have awarded 207 badges and 12 chief scout silver awards over the past 9 months

We took part in the District Climbing competition and this was a huge success.

Our Christmas party theme was 'White' and thanks to all parents for the wonderful costume ideas. As part of Parliament week, we had a visit from the Lord Mayor which the Cubs found very informative as they asked lot of questions.

We held a winter Olympic evening including ski jumps, bob sleigh, skiing and frozen Lego ski jumpers. Very wet and cold event!!!!

Some cubs attended our outdoor activity day at West Hall and enjoyed our first outdoor event since lockdown. We have also enjoyed cooking smores and using our new training area and look forward to more outdoor evenings (weather permitting)

We also took part in the Group letter pick along the tram track and the cubs were appalled at the number of cigarette butts and dog poo bags they found! I have written to the council suggesting the Group could do a poster to be displayed but I have not had any response.

We had a good camp with 22 cubs attending at West Hall in June. It is 3 years since we did any overnight activities and all of the Cubs were new to being away with us, some away from home for the first time We take this camp as an opportunity to learn the basic camping skills and how to live in a tent. The weather was kind and we enjoyed a good camp. We really appreciated the help of the Explorers as Young Leaders. We completed our Outdoor challenge badge, pioneer and backwoods badges. On the Sunday it was fine and we undertook the Athletes badge with the help of our wonderful Explorer section.

Thanks to our young leader Thomas Nicholson for continuing to support the cub pack. We will be looking for more young leaders in the near future when he reaches the 'grand old age' of 18 years.

Thanks to Deb and Richard McMullen for their support each Tuesday. If anyone else would like to come along as a parent supporter or as a leader you will be most welcome.

The Cub section has good links to the Beaver and Scout sections with very few members not transferring sections. I would also like to thank all of the parents who support and continue to support the Cub section throughout the year.

Finally, it was really sad when Scouting had to close down in March 2020 due to the pandemic and country lockdown but it is for very good reasons. On a positive note, we now have a vibrant 61st Newcastle Facebook page to share our activities from each section and payments are through bank transfer which has much improved our financial affairs.

Looking ahead, we are planning some more off site activities for the autumn and are now booking our next Nights away activity at Moor House Activity Centre, Durham for early 2023 so watch out for the details soon. We are feeling very positive about Scouting at the 61st in 2023!

Viv Humphries
Cub Scout Leader
June 2022



Report of the Scout Leader



The section numbers have increased over the last 12 months and we currently have 31 Scouts with some due to head to Explorers in September. The projections have us at 35 Scouts in 6 months and growing for a while after that. With this number this is us at our limit especially with a limited leadership team. Over the last year we have had a lot of enquires from people new to Scouts which is good but unfortunately, we have had to let some down. The last 12 months have also seen losses in leaders and helpers and the addition of some but we are still in need of more to help with providing variety in the program.

Over the last year we have tried our hardest to provide a varied and engaging program and I feel that with the increase in numbers we are doing this but it is a challenge at times. We have had the Scouts at Warhammer to complete their model maker badge, they have been to Jesmond Dene to do a What3Words challenge and also a A-Z Scavenger hunt.

As a section we unfortunately have not been able to provide the Scouts with any nights away in the last year. There are a number of factors in this, with me still working around the world and having to do extended trips due to the continuing Pandemic (the places I'm working are not generally open like the UK) I haven't been able to confirm when I would be at home. A further factor is that the leadership team is small and within the 61st Group there are only 4 leaders with permits for nights away (all of which are in the same family) so trying to sort it has been a challenge, that said we are now working on camps for the Scouts and information for a Christmas camp is going out.

During lockdowns the district had been providing a program of activities which any Scout from the district could sign up to, when we returned to face Scouting, the district continued to offer events. Over the last year a number of our Scouts have taken the opportunity offered to them through the district to take part in Scuba diving, Scoutfest and meeting the artist Liz Million to name a few.

As in previous years our group has the great honour of representing the Scout Association at the Remembrance Day parade in Newcastle, the Scouts we took on the Parade performed exceptionally as did the ones working with Dene Explorers handing out orders of service. It's always nice to get the compliments from members of the public after the service.

Over the course of the year, we have covered a range of badges and taught the Scouts a variety of new skills, we have been working on challenge badges which contributes towards getting the Chief Scout award, there are 9 challenge badges to do and in Scouts we will aim to do as many as we can, but if the Scout really wants to get the top award in the section, they will need to do work outside of normal scout nights. We will offer any assistance required and guidance to achieve this. Over the year the scouts have taken part in a County Climbing event which we had 12 Scouts take part, they also took part in the Big Bag Clean-up with other 61st sections in which they did a litter pick on the tram track. We



also had the Scouts at West Hall Scout Campsite for a day's fire lighting and general Scouting skills.

This year we have had four Scouts achieve the Chief Scouts gold award which is a great achievement.

Over the terms as always cooking nights seem to be a popular and pancakes always seem to be a big hit both in the mouth and the odd one that hits the floor. This is another activity that has unfortunately had to be limited due to my work and leader numbers as it is an activity that needs prep and additional supervision with the amount of equipment we need to use.

It has been an enjoyable year and it's nice to have a good group of Scouts, with that I must thank everyone who helps with Scouts. I for one look forward to continuing towards normal Scouting with that in mind I ask you keep an eye out for events we will be putting on; all of these will come out via OSM.

Darren Arbon
Scout Leader
June 2022

Report of the Explorer Scout Leader

It seems like we have had a quiet year but when I look back at what we have taken part in I'm not so sure. As with previous years, the Explorers have had an input into the programme otherwise known as 'Youth Shaped', we have regular unit forums where they collate ideas on what they would like to do inside and away from the Scout Centre.

As a unit we have worked on a number of badges over the year including the creative badge in which we made art with sparklers, decorated Christmas decorations and made crayon art. We have held international themed nights, where we designed and made our own pizzas; we have completed various orienteering based activities around the local area including a photographic scavenger hunt and a what 3 words trail in Jesmond Dene.

This year we have held a couple of nights away experiences, one in February and another in June both with a good uptake and it was great to get back to doing what we do best, putting the unit out in Scouting. I am hoping we can build on this and next year do more nights away including some expeditions to enable them to achieve the top Scouting awards.

In March we had 6 Explorers represent the unit at the County climbing event, during this event we found out that one of the Explorers is actually a spiderman as he was the only Explorer who managed to complete the rope climb challenge. Well done Jonathan, video evidence is on our facebook page if anyone would like to be amazed.

Other events/activities which we have taken part in this year, include:

- Joining the Scouts to hand out the orders of service at the cities Remembrance service
- Three Explorers took part in a monopoly run around Newcastle with other Explorers from the County
- District Youth Commissioners visited the unit
- Took part in the red nose challenge against the other 61st Sections, this brought out the Explorers competitive nature. A big thank you to the unit for making the promotional video for the event, which meant they achieved their fundraising badge.
- Helped at the Big Bag clean up with the other sections, as with the other sections we were appalled by how much rubbish was around the hospital entrance, this is definitely on the list for a future community project.

We currently have five of the unit working as Young Leaders in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, not just with the 61st but with the 6th Benton as well. I know all are a huge asset to the sections they help with as well as the 61st as each one is willing to help at other sections if and when required.

The unit numbers took a hit over the course of the pandemic with a number of members not returning when we eventually returned face to face in September 2021. We may be a small unit of 10 but we are a mighty unit and we are looking forward to saying hello and welcome to 4 new members when they join us in September. We are always looking for new members, so if you know of a 14-18 year old who would like to join us please get in touch. Unfortunately, we also have to say goodbye as the young people reach the grand old age of 18. In September Marco Sardone will have reached the end of this stage of his scouting career. Marco has been with the 61st since the age of 7 and has chosen to

continue with his Scouting career, when he takes up a role with the beaver section where he currently is a young leader, we wish him all the best in this role.

We are continuing to grow and are planning for the future year including more residents and plenty of trips away from the meeting place, however this is only possible with the continued support from you as parents and I would like to say a huge thank you for this. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank William Gammack, James Johnson, Viv Humphries and Ian Humphries who have stepped in and helped out at Explorers when I have not been able to be at a meeting due to childcare sometimes at the last minute.

At the moment as with the other sections we could do with additional leaders, I know that a lot of you will probably think helping with Explorers is a daunting prospect, but they are an alright bunch and it's only one night a week or as much as you can! If you feel that you could help in any way or know someone who would like to, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Laura Humphries
Explorer Scout Leader
June 2022

Annual General Meeting

2022

Scout centre

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Appointment of Chair
4. Appointment of Executive Committee Members
5. Appointment of Secretary
6. Appointment of Treasurer
7. Appointment of Auditor
8. Section reports

Presentation of Scout Group Annual Awards

(to follow at close of Annual General meeting)

Refreshments available at close of Presentations



Annual General Meeting
28th July 2021
Meeting held via Zoom

PRESENT:

Ken Douthwaite - Chair
George Clark (treasurer)
Ian Humphries (Group Scout Leader), Darren Arbon (Scouts)
Viv Humphries (Cubs) Laura Humphries (Explorers)

1. Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting by extending a welcome to all those present in these strange times

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25th June 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

3. Appointment of Chair

It was agreed that Ken Douthwaite, being the only nomination, be reappointed as Chair for 2021/2022

4. Appointment of Executive Committee Members

It was noted that all members of the Group exec were prepared to continue for a further year and it was agreed that they be reappointed. The Chair explained that there were a number of vacancies and if anyone was interested in joining the Committee, they should speak to either himself or the Group Scout Leader.

5. Appointment of Secretary

It was agreed that Ian Poll, being the only nomination, be reappointed as Secretary for 2021/2022

6. Appointment of Treasurer

It was agreed that George Clark being the only nomination, be reappointed as Treasurer for 2021/2022

7. Appointment of Auditor

It was agreed that Doug Johnson being the only nomination, be reappointed as

Internal auditor for 2021/2022. Doug Johnson to be appointed as Independent examiner.

8. Section Reports.

The reports by the Chair, Treasurer, Group Scout Leader were received.

9. Any Other Business

Ian Humphries advised that the Scout Association had agreed to the setting up of a younger age scouting section aged 4 and 5 year olds named 'Squirrels' from September 2021. The Group has expressed an interest in starting up this section and were waiting for further information from County. Ian was aware that there are siblings of existing members through the Zoom meetings so would be sending out information to ass these children to our waiting lists. Everyone was thanked for keeping in touch and the Leaders for their efforts during the past year, and to for everyone supporting the various activities which had taken place over the past year and the Executive Committee hoped that this would continue as we moved forward to opening back up in the year ahead.

61ST NEWCASTLE (ST FRANCIS) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 503585

Accounts



Report of the Group Treasurer For the Financial year 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021

The attached accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and have been independently examined by Doug Johnson a former City Treasurer of Newcastle. His signed statement is also attached.

In what has been the strangest financial year in my memory the Group is now financially extremely sound, which gives a great basis for going forward. And this has been at a time when nearly all sources of Income from our external hirers were lost for the majority of the year. My comments in this report relate to the £46415.69 funds that are purely at the Group's disposal and doesn't include the £5722.39 Beaver funds which were transferred to the Group Accounts when Glyn retired and are being held on their behalf.

In terms of Income the largest source of Income has been the Government Covid relief grants which we received £22688.50. The only other sources of income have been

- £1018 75 from our external hirers from the periods they were allowed to operate.
- £1436.83 from Gift aid and other donations
- £1650 from the Section's towards the capitation payment

In terms of expenditure the largest expense was preparing the Scout Hut to be Covid complaint £4088 worth of building and ground alterations plus cleaning etc of £1436.63 totalling £5524.63.

Owning your own building brings with it a degree of fixed costs which we had to incur to keep the building and grounds safe and good condition. These included £983.08 on maintenance and £977.25 on Insurance which together totalled £1960.33.

Light, heat and water were a lot lower this year but still totalled £1200.26. This reflects the building only being partially open. We took the opportunity of an offer of a charitable company to review our utility costs to see if we could get a better deal. They concluded that we couldn't and were on the best deal possible at that point but we will constantly keep them under review.

The next largest expenditure is the Capitation fee which we have to pay over to the Scout Association. This is normally cost neutral to the group as the amount of parent's subscriptions over the year normally covers this cost. This year you will notice the Capitation income is £587.25 less than the cost. This was a group decision not to collect subs in February as a gesture to reduce the burden on parents during difficult times.

The overall result for the year is a surplus of Group funds of £15801.60 from 2020 which will allow us to make improvements to both the grounds and building to the benefit of all sections and our external users.

**The Scout Centre
Craggside, High Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne**

I recommend these accounts to the AGM.

George Clark
Group Treasurer

5th April 2021

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61st Newcastle (St Francis) Scout Group
Receipts and Payments Account for the Year 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020

2018/19	Receipts	2019/20	Notes
8938.00	Hall Hire	9349.00	Dancing £5766.50, Ballet £3237.50, Kids Parties £210, Pilates £135
1235.76	Summer Fair/Christmas Raffle	0.00	No summer fair in 2019
71.00	Barbeque	0.00	No BBQ in 2019
0.00	Grants, Donations and Gift Aid	958.69	HMRC Gift aid
0.00	York xmas trip	300.00	Attendees payments
4742.50	Golf Day	3924.00	Income from entry fees, hole sponsorship, raffle and other games, for 2019 and 2020 events
3003.00	Capitation Income	2562.00	Income from parents
8.84	Bank Interest	7.66	
0.00	Misc Income	50.00	Section Subs paid to group in error £50
17999.10	Total Income for the year to date	17151.35	
	Payments		
	Scout Centre Running Costs		
6416.38	Hall and Grounds Maintenance	1033.21	Hedge £540; Extinguishers £81.24, Lawn mower £140; Alarm service £192; other minor items £79.97
1147.36	Insurance Costs	1238.48	Public Liability Insurance £195.71; Van Insurance £100 Building insurance £942.77
1239.20	Heat and Light	1567.87	Gas £947.63 and Electric £620.24
286.98	Water Rates	209.46	11 months @ 26.78 plus 1 month at £13 less £98.12 refund
874.83	Cleaning	798.76	£20 weekly cleaning fee plus cleaning materials
9964.75	Sub Total	4847.78	
	Equipment Costs		
0.00	Training	0.00	
134.49	Equipment	423.03	Replenished and refreshed first aid kits, new camp equipment for Scouts
127.30	AGM Expenses	321.40	Medals, new trophies, and refreshments
261.79	Sub Total	744.43	
	Sundries		
2983.50	Capitation fee to Scout Association	2472.75	Paid to Newcastle District for membership of Scout Association
1926.72	Transport Costs	973.71	Bus Hire, fuel, etc for camps, activity weekends
317.53	Summer Fair Expenses	0.00	No Summer Fair in 2019
0.00	York xmas trip costs	542.00	Car parking for bus £72 . Keiths coaches £470
3332.42	Golf Expenses	3080.45	Green fees to Matfen, prizes and trophies, printing, raffle books, refunds for this years event
1020.00	Sundry Expenses	50.00	Refund on subs to Scouts/Explorer unit paid in error to group by parent.
9580.17	Sub Total	7118.91	
19806.71	Total Expenses for the Year to date	12711.12	
-1807.61	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	4440.23	
27982.28	Balance Brought forward	26173.86	
26173.86	Balance Carried Forward	30614.09	
	Represented By		
22629.30	Barclays Community Account	2061.87	£25000 transferred to Instant Access Account to attract some interest
17.41	Barclays Business Premium Account	0.00	Account closed and balance transferred to Instant Access Account
3527.15	Barclays Instant Access Account	28552.22	Includes £25000 transferred from Community Account
26173.86		30614.09	

61st Newcastle (St Francis) Scout Group Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

	Group	Scouts	Cubs	Beavers	Total
Balances as at 1st April 2020	30614.09	4404.62	1178.37	5637.24	41834.32
Income for the year					0
Subscriptions	-	750.00	1260.00	810.00	2820.00
Residentials and Camps	-	240.00	0.00	-	240
Other Income	84.07	-	45.00	-	129.07
Hall Hire	1018.75	-	-	-	1018.75
Grant, Gift Aid, and Donations	24125.33	-	210.00	-	24335.33
Total Income	25228.15	990.00	1515.00	765.00	28498.15
Expenditure for the year					
Scout Centre running costs - heat& light, rates, maintenance etc	8685.32				8685.32
Equipment costs	42.00	148.41	-	83.67	274.08
Subsidised Capitation fees	587.25	540.00	690.00	420.00	2237.25
Sundry expenses	111.98	78.00	130.00	-	319.98
Activity costs	-	1512.48	833.24	175.78	2521.5
Total Expenditure	9426.55	2278.89	1653.24	679.45	14038.13
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	15801.60	-1288.89	-138.24	85.55	14460.02
Balance carried forward to 2021/22	46415.69	3115.73	1040.13	5722.79	56294.34
Represented by					
Cash held In bank accounts	46415.69	3115.73	1040.13	5722.79	56294.34

Note to these Accounts

For Charity Commission purposes the Capitation monies collected on behalf of Newcastle District does not count towards the Groups Annual Turnover and have not therefore been included in these Consolidated accounts which will be submitted with our Annual Return.
They remain within the Group Accounts however to be transparent that they have passed through the Groups Accounts and been paid to Newcastle District

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the trustees of: 61st Newcastle (St Francis) Scout Group Charity No: 503585

On accounts for the year ending:

31st March 2021

Respective responsibilities of trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

it is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) of the 2011 Act) and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directors given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosure in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
- Proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act) and
- Accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



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Date: 2 May 2021