

# 1ST HENSINGHAM SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 520612

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1972-02-11

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 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

**Activities:** The Scout Association promotes 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, by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WHITEHAVEN
- Cumbria

## Finances

| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-04-05 | £42,929 | £39,050     | -      | -         |
| 2024-04-05 | £40,938 | £44,510     | -      | -         |
| 2023-04-05 | £18,404 | £24,982     | -      | -         |
| 2022-04-05 | £23,778 | £21,042     | -      | -         |
| 2021-04-05 | £32,262 | £15,189     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                         | Role  | Appointed  |
|------------------------------|-------|------------|
| David Thomas Martin          | Chair | 2021-10-01 |
| ALFRED BRANCH                |       | 2012-11-18 |
| Ann Ruth Walkingshaw         |       | 2022-01-25 |
| Clare Louise Bethwaite       |       | 2018-09-28 |
| John Smallman                |       | 2022-11-14 |
| Jonathan Edward Cheesewright |       | 2016-10-14 |
| Jonathan Peter Spencer       |       | 2024-12-03 |
| KAM MUI MASSEY               |       |            |
| Lisa Michelle Stanaway       |       | 2016-04-04 |

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# Accounts

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# Everyday adventure, Skills for life

**1st Hensingham Scout Group  
Annual report 2024-25**



## Welcome to our 2024-25 annual report

It has been great to see the Group expand with the addition of a Squirrel drey. Our team of Leaders also continues to change.

I would like to wish Josh Musgrave every success in his new role as Western Lakes District Lead Volunteer. It is great to see one of our youth members who has been with us since Beavers move on to become an adult member and in this case following on in his Grandads footsteps as he was a District commissioner.

As Group Lead Volunteer my biggest concern is ensuring we have enough adult support to continue delivering the active programme that our young people deserve and have come to expect, and my top priority at this time is ensuring that we strengthen the adult support for all of our sections.

We have had more new recruits to the leadership team this year with Alisha, Calum, Reece, Hazel, Anna, Jamie, Jacob and Lisa but more would be good. We have also seen the return of Alex.

It is great to continue seeing former Beavers, Cubs and Scouts coming back to help their old sections as Young Leaders. Our Young Leaders do a fantastic job helping our adult volunteers run the sections and sharing their enthusiasm with the young people. However, these Young Leaders are with us to train to be leaders of the future, not as a substitute for adults now.

If you or someone you know is up for the challenge of learning new skills, inspiring our young members to achieve their best and having fun whilst you're doing it, speak to myself or your child's section leader. It doesn't have to be a weekly commitment. We are looking to increase our Active Support section which is a team to help run specific one-off activities like camps and events away from the school including Mountain Biking and air rifle shooting.

I have managed to attend Family, Beaver and Scout camps in the last year and it has been great to see them out again and having a good time. Though I have missed quite a few events over the last year there are, of course, more in the pipeline.



I would like to thank everyone (leaders, parents and young people) for helping make the last 12 months a success.

I know the section leaders are already planning lots of exciting activities for the next year, both indoors and out. I look forward to having you share the fun, challenge and adventure with us.

**Alf Branch**  
**Group Lead Volunteer**

# Squirrels

This year was a very special one for our Squirrel Drey – we officially opened our doors and have already welcomed 12 energetic, curious, and enthusiastic Squirrels, with our numbers soon to grow to 16!



From the very beginning, our Squirrels have thrown themselves into every challenge and adventure. We've enjoyed learning new skills, including firelighting, which really showcased some amazing teamwork. Some of our Squirrels even joined us at Family Camp, showing incredible resilience and determination as they took part in a range of activities – rain or shine!

We've also had plenty of fun along the way with a slip 'n' slide session, practising navigation, and playing countless games that have kept everyone laughing and learning together.

Other standout moments included having a chef visit us, giving the Squirrels the opportunity to practise their cutting skills and explore the joys of preparing food together.

Over the year, an incredible **82 badges** have been awarded, including **three Nights Away badges** – totalling an impressive six nights spent adventuring and learning away from home.



None of this would have been possible without the unwavering dedication of our volunteers and the constant encouragement from our families. We are so grateful for your continued support – without you, our Drey simply wouldn't be the thriving, joyful place it is today.

Here's to another year of learning, laughter, and adventure for our Squirrels!

Chloe, Calum, Drew, Hazel & Reece.  
Nathan

# BEAVERS

Hello Everyone,

We've had a great year this year with numbers in the section being constant at full capacity, and with us running a varied and exciting programme issuing around 200 badges, including 6 Chief Scout Bronze awards, 18 nights away and 19 Money Skills badges, which is the first time we've covered these.

We started in September 2024 with a sleepover at Branthwaite Scout Camp where we did lots of activities, building shelters, made, cooked and ate pizzas, and the obligatory campfire to name a few.



November saw us have a visit to Whitehaven Fire Station where we were shown all around the fire tenders and then allowed to use the fire hose.



In January we continued with our community presence at Walkmill Woods, Moresby, where we tree planted again.



June took us on an exploration of the STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and maths) Trail at Westlakes Science Park where the Beavers searched for sheep with letters on their backs and took rubbings of each of the information stations, including stations on photography and the water cycle.



And finally, as always, we need to give a **huge thank you** to all parents, families and households that have helped us this year. We can't do this by ourselves, we need your help. If anyone would like to get more involved, be it occasionally in the weekly sessions or when we have our camps, please see one of the Beaver Leaders for more details.

Thanks again and here's to another good year at Beavers.

Lisa, Ross, George, Chloe, John, David, and Calum  
Anna, Charlie, Alex and Isaac



We've made Christmas crackers and terrariums.

And played lots of games with water!!





Hello Everyone,



We've had another excellent year in Cubs, with nearly 55 challenge badges and an impressive 5 Chief scout awards presented. We also managed to hand out over 260 activity & stage badges across a broad range of topics including Safety, Space, learning about the local area, Navigation, Environmental Conservation and International cultures.



Supported by our young leaders, our Cubs voted to support the community by carrying out litter picks in Whitehaven and at Walkmill woods in Moresby. With the West Cumbria Rivers Trust we also carried out tree planting where we planted more than 200 new trees.



Throughout the year our Cubs cooked outside, learning various different techniques, from marshmallows on a stick and Smaco's on embers, to cooking hotdogs in a tin.



Numbers remain healthy and have grown steadily over the year and whilst many have moved onto Scouts, many more have moved up from Beavers or joined directly.



It goes without saying that this camp and indeed the whole year would not have been the success it was without the tireless enthusiasm and support of the Young Leaders.



Your Leaders and Young Leaders

John, David, Rebecca, George, Keith, Alisha  
Zach, Josh and Pheonix

Finally; a huge thank you to all the parents, families and households and especially our Cubs. Our plan is to continue to provide a varied, adventurous programme, continuing to support our Cubs to achieve their Chief Scout Award and learn some amazing skills for life.



However; none of this just happens and takes a lot of effort by a small number of people in the background with some significant challenges within the Cub leadership team, without additional support from you, the parents, we may struggle to deliver some of our future planned activities.

# SCOUTS

We've had another fantastic year with Scouts tackling a huge range of activities between them. Collectively our two Troops have completed 32 Challenge Awards, earned 153 activity badges and clocked up 218 nights away.



A huge congratulations to Nathan Cleeton, Jack Bird and Joseph Bird, who all worked really hard to achieve their Chief Scout's Gold Award. This is the top award for the Scout section and earning it requires a significant commitment as Scouts must gain all nine of the Challenge Awards plus earn at least six activity badges. This includes the Personal Challenge, which is tailored to each Scout, and for these three it involved park runs, parent-free nights away, kayak-rolling, cake-baking, and cooking meals for the family.

We love to practise our traditional Scout skills, especially when that means we can pioneer chariots, and build defences for Nerf battles! Sharps work remains popular as always, whether that's whittling, or using axes and saws to prepare the wood for fires. The Woofums we discovered two years ago have become a firm favourite; there is no better container for cherry pie filling than dough cooked on a fire! We have been able to broaden our scope thanks to the kind donation of

reflector ovens from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria, who visited along with some 'proper coppers' to see the ovens being used for the first time to make pizzas.

Subzero (at Auchengillan near Glasgow) lived up to its name. As the minibus pulled into the campsite, the snow was dusting the tops of the tents. It was a packed weekend with plenty to do - most importantly, having *another* go on the nausea-inducing fairground ride.

Fifteen of our Scouts took part in Jamboree On The Internet (JOTI) this year, where they were able to talk to Scouts from other countries and find out new games and recipes to try from across the world. Following on from this, as part of the International Activity badge, each patrol imagined they were aliens landing in a foreign country and they had to blend into the local Scout troop. What would they say, cook and make? Hopefully they've caught the travel bug ready for our international trip to the Danish Jamboree next year!

Then for a fortnight we set our sights even further as we worked towards our Space badge. Who would have thought that melting chocolate could teach us about the wavelength of light?! We learnt about black holes and planned an expedition to a distant solar system.



Five of our oldest Scouts found themselves planning an expedition much closer to home. Having prepared their own route and menu plan, they hiked for two days with an overnight camp in the South Lakes.



As always, we aim to have an element of community engagement and giving back in our programme. We were proud to take part in the Remembrance parade. We litter picked around Hensingham thanks to United Utilities who provided litter pickers (and Paul Tyson who came up with a creative way to keep the bin bag open!). And we are fortunate to continue to benefit from West Cumbria Rivers Trust, who manage Walkmill Woods and this year took us searching for bats in amongst the trees we've helped plant in previous years.

Along with nifty bin-bag-stay-openers, Paul has also taught a number of our scouts how to shoot an air rifle, with many of them going on to achieve their Master at Arms Badge.

We had a brilliant summer camp at Great Tower near Windermere. We offered the option of hammocking, and the majority of the Scouts chose their hammocks over their tents! Thanks to the hard work of the Scouts preparing wood and tending to the fire, we were able to cook many of our meals outside - the fire seemed to barely ever be out. The Scouts enjoyed a range of adventurous activities, from being high up on a crag or a very

tall, narrow, wobbly platform; to out on Lake Windermere and splashing through a ghyll; to deep inside a cave. Having stretched the limits of our comfort zones, the boat trip to Ambleside was a welcome midweek break before plunging back into the adventures again.

We are enormously grateful to the parent helpers who have made great adventures possible. A number of parents have stepped up this year to enable camps and expeditions to go ahead, which was a huge help. Thanks to John Bird we have been able to add mountain biking to the programme and have had good fun riding at Blengdale Forest and Eskdale.

Our leaders continue to work to provide more to the group and beyond. Drew has secured himself a Kayaking Permit to enable us to do more on the water. Nic took her first (big!) step towards getting a Nights Away Permit by planning and running a hugely successful patrol camp. And finally, we are in equal parts delighted and sad that Josh is moving on to become the next District Lead Volunteer; which will be a loss to our section/group but a great gain to the district as a whole.

Meanwhile, we've seen two more of our old Scouts, Ben and Jacob, go from young leaders to fully-fledged leaders.

I'm writing this at the end of our first week back in the Autumn term, having just watched four Scouts move on after their last meeting in our section – all of whom are planning to go on to become young leaders. Meanwhile, we've recently been joined by two of our old Scouts rejoining us as young leaders!

This is just a flavour of what we've got up to this year, and none of it would be possible without our fantastic team of leaders.

**Jon, Drew, Iona, Mike, Nic, Nikita, Josh, Lisa, Sam, Alex, Jamie, Jacob and Ben**

## **Treasurer's Report**

I'd like to begin by thanking Lou, my predecessor, for her invaluable support and guidance as I've taken on this role over the past several months. We are grateful for all Lou has done as treasurer over the years and she has kept the accounts in excellent shape.

I'd also like to thank Emma for her continued role as our scrutineer and for the high level of attention to detail she brings to this important position.

At a high level, our financial position may appear strong, as our total income for the year is higher than our expenditure. However, a large portion of our income was from grants, and at the time of producing these accounts, we had not yet spent the full amount. As a result, when looking specifically at our operational programme spending, we are currently running at a deficit.

## **Income Summary**

Our total income for the year was **£47,773.63**. The majority of this was from our members' subscriptions and direct payments (to cover specific activities, camps, and uniform), grants, gift aid, fundraising, and donations. All of these are vital contributions that allow us to cover the day-to-day running costs and long term costs of the Group. Hard work from many in our team secured generous grants and we received donations from various bodies and kind individuals, thank you.

## **Expenditure Summary**

Total expenditure for the year was **£43,894.79**.

This spending was essential for providing a high-quality programme and renting our facilities. Our largest expenses were the running costs for rent, programme activities, and our payments for Group fees to the Scout Association. We invested a significant amount in programme materials/activities, badges, awards, and equipment to ensure our sections could deliver a wide range of engaging activities. Additionally, each grant awarded was for specific capital expenditure purchases such as tables and benches, waterproofs, buoyancy aids, mess tents, shelters, pyrography irons, and radios.

## **Key Highlights and Future Outlook**

The trustees take the operational deficit seriously and are actively working to reduce it over the next 12 months. We actively look at our operational income and day to day expenses. In line with the increase of our running costs, we expect to require setting a reasonable increase in subscriptions.

Looking ahead, over the next financial year we expect that the group will change to a new bank provider. This will not impact any payments made, as they will continue to be processed through OSM. We are looking at options and will select a bank that provides free online banking for charities, which will make payments much easier and faster.

Our hardship fund remains in robust health, and the trustees continue to monitor the state of this fund at each trustee board meeting. If anyone in the Scout Group could benefit from its assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to a section leader. Our goal is for everyone to be able to enjoy participating in Scouts

**Jonathan Spencer**  
Treasurer

| Summary of Accounts                          |                    |                    |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                                | 2023/2024          | 2024/2025          |
| Membership subscriptions                     | £ 9,770.00         | £ 11,206.28        |
| Donations                                    | £ 2,346.33         | £ 2,969.30         |
| Gift aid                                     | £ 2,508.86         | £ 2,416.35         |
| Fundraising                                  | £ 573.51           | £ 1,770.72         |
| Group activities                             | £ 12,327.70        | £ 8,767.52         |
| Uniform                                      | £ 1,807.16         | £ 2,380.79         |
| Other income                                 | £ 15,342.92        | £ 18,262.67        |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>£ 44,676.48</b> | <b>£ 47,773.63</b> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                           | 2023/2024          | 2024/2025          |
| Membership subscriptions                     | £ 3,738.00         | £ 4,845.00         |
| Programme and activities                     | £ 14,883.90        | £ 11,530.34        |
| Rent and rates                               | £ 6,874.18         | £ 7,216.65         |
| Insurance                                    | £ 1,108.58         | £ 1,255.83         |
| General administration                       | £ 252.49           | £ 420.75           |
| Uniform                                      | £ 1,094.50         | £ 1,995.00         |
| Fundraising expenses                         | £ 245.39           | £ -                |
| Asset and investment purchase                | £ 3,711.88         | £ 15,695.22        |
| Other expenditure                            | £ 16,339.27        | £ 936.00           |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>£ 48,248.19</b> | <b>£ 43,894.79</b> |
| <b>Statement of assets &amp; liabilities</b> | 2023/2024          | 2024/2025          |
| Unrestricted cash funds                      | £ 36,857.98        | £ 23,035.61        |
| Restricted cash funds                        | £ -                | £ 17,701.21        |
| Non-monetary assests                         | £ 28,096.85        | £ 39,863.08        |
| Liabilities (accounts not yet paid)          | £ 701.10           | £ 721.50           |
|                                              |                    |                    |



## Trustee Board

### General

The Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity trustees, to make sure Scouts is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance. Effective Trustee Board governance helps our volunteers deliver fantastic programmes that give young people skills for life.

This is our second year where we have operated as a Trustee Board, this has been a big challenge as we embed a governance and oversight focus as opposed to the traditional operational Oversight.

The Trustee Board provides management oversight and administration to the Scouts Group. The Trustees make sure, as per the ethos of the Scouts, that the charity is well managed, finances are controlled and appropriately allocated, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows both legal requirements and the Scouts Policy, Organisation and Rules.

The Trustees' support helps the section leaders run a fantastic programme that gives our young people skills for life and experiences they'll remember forever.

### The Trustee Board

I would take this opportunity to reinforce the new rules of the scouting organisation which limits both the numbers of trustees and significantly the length of tenure for each Trustee, which is now set at a maximum of 9 years. Many of the Trustee Board are now starting year 2 and while year 9 seems a long way in the future we do need to bring in new members to avoid a cliff edge effect in 2033!!!

Through an open selection process we have made recommendations of the trustees, these will be formalised at the AGM.

Our long standing Treasurer Louise Hodgson has finally handed over the financial reigns to Jonathan

Spencer; I would like to take this opportunity to thank Louise for her contribution and welcome Jonathan on board

I have also taken the decision to relinquish my role of Chair of the Trustee Board, so this is a key position which we now need to fill.

### Finance - Manage money well.

Over the last 12 months we have focussed on the financial stability of the group

In 2023/24 we had an income of circa £28K and an operational cost of £35K, effectively running at a £7K loss, this replicated our position of 2022/23....So the level of loss is not sustainable for the continued operation of the group.

So we've taken some key steps

1. We've established a budget – we now identify our funding routes 12 months in advance and allocate spends accordingly
2. Targetted key funding routes and through that weve successfully secured funding in excess of £18K through Robin Riggs Community Fund, Millets (JD Donation), The Police and Crime Commission, Gen2, Cumberland Fell Running, Lakes Charity CL CSC, Sellafield Programme and Project Partners and Whitehaven Town Council.
3. Secured a further £1.8K of operational funding through a successful bag pack at Morrisons Supermarket
4. For 2025/26 we are also currently progressing in excess for £5K Capital funding.

These steps have allowed us to stabilise the Group and while the numbers look very healthy with an income in excess of £47K we still spent £45K, mainly through capital purchase of equipment and still retain liabilities close to £10K.

## **Hardship**

As a Trustee Board we recognise that the cost of living crisis continues to place a significant burden on some families, with scouting activities one of the first casualties of a tightening family budget.

As a consequence, this year, we have maintained our hardship fund budget and continue to review any requests in each of our board meetings.

The hardship fund is available to support any member of the Group whose financial circumstances are now stretched with the cost of scouting.

## **Policy Review - Follow Scouts policies and relevant legislation.**

### **Risk Management - Manage Risk**

The Trustee Board continue to manage the major risks to which we believe the 1st Hensingham Scout Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against each risk. A key focus on our routine meetings is the active management of these risks. As an example we consider loss of facilities as a key risk, we have mitigated this through the establishment of longer term leases as described below

### **Health & Safety – Manage Safety**

It is pleasing to report that the number of accidents this year compared to the same time last year have reduced. The scouts still appear to be the ones most at risk of injury, which is expected due to their activities. There have been 4 cases where the medical treatment has gone beyond the standard first aid required.

Whilst it is always disappointing to have any accidents or events as a Trustee Board we considered that we had no repeating trends following these injuries and we didn't need to introduce any additional measures to maintain our safety record.

During the year we have conducted a full review of our safety policy and arrangements, though policies haven't changed we still need to be objectively responsible to ensure we apply the correct level of governance, this review identified a shortfall in our practicing of our emergency response arrangements, we have corrected this.

### **Portable Appliance Testing**

Amentum Field Solutions again provided in year support in the testing of all of our Portable Appliances, which maintains our legal requirement.

### **Premises - Look after premises and insurance**

#### **Equipment store**

We continue to lease the equipment store at the Sneckyeat Industrial estate, with 2 years left to run on our current 5 year leasing arrangement.

This facility continues to provide invaluable storage and easy access of plant and equipment.

We should note though that in all likelihood we will be looking to commence contractual discussion early next year with a view to extending the lease, however this potentially introduces a liability in excess of £15K to the Group and we cannot take that decision lightly.

### **Hensingham School**

Last month we successfully negotiated an extended contract with Hensingham school to not only renew our contract but to extend the review period to a 2 year cycle. This has provided some stability to the group with the school premises now secured until August 2027..

## Thanks

I would like to extend my thanks to:

- The Section teams and young leaders, as the health of our organisation depends on the ability, availability and commitment of these individuals.
- The Trustee Board members and all parents for their continued support.
- Hensingham Primary School for the use of the school and grounds as our base.
- Our donators: Robin Riggs Community Fund, Millets (JD Foundation Donation), The Police and Crime Commission, Gen2, Cumberland Fell Running, Lakes Charity CL CSC, Sellafeld

Programme and Project Partners and Whitehaven Town Council

- Amentum Field Solutions for their continued support.

The group relies so heavily on these volunteers who provide their time and commitment and as ever we are seeking support from anyone who would like to get involved in the running of the group.

Dave Martin  
Trustee Board Chair

## Group Information 2024-25

**Registered Name:** 1st Hensingham Scout Group

**Registered Charity No:** 520612

**Registered Address of HQ:**

Hensingham Primary School

Main Street, Hensingham

Whitehaven, CA28 8QZ

**Bankers:** NatWest,

**Independent Examiner:** N/A

**Investment Advisers:** Not required as the Group only holds cash.

**Insurance Advisers:** Unity Insurance Services

## Trustee Board

Mr Dave Martin (Chair)

Mrs Louise Hodgson (Treasurer)

Mr Alf Branch (Group Lead Volunteer\*)

Dr Jonathan Cheesewright (Scout Team Leader)

Mr John Smallman (Cub Team Leader)

Mrs Lisa Stanaway (Beaver Team Leader)

Mrs Kam Massey

Mrs Clare Bethwaite

Mrs Ann Walkingshaw

\* *Ex-officio* appointment by nature of their role.

## A big thank you!

We'd like to thank the following organisations for providing grant funding and practical support so we can offer our young people even more opportunities to develop Skills for Life



# 1 st Hensingham Scout Group

## Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

|                      |            |    |            |
|----------------------|------------|----|------------|
| For the year<br>from | 06/04/2024 | To | 05/04/2025 |
|----------------------|------------|----|------------|

### Receipts and payments

|                                                                           | 2024/25                    |                          |                         | 2023/24          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
|                                                                           | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | Endowment<br>funds<br>£ | Total funds<br>£ |
| <b>Receipts</b>                                                           |                            |                          |                         |                  |
| <b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>                             |                            |                          |                         |                  |
| Membership subscriptions                                                  | 11206.28                   | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 11206.28         |
| Less: Membership subscriptions paid on<br>(National/County/Area/District) | -4845.00                   | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | -4845.00         |
| Net membership subscriptions retained                                     | 6361.28                    | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 6361.28          |
| Donations                                                                 | 2969.30                    | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 2969.30          |
| Legacies (Reserve for new built)                                          | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Gift Aid                                                                  | 2416.35                    | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 2416.35          |
| Uniform                                                                   | 2380.79                    | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 2380.79          |
| Trips and Camps                                                           | 8767.52                    | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 8767.52          |
| Transfer between bank accounts                                            | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Others                                                                    | 132.67                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 132.67           |
| Refunds/Rebates                                                           | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Carried Forward Year End Apr 23                                           | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
|                                                                           | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                                          | <b>23027.91</b>            | <b>0.00</b>              | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>23027.91</b>  |
| <b>Grants</b>                                                             |                            |                          |                         |                  |
| Maintenance grant                                                         | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Other grants                                                              | 1000.00                    | 16701.21                 | 0.00                    | 17701.21         |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                                          | <b>1000.00</b>             | <b>16701.21</b>          | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>17701.21</b>  |
| <b>Fundraising (gross)</b>                                                |                            |                          |                         |                  |
| Curry Night                                                               | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Christmas Towels                                                          | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Others                                                                    | 472.76                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 472.76           |
| Bag Packing                                                               | 1120.65                    | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 1120.65          |
| Easyfundraising/Amazon Smile                                              | 177.31                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 177.31           |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                                          | <b>1770.72</b>             | <b>0.00</b>              | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>1770.72</b>   |
| <b>Investment income</b>                                                  |                            |                          |                         |                  |
| Bank interest                                                             | 428.79                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 428.79           |
| Building Society interest                                                 | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| The Scout Association Short Term<br>Investment Service                    | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Property Rent income                                                      | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Other investment income                                                   | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                                          | <b>428.79</b>              | <b>0.00</b>              | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>428.79</b>    |
| <b>Total Gross Income</b>                                                 | <b>26227.42</b>            | <b>16701.21</b>          | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>42928.63</b>  |
| <b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>                                   | <b>0.00</b>                | <b>0.00</b>              | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>0.00</b>      |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                                     | <b>26227.42</b>            | <b>16701.21</b>          | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>42928.63</b>  |

# 1 st Hensingham Scout Group

## Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

|                   |            |    |            |
|-------------------|------------|----|------------|
| For the year from | 06/04/2024 | To | 05/04/2025 |
|-------------------|------------|----|------------|

### Receipts and payments

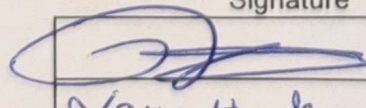
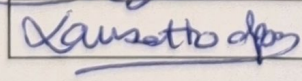
|                                                 | 2024/25                 |                       |                      | 2023/24          |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
|                                                 | Unrestricted funds<br>£ | Restricted funds<br>£ | Endowment funds<br>£ | Total funds<br>£ |
| <b>Payments</b>                                 |                         |                       |                      |                  |
| <b>Charitable Payments</b>                      |                         |                       |                      |                  |
| Youth programme and activities                  | 1817.58                 | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 2349.50          |
| Adult support and training                      | 200.00                  | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 255.73           |
| Rent and Rates                                  | 7074.00                 | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 6793.67          |
| Water and Sewerage                              | 0.00                    | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             |
| Electricity and Gas                             | 142.65                  | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 80.51            |
| Insurance                                       | 1255.83                 | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 1108.58          |
| Repairs and Renewals                            | 0.00                    | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             |
| Transfer between bank accounts                  | 0.00                    | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 15000.00         |
| Badges                                          | 812.12                  | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 580.01           |
| General Administration                          | 420.75                  | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 252.49           |
| Contribution to camp/trips costs                | 8651.83                 | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 11356.09         |
| Uniforms & Scout Shop                           | 1995.00                 | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 1094.50          |
| Group Events (AGM, socials)                     | 248.81                  | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 598.30           |
| Miscellaneous                                   | 646.00                  | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 735.82           |
| Other costs detail 2 Dist/County Levy & HQ Subs | 0.00                    | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             |
| Other costs detail 3 Donations/Presents         | 90.00                   | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 347.72           |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                | <b>23354.57</b>         | <b>0.00</b>           | <b>0.00</b>          | <b>40552.92</b>  |
| <b>Fundraising expenses</b>                     |                         |                       |                      |                  |
| Curry Night                                     | 0.00                    | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             |
| Christmas Towels                                | 0.00                    | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 245.39           |
| Refunds                                         | 0.00                    | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             |
| Banks Wilson                                    | 0.00                    | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>0.00</b>           | <b>0.00</b>          | <b>245.39</b>    |
| <b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>                  | <b>23354.57</b>         | <b>0.00</b>           | <b>0.00</b>          | <b>40798.31</b>  |
| <b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>     | <b>3800.60</b>          | <b>11894.62</b>       | <b>0.00</b>          | <b>3711.88</b>   |
| <b>Total payments</b>                           | <b>27155.17</b>         | <b>11894.62</b>       | <b>0.00</b>          | <b>44510.19</b>  |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>               | <b>-927.75</b>          | <b>4806.59</b>        | <b>0.00</b>          | <b>-3571.71</b>  |
| <b>Transfers between funds</b>                  | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>0.00</b>           | <b>0.00</b>          | <b>0.00</b>      |
| <b>Cash funds last year end</b>                 | <b>36857.98</b>         | <b>0.00</b>           | <b>0.00</b>          | <b>40429.69</b>  |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                 | <b>35930.23</b>         | <b>4806.59</b>        | <b>0.00</b>          | <b>36857.98</b>  |

# Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

|                                                     | 2024/25            |                  |                 | 2023/24         |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                                     | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds     | Total funds     |
|                                                     | £                  | £                | £               | £               | £               |
| <b>Cash funds</b>                                   |                    |                  |                 |                 |                 |
| Bank current account                                | 9839.14            | 0.00             | 0.00            | 9839.14         | 6389.09         |
| Bank deposit account (+ interest)                   | 30897.68           | 0.00             | 0.00            | 30897.68        | 30468.89        |
| Building society account                            | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Cash/Floats                                         | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| <b>Total cash funds</b>                             | <b>40736.82</b>    | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>40736.82</b> | <b>36857.98</b> |
| <b>Other monetary assets</b>                        |                    |                  |                 |                 |                 |
| Tax claim                                           | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group       | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Insurance claim                                     | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                    | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>0.00</b>     |
| <b>Investment assets</b>                            |                    |                  |                 |                 |                 |
| Investment property - detail                        | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Quoted investments                                  | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Other investments - detail                          | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                    | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>0.00</b>     |
| <b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>    |                    |                  |                 |                 |                 |
| Badge stock                                         | 1979.39            | 0.00             | 0.00            | 1979.39         | 1649.53         |
| Shop stock                                          | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Uniform stock                                       | 1620.00            | 0.00             | 0.00            | 1620.00         | 1323.00         |
| Land and buildings                                  | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Trailer                                             | 2831.80            | 0.00             | 0.00            | 2831.80         | 3437.00         |
| Scouting equipment, furniture etc                   | 33431.89           | 0.00             | 0.00            | 33431.89        | 21687.32        |
| Other                                               | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                    | <b>39863.08</b>    | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>39863.08</b> | <b>28096.85</b> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                  |                    |                  |                 |                 |                 |
| Accounts not yet paid                               | 721.50             | 0.00             | 0.00            | 721.50          | 701.10          |
| Expenses incurred but not invoiced                  | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Subscriptions not yet paid                          | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Loan - detail                                       | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Other liabilities                                   | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                    | <b>721.50</b>      | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>721.50</b>   | <b>701.10</b>   |

## Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 16th September 2025 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

|                                                                                     |               |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Signature                                                                           | Print Name    |           |
|  | David Martin  | Chair     |
|  | Louise Rogers | Treasurer |

## Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of 1<sup>st</sup> Hensingham Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 5/4/25

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

### Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 3 to 3.

### Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: Emma Kelly ELKelly  
 Address: Burton Row  
Whitehaven  
Cumbria  
 Date: 20-08-25

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# Accounts

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# Everyday adventure, Skills for life

**1st Hensingham Scout Group**  
**Annual report 2023-24**

  
**Scouts**  
1st Hensingham



## Welcome to our 2023-24 annual report

Our team of Leaders continues to change and we have some new challenges coming up with changes to our role titles, training and records system.

As Group Lead Volunteer my biggest concern is ensuring we have enough adult support to continue delivering the active programme that our young people deserve and have come to expect, and my top priority at this time is ensuring that we strengthen the adult support for our Cub Packs.

We have had more new recruits to the leadership team this year with Chloe, George and Lisa but more would be good.

It is great to continue seeing former Beavers, Cubs and Scouts coming back to help their old sections as Young Leaders. Our Young Leaders do a fantastic job helping our adult volunteers run the sections and sharing their enthusiasm with the young people. However, these Young Leaders are with us to train to be leaders of the future, not as a substitute for adults now.

If you or someone you know is up for the challenge of learning new skills, inspiring our young members to achieve their best and having fun whilst you're doing it, speak to myself or your child's section leader. It doesn't have to be a weekly commitment. We are looking to increase our Active Support section which is a team to help run specific one-off activities like camps and events away from the school.

I have managed to attend Beaver and Scout camps in the last year and it has been great to see them out again and having a good time. Though I have missed quite a few events over the last year there are, of course, more in pipeline.



I would like to thank everyone (leaders, parents and young people) for helping make the last 12 months a success.

We are looking at running Family Camp next year which we hope lots of you will attend and enjoy seeing what we do and giving it a go.

I know the section leaders are already planning lots of exciting activities for the next year, both indoors and out. I look forward to having you share the fun, challenge and adventure with us.

**Alf Branch**  
Group Lead Volunteer

# BEAVERS

Beavers has seen our numbers steadily grow this year, we are almost back up to full capacity with the next cohort due to move to Cubs from September onwards.

We have issued ~239 badges this year of which 7 were the Beaver Chief Scout's Bronze award, 15 nights away ranging from one night to an accumulated four nights and 16 Joining In badges, this being 12 for being a Beaver for one year and 4 for two years. We've also had a number of the Beavers achieve or start to achieve their Community Impact badge by conducting litter picks at several locations and tree planting over two annual sessions.



Some of the activities we have taken part in this year have included cooking, deconstructed smores, dough twists, peppermint creams and chocolate fondue. Embroidered Christmas hessian stockings



We've studied space, planted vegetables, made fire and lit candles and modelled instruments from recycling.



We held a Beaver camp at Ennerdale, which for some was their first experience of being away with us and from their families and although the weather and midges weren't kind to us, they all handled it brilliantly

Next year we plan to revisit the swimming badges, visit local members of the community, try some of the newer badge offerings and of course finish off some of the badges we have already started,

We've had Chloe join the Beaver Leader team, a very welcome addition. And we've had Phoenix, Jamie and Jacob move from being Beaver Young Leaders into Cubs and Scouts. Thank you all for your support this year and enjoy your new sections going forward.

And finally, as always, we need to give a **huge thank you** to all parents, families and households that have helped us this year. We can't do this by ourselves, we need your help. If anyone would like to get more involved, be it occasionally in the weekly sessions or when we have our camps, please see one of the Beaver Leaders for more details.

Thanks again and here's to another good year at Beavers.

Lisa, Ross, David, George and Chloe  
Phoenix, Jamie, Jacob, Charlie, Isaac and Alex

# cubs

We've had another excellent year in Cubs, with nearly 100 challenge badges and a very impressive 9 Chief Scout's Silver awards presented. We also managed to hand out over 200 activity badges across a broad range of topics including Safety, Photography, learning about the local area, Navigation, Environmental Conservation and International cultures.

Our numbers have grown steadily over the year and whilst many have moved onto Scouts, many more have moved up from Beavers or joined directly.



This year our Cubs have tried many new things, including some badges we haven't traditionally run as a Cub section. Highlights through the year include. Completing the DIY badge where the Cubs tried their hand at building advent calendars using a range of hand tools.



Supported by our young leaders, our Cubs voted to support the community by carrying out litter picks in Whitehaven and at Walkmill woods in Moresby. With the West Cumbria Rivers Trust we also carried out tree planting where we planted more than 200 new trees.

Throughout the year our Cubs cooked outside, learning various different techniques, from marshmallows on a stick, to cooking hotdogs in a tin. Towards the end of the summer term our Cubs cooking skills were put to the test on the Cub Summer camp where they had to cook dinner for themselves and the leaders.



The Cub summer camp was a first for our section and proved to be a hugely successful camp with an attendance of 22 Cubs (75%) where for 10 of the Cubs were on their first night away with one Cub reaching achieving their 10th night away award. The camp was arranged in a similar way to a Scout patrol camp, with the Cubs being split into small groups in which they worked as a team to complete various challenges including building a Davinci bridge and cooking a 2 course meal.

It goes without saying that this camp and indeed the whole year would not have been the success it was without the tireless enthusiasm and support of the Young Leaders.



Finally; a huge thank you to all the parents, families and households and especially our Cubs. Our plan is to continue to provide a varied, adventurous programme, continuing to support our Cubs to achieving their Chief Scout Award and learn some amazing skills for life.

However; none of this just happens and takes a lot of effort by a small number of people in the with some significant challenges within the Cub leadership team, without additional support from you, the parents, there be an impact on some of our future planned activities.

John, David, Rebecca, Keith, Kenzie  
Zach, Blake, Josh and Pheonix

# SCOUTS

Another year has flown by with our Scouts once again accomplishing a huge amount. Collectively our two troops have completed 30 Challenge Awards, earned 156 activity badges and clocked up 334 nights away.

Throughout the year we've continued to offer a wide mix of activities through our weekly meetings and weekend activities. As always core scouting skills such as navigation, first aid, pioneering have featured strongly, as well as troop favourites such as cooking and fire lighting. This year we set the Patrols a couple of challenges to put some of their skills into practice. They successfully planned a menu for a weekend camp, and then cooked the main course; they also planned and navigated a short evening hike in the local area. In both cases they've risen to the challenge and our older Scouts have shown some excellent leadership skills, attributes that have also been much in evidence at our Golden Peg Camping Competition and D&D themed Patrol Camps during the year, and on this year's expedition challenge in the South Lakes.



As well as traditional skills, we've also embraced some new activities this year. In the Spring term we completed the Electronics activity badge, finding out about different components and

making a number of different circuits; this is probably the most complex activity badge we've undertaken as a whole Troop activity. An Easter gift in the form of a grant from Fibrus and HyperfastGB allowed us to add fencing (with swords, not posts and wire) to our activity repertoire this summer – both on our D&D themed camp and at our end of term troop meetings. We're looking forward to adding another new activity, mountain biking, to our programme next year, thanks to one of our parents who's successfully gained their Scouts Adventurous Activity Permit to lead it for us.



Throughout the year we've continued our collaboration with the West Cumbria Rivers Trust at Walkmill Woods, and we're hoping to do more with them next year.

The big finale to the last year was, once again, our summer camp. This year we joined up with over 2000 other Scouts and Explorers at the Westmorland County Showground for Lancashire Scouts' Jamboree - Red Rose. Through the week we had the chance to try a multitude of different activities, many of which we'd not normally get the chance to offer on our own. We're already looking to arrange next year's summer camp (this one will be just us), and we've got an eye on an international Jamboree in 2026.



Overall our Troop numbers remain healthy. We've welcomed 16 new Scouts and said a sad goodbye to several of our older Scouts, although it's great to see some of them return as Young Leaders in the younger sections. Looking ahead, we expect our Troop numbers to remain stable or grow slightly with a small waiting list for direct entry and a steady flow of Cubs due to move up as our older Scouts reach the end of their time with us.

We've been fortunate to have Jacob, Jamie & Ben, 3 of our former Scouts, return to join our leadership team as Young Leaders having previously been helping with Beavers.

None of our amazing programme would happen without the support of our volunteer leadership team; so on behalf of both Troops, a huge thank you to Drew, Iona, Mike, Nic, Nikita, Josh, Sam & Alex, and Jacob, Jamie & Ben for their enthusiasm, and giving up so much time to help deliver all of our activities. We'd also like to thank Dan, Stuart & Paul for their help with activities and camps through the year, plus all the parents who've stepped in to offer a hand when we've asked for support. Finally, as leaders, we're lucky to work with a great group of young people and we'd like to thank all our Scouts for always being willing to try out our wierd and wonderful new ideas and bringing their boundless energy to everything we do.

Jon, Drew, Iona, Mike, Nic, Nikita, Josh & Sam, Jamie, Jacob & Ben



## Treasurer's Report

The group finances for the financial year 2023/2024 remained fairly healthy.

If anyone is suffering from any hardship please speak to your leader, any information that is discussed is confidential.

With just over 100 members and approximately 30-40 new starters/leavers each year our subscription and subsequent accounts are constantly changing.

The Online Scout Manager (OSM) system is now the main method of payment for subscriptions and various events. Could I please ask if you don't currently use this system if you would consider using it.

The major source of normal income to supplement our funds from subscriptions remains our annual

Gift Aid claim. With your help, gift aiding generated income to just over £2500 this year. If you haven't signed up but are eligible, please do so – it's very simple and won't cost you a thing. Gift Aid is essential in helping the group finances go further together subs and the money claimed from Gift Aid cover the basic running costs of the group.

As usual, the annual return and the year-end accounts for the previous year (2022/2023) and updated trustee information were submitted to the Charity Commission. A summary of our accounts is available on the Charity Commission website.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors and benefactors for their continued support during this year.

**Louise Hodgson**  
Treasurer

## Summary of Accounts

| Income                              | 2022/23            | 2023/24            |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Membership subscriptions            | £ 11,172.94        | £ 9,770.00         |
| Donations                           | £ 990.62           | £ 2,346.33         |
| Gift aid                            | £ 1,731.96         | £ 2,508.86         |
| Fundraising                         | £ 199.89           | £ 573.51           |
| Group activities                    | £ 6,574.56         | £ 12,327.70        |
| Uniform                             | £ 1,981.65         | £ 1,807.16         |
| Other income                        | £ 184.85           | £ 15,342.92        |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>£ 22,836.47</b> | <b>£ 44,676.48</b> |
| Expenditure                         | 2022/23            | 2023/24            |
| Membership subscriptions            | £ 4,719.00         | £ 3,738.00         |
| Programme and activities            | £ 10,034.52        | £ 14,883.90        |
| Rent and rates                      | £ 7,372.73         | £ 6,874.18         |
| Insurance                           | £ 991.15           | £ 1,108.58         |
| General administration              | £ 269.51           | £ 252.49           |
| Uniform                             | £ 2,548.84         | £ 1,094.50         |
| Fundraising expenses                | £                  | £ 245.39           |
| Asset and investment purchase       | £ 2,604.44         | £ 3,711.88         |
| Other expenditure                   | £ 873.52           | £ 16,339.27        |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>£ 29,413.71</b> | <b>£ 48,248.19</b> |
| Statement of assets & liabilities   | 2022/23            | 2023/24            |
| Unrestricted cash funds             | £ 40,429.69        | £ 36,857.98        |
| Restricted cash funds               | £ -                | £ -                |
| Non-monetary assets                 | £ 26,485.87        | £ 28,096.85        |
| Liabilities (accounts not yet paid) | £ 339.97           | £ 701.10           |



## Trustee Board

### General

This is our first year where we have operated as a Trustee Board, this has been a big change as we move from an operational focus to one of governance and oversight; its taken a bit of getting used to and to be frank we are still finding our feet with the transitional arrangements.

Even with the transition, the Trustee Board continued to provide management oversight and administration to the 1<sup>st</sup> Hensingham Scout Group. The Trustees make sure the charity is well managed, finances are controlled and appropriately allocated, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment is in good working order, and everyone follows both legal requirements and the Scouts Policy, Organisation and Rules.

The Trustees' support helps the section leaders run a fantastic programme that gives our young people skills for life and experiences they'll remember forever.

So the Trustees are an essential cog in the wheel of a successful scouting group, we are essentially a group of volunteers without whom the group couldn't operate, however, the new rules of the Scouts limit both the numbers of trustees and significantly the length of tenure for each Trustee, which is now set at a maximum of 9 years. So whilst historically we constantly sought new Executive Board members we now find ourselves in the position where new trustees are essential to maintain the oversight and governance of the group going forward.

Through an open selection process we have made recommendations of the trustees for 2024/25, these recommendations will be formalised at the AGM.

Sadly, our long standing Treasurer Louise Hodgson has given notice of her intention to stand down within the next 12 months; I would like to take this opportunity to thank Louise for her contribution.

As a Trustees Board we have continued to work in the background dealing with the usual financial, maintenance, rental, insurance, safety and training issues.

### Equipment store

We continue to lease the equipment store at the Sneekyeat Industrial estate, with 3 years left to run on our current leasing arrangement.

This facility continues to provide invaluable storage and easy access to equipment, as well as giving us a small amount of flexible activity space, and somewhere to dry tents after camp.

### Hensingham School

Last August we successfully negotiated an extended contract with Hensingham school to not only renew our contract but to extend the review period which is now on a 2 year cycle, this has provided some stability to the group and our intention is to start renewal discussions at the earliest opportunity.

### Risk Management

The Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which we believe the 1st Hensingham Scout Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against each risk. A key focus on our routine meetings is the active management of these risks. As an example we consider loss of facilities as a key risk, we have mitigated this through the establishment of longer term leases as described above.

## Funding

Whilst our reserves continue to maintain a healthy financial position, like most organisations we have seen significant increases in operating costs over the last 12 months which has resulted in an operational loss for the year. We anticipate further operational losses next year unless we take action to address the shortfall. As a consequence we are reluctantly increasing subs by £2.50 per term and while at face value this looks a substantial increase unfortunately after making this decision the National Scout association have increased their fees by £5.00 per year which goes a great way to nullifying the increase.

## Hardship

As a Trustee Board we recognise that the cost of living crisis places a significant burden on some families, with Scouting activities one of the first casualties of a tightening family budget.

As a consequence, this year, we have maintained our hardship fund budget and continue to review any requests in each of our board meetings.

The hardship fund is available to support any member of the Group whose financial circumstances are now stretched with the cost of Scouting.

## Thanks

I would like to extend my thanks to:

- The section leaders and Young Leaders, as the health of our organisation depends on the ability, availability and commitment of these volunteers.
- The Trustee Board members for their hard work.
- All parents for their support.
- Hensingham Primary School for the use of the school and grounds as our base.
- Jacobs Field Solutions for their continued support.

The group relies so heavily on these volunteers who provide their time and commitment and as ever we are seeking support from anyone who would like to get involved in the running of the group.

Dave Martin  
Trustee Board Chair

## Group Information 2023-24

**Registered Name:** 1st Hensingham Scout Group

**Registered Charity No:** 520612

**Registered Address of HQ:**

Hensingham Primary School

Main Street, Hensingham

Whitehaven, CA28 8QZ

**Bankers:** NatWest

**Independent Examiner:** N/A

**Investment Advisers:** Not required as the Group only holds cash

**Insurance Advisers:** Unity Insurance Services

### Trustee Board

Mr Dave Martin (Chair)

Mrs Louise Hodgson (Treasurer)

Mr Alf Branch (Group Lead Volunteer\*)

Dr Jonathan Cheesewright (Scout Leader)

Mr John Smallman (Cub Leader)

Mrs Lisa Stanaway (Beaver Leader)

Mrs Kam Massey

Mrs Clare Bethwaite

Mrs Ann Walkingshaw

\* Ex-officio appointment by nature of their role.

## Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the 1<sup>st</sup> Hensingham Scout Group Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

### Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 3 to 3

### Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

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Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024

# 1 st Hensingham Scout Group

## Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

|                      |            |    |            |
|----------------------|------------|----|------------|
| For the year<br>from | 06/04/2023 | To | 05/04/2024 |
|----------------------|------------|----|------------|

### Receipts and payments

|                                                                        | 2023/24                    |                          |                         | 2022/23          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
|                                                                        | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | Endowment<br>funds<br>£ | Total funds<br>£ |
| <b>Receipts</b>                                                        |                            |                          |                         |                  |
| Donations, legacies and similar income                                 |                            |                          |                         |                  |
| Membership subscriptions                                               | 9770.00                    | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 9770.00          |
| Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District) | -3738.00                   | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | -3738.00         |
| Net membership subscriptions retained                                  | 6032.00                    | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 6032.00          |
| Donations                                                              | 2346.33                    | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 2346.33          |
| Legacies (Reserve for new built)                                       | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Gift Aid                                                               | 2508.86                    | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 2508.86          |
| Uniform                                                                | 1807.16                    | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 1807.16          |
| Trips and Camps                                                        | 12327.70                   | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 12327.70         |
| Transfer between bank accounts                                         | 15000.00                   | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 15000.00         |
| Others                                                                 | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Refunds/Rebates                                                        | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Carried Forward Year End Apr 22                                        | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
|                                                                        | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                                       | 40022.05                   | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 40022.05         |
| <b>Grants</b>                                                          |                            |                          |                         |                  |
| Maintenance grant                                                      | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Other grants                                                           | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                                       | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| <b>Fundraising (gross)</b>                                             |                            |                          |                         |                  |
| Curry Night                                                            | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Christmas Towels                                                       | 406.68                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 406.68           |
| Others                                                                 | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Bag Packing                                                            | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Easyfundraising/Amazon Smile                                           | 166.83                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 166.83           |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                                       | 573.51                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 573.51           |
| <b>Investment income</b>                                               |                            |                          |                         |                  |
| Bank interest                                                          | 342.92                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 342.92           |
| Building Society interest                                              | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service                    | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Property Rent income                                                   | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Other investment income                                                | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                                       | 342.92                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 342.92           |
| <b>Total Gross Income</b>                                              | 40938.48                   | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 40938.48         |
| Asset and investment sales, etc.                                       | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                                  | 40938.48                   | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 40938.48         |

# 1 st Hensingham Scout Group

## Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

|                   |            |    |            |
|-------------------|------------|----|------------|
| For the year from | 06/04/2023 | To | 05/04/2024 |
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### Receipts and payments

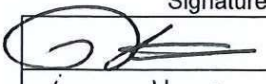
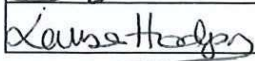
|                                                 | 2023/24                 |                       |                      | 2022/23          |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                 | Unrestricted funds<br>£ | Restricted funds<br>£ | Endowment funds<br>£ | Total funds<br>£ | Total funds<br>£ |
| <b>Payments</b>                                 |                         |                       |                      |                  |                  |
| <b>Charitable Payments</b>                      |                         |                       |                      |                  |                  |
| Youth programme and activities                  | 2349.50                 | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 2349.50          | 2849.12          |
| Adult support and training                      | 255.73                  | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 255.73           | 0.00             |
| Rent and Rates                                  | 6793.67                 | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 6793.67          | 7291.60          |
| Water and Sewerage                              | 0.00                    | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.00             |
| Electricity and Gas                             | 80.51                   | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 80.51            | 81.13            |
| Insurance                                       | 1108.58                 | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 1108.58          | 991.15           |
| Repairs and Renewals                            | 0.00                    | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.00             |
| Transfer between bank accounts                  | 15000.00                | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 15000.00         | 0.00             |
| Badges                                          | 580.01                  | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 580.01           | 922.35           |
| General Administration                          | 252.49                  | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 252.49           | 269.51           |
| Contribution to camp/trips costs                | 11356.09                | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 11356.09         | 6038.10          |
| Uniforms & Scout Shop                           | 1094.50                 | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 1094.50          | 2548.84          |
| Group Events (AGM, socials)                     | 598.30                  | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 598.30           | 224.95           |
| Miscellaneous                                   | 735.82                  | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 735.82           | 1116.66          |
| Other costs detail 2 Dist/County Levy & HQ Subs | 0.00                    | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.00             |
| Other costs detail 3 Donations/Presents         | 347.72                  | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 347.72           | 43.65            |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                | <b>40552.92</b>         | <b>0.00</b>           | <b>0.00</b>          | <b>40552.92</b>  | <b>22377.06</b>  |
| <b>Fundraising expenses</b>                     |                         |                       |                      |                  |                  |
| Curry Night                                     | 0.00                    | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.00             |
| Christmas Towels                                | 245.39                  | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 245.39           | 0.00             |
| Refunds                                         | 0.00                    | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.00             |
| Banks Wilson                                    | 0.00                    | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.00             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                | <b>245.39</b>           | <b>0.00</b>           | <b>0.00</b>          | <b>245.39</b>    | <b>0.00</b>      |
| <b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>                  | <b>40798.31</b>         | <b>0.00</b>           | <b>0.00</b>          | <b>40798.31</b>  | <b>22377.06</b>  |
| <b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>     | <b>3711.88</b>          | <b>0.00</b>           | <b>0.00</b>          | <b>3711.88</b>   | <b>2604.44</b>   |
| <b>Total payments</b>                           | <b>44510.19</b>         | <b>0.00</b>           | <b>0.00</b>          | <b>44510.19</b>  | <b>24981.50</b>  |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>               | <b>-3571.71</b>         | <b>0.00</b>           | <b>0.00</b>          | <b>-3571.71</b>  | <b>-6577.24</b>  |
| <b>Transfers between funds</b>                  | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>0.00</b>           | <b>0.00</b>          | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>0.00</b>      |
| <b>Cash funds last year end</b>                 | <b>40429.69</b>         | <b>0.00</b>           | <b>0.00</b>          | <b>40429.69</b>  | <b>47006.93</b>  |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                 | <b>36857.98</b>         | <b>0.00</b>           | <b>0.00</b>          | <b>36857.98</b>  | <b>40429.69</b>  |

# Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

|                                                     | 2023/24            |                  |                 | 2022/23         |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                                     | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds     | Total funds     |
|                                                     | £                  | £                | £               | £               | £               |
| <b>Cash funds</b>                                   |                    |                  |                 |                 |                 |
| Bank current account                                | 6389.09            | 0.00             | 0.00            | 6389.09         | 25303.72        |
| Bank deposit account (+ interest)                   | 30468.89           | 0.00             | 0.00            | 30468.89        | 15125.97        |
| Building society account                            | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Cash/Floats                                         | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| <b>Total cash funds</b>                             | <b>36857.98</b>    | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>36857.98</b> | <b>40429.69</b> |
| <b>Other monetary assets</b>                        |                    |                  |                 |                 |                 |
| Tax claim                                           | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group       | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Insurance claim                                     | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                    | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>0.00</b>     |
| <b>Investment assets</b>                            |                    |                  |                 |                 |                 |
| Investment property - detail                        | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Quoted investments                                  | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Other investments - detail                          | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                    | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>0.00</b>     |
| <b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>    |                    |                  |                 |                 |                 |
| Badge stock                                         | 1649.53            | 0.00             | 0.00            | 1649.53         | 1743.35         |
| Shop stock                                          | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Uniform stock                                       | 1323.00            | 0.00             | 0.00            | 1323.00         | 1054.50         |
| Land and buildings                                  | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Trailer                                             | 3437.00            | 0.00             | 0.00            | 3437.00         | 3971.00         |
| Scouting equipment, furniture etc                   | 21687.32           | 0.00             | 0.00            | 21687.32        | 19717.02        |
| Other                                               | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                    | <b>28096.85</b>    | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>28096.85</b> | <b>26485.87</b> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                  |                    |                  |                 |                 |                 |
| Accounts not yet paid                               | 701.10             | 0.00             | 0.00            | 701.10          | 339.97          |
| Expenses incurred but not invoiced                  | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Subscriptions not yet paid                          | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Loan - detail                                       | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Other liabilities                                   | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                    | <b>701.10</b>      | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>701.10</b>   | <b>339.97</b>   |

## Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 3rd September 2024 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

|                                                                                     |                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Signature                                                                           | Print Name     |
|  | DAVID MARTIN   |
|  | LOUISE HODGSON |
|                                                                                     | Chair          |
|                                                                                     | Treasurer      |

## **Annual General Meeting 2024**

Friday 13th September 2024, 6:30pm

**St John's Church, Hensingham**

**Present:** Dave Martin (chair), Alf Branch (Group Lead Volunteer), Georgina Searle (secretary)

Trustee Board Members - Jon Cheesewright, John Smallman, Kam Massey, Louise Hodgson, Ann Walkingshaw, Clare Bethwaite

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their families, with a total of 51 participants in attendance.

### **1. Introduction and Welcome**

Dave introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Lisa Stanaway unable to make AGM tonight.

### **3. Governance Topics**

- a. The minutes of the 2023 AGM were proposed by Dave Martin, Jon Cheesewright seconded the motion.
- b. Jon Cheesewright sent out a copy of the constitution to all the Trustee Board members, proposed by Dave Martin and Dave Cavaghan seconded the motion.
- c. The Hensingham Scouting group had their financial year starting in April 2023 and finishing in March 2024.
- d. It was proposed that the Trustee Board should include up to 12 members, Dave Martin proposed and Ann Walkingshaw seconded the motion.
- e. It was proposed that the Group Scout Council would comprise of a leader and a parent representative from each of the Scouting sections; Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, as well as 2 Trustee Board members. Again Dave Martin proposed and Margaret James seconded the motion.

### **4. Review of the previous year: Alf Branch**

- a. The Group Lead Volunteer, Alf gave a review of the Scouting year at Hensingham Scout group. All sections have had a lot of fun over the past year with 15 Bronze Awards given out in Beavers and 9 Silver Awards at Cubs. All sections have managed nights away ranging from 1 night with Beavers and Cubs and Scouts staying 7 nights at Red Rose camp.

#### **5. Presentation of Annual Statement of Accounts: Louise Hodgson**

- a. Currently Hensingham Scouting group accounts are in a healthy position, with approximately 100 members.
- b. Gift aid is the group's main source of income and Louise encouraged those who don't currently use it to sign up via OSM.
- c. We have also secured further grants and funding this year, which supports the running of the group.
- d. Following scrutineering, the accounts have been sent to the Charity Commission.

#### **6. Trustee Board review**

Dave reflected on the continuing cost of living issues and reminded members that the Group do operate a Hardship fund which is now being actively managed to help members where needed.

A number of changes were noted to the way the group runs as a result of the move to a Trustee Board, one of which means we have implemented a risk management process,, which Clare Bethwaite is looking after obo the Trustee Board.

Dave highlighted the ongoing Sneckyeat Industrial Estate Equipment Store lease and the Hensingham School lease, both of which were a significant part of the group's commitments.

Dave thanked Section leaders, assistant leaders and young leaders for their hard work and commitment, the Trustee Board members and parents for their continued support and Hensingham School for the continued use of their facilities.

Dave also thanked the external support offered from both Sellafeld Ltd and Jacobs Field Services.

#### **7 . Making Appointments**

All appointments have been made using the open selection process.

- a. Alf Branch appointed Dave Martin as Chair of the Trustee Board, Jon Cheesewright seconded the motion.
- b. Louise Hodgson appointed as Treasurer, Dave Martin proposed and Margaret James seconded the motion.

- c. Approved members of the Trustee Board for 2024-2025 were Clare Bethwaite, Kam Massey, Ann Walkingshaw, Jon Cheesewright, John Smallman, Lisa Stanaway and Alf Branch.  
Georgina Walsh seconded the motion.
- d. Emma Kelly agreed to be Scrutineer for next financial year, and Louise Hodgson seconded the motion.
- e. Georgina Searle was appointed as secretary.

#### **8. Closing Remarks**

It was repeated that the group couldn't work without the help of volunteers, so Dave asked parents to offer support and consider roles on the Trustee Board, especially now members can only be a part of it for 9 years.

He then wished everyone a good night of Beetle Drive and Bingo.

**The AGM was closed.**

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# Accounts

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# Everyday adventure, Skills for life

1st Hensingham Scout Group  
Annual report 2020-21



## Welcome to our 2020-21 annual report

The Year started with Covid 19 restrictions, and they have not gone away yet. At 1st Hensingham we have tried our best to keep going whether on Zoom or face to face. Of course, Zoom is not the best way to run Scouting activities and we lost members during that period. Our team of Leaders have kept going regardless and hopefully kept our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts entertained throughout the year. We have been running outdoor activities until now but should be moving indoors before too long.

The everyday adventure our young members enjoy is only possible thanks to our dedicated team of leaders

As Group Scout Leader my biggest concern is ensuring we have enough adult support to continue delivering the active programme that our young people deserve and have come to expect, and my top priority is ensuring that we strengthen the adult support for our Beaver Colonies and Cub Packs.

We have had more new recruits to the leadership team this year with David Smallman, Steven Southward, Marie Carter, and Amy Watson joining us to become Leaders. We have had Dan Easdon move back to Manchester and Harry Brook will be leaving us too. It is good to have more recruits than those leaving but we have room for more.

A number of our former Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been coming back to help their old sections as Young Leaders. Our Young Leaders do a fantastic job helping our adult volunteers run the sections and sharing their enthusiasm with the young people. However, these Young Leaders are with us to train to be leaders of the future, not as a substitute for adults now.

If you or someone you know is up for the challenge of learning new skills, inspiring our young members to achieve their best and having fun whilst you're doing it, speak to myself or your child's section leader. It doesn't have to be a weekly commitment. We are also looking to run an Active Support section; this is not a frequent commitment but a team to help run specific activities like camps and events away from the school. I did manage to attend Scout camp in August which was great to see them out again and having a good time. I recently managed to support the Beaver and Cub teams to run a camp which was, I felt, a success.

I would like to thank everyone (leaders, parents and young people) for helping make the last 12 months a success.

I know the section leaders are already planning lots of face-to-face activities for the next year indoors and out. I look forward to having you share the fun, challenge and more adventure with us.

**Alf Branch**

**Group Scout Leader**

# BEAVERS

Hello Everyone. What can we say, we're back! After a very strange 18 months it looks like we are resuming some sort of normality, well within Beavers anyway!!

So, what have been up to over the last year? Briefly and not extensively, over Zoom we learnt to do some finger spelling, how to make birdhouses from recycled material, cooked dough twists, scrambled egg, naan breads and cake in oranges to mention a few dishes. We printed with vegetables and grew seeds. Our Zoom sessions continued through spring with us starting the disability badge where we were shown how assistance aids can help where mobility is an issue.

And we were guided through saving water via United Utilities. Did you know that one bath can use 80 litres and a flush of a toilet 7 to 10 litres!!!



In November we took part in the District Virtual Activity Day. We had challenges of making the strongest structure from marshmallows and dried spaghetti. What and how to pack a bag for a camp, and an activity bake off, which showcased some superb baking skills.

Some of our Beavers, and Cubs, took part in the RSPB Birdwatch national event. This was an hour's birdwatching where between both sections 205 birds were recorded, across 10 different types of birds.



We took a couple of trips up to Moresby Woods, pond dipping on one session and a night walk as our last meeting just before Christmas.

By April we were allowed to meet up in person which was fabulous. To be able to spend the sessions back outside was wonderful.

A trip to St Bees was in order where we tried to beat the record for stone / pebble balancing stones.

We finished the disability badge where we learnt what it was like not to have all our senses, and how a wheelchair works. We practised our circus skills, spinning plates and juggling.

We became scientists and made things go pop, bang, whoosh. And took part in some traditional village games, cheese rolling, gurning, wool sack racing and a traditional East Anglian pub game of dwyle flanking, no alcohol involved - wet cloths thrown at each other using small sticks, yes honestly....





We have started to cover the activities to meet our Cumbria Welcome Back Challenge Badge where we must do an activity related to the letters that spell CUMBRIA

**Cumbria** – we gurned and played village games

**Under canvas?**

**Mountain** – we built sand mountains at St Bees

**Backwards**

**Roll** – we rolled our cheeses

**Invent** – our scientific experiments of different ways to clean coins with household products

**Away** – Beaver camp

Since starting back after the summer holidays in September we have seen our Beaver numbers start to increase and have welcomed David Smallman as our new Assistant Leader. We even managed to re-arrange our annual slip n slide event.



And we have finally been able to get back out on camp and over the weekend of September 25<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup> we joined

our Cubs at Ennerdale. For some of our Beavers this will have been a huge step, first time under canvas for some and first time away from home for others, which of course they get a badge for and camp breakfast!



This term some of the activities we have planned are our Cycling Activity and First Aid badges and more outside cooking.

And finally as always we need to give a **huge thank you** to all parents' families and households that have helped us this year, be it physically or virtually, we can't do this by ourselves so **thank you**.

**Lisa, Ross, John, David, Matt, Rebecca & Amy  
Erin, Jamie & Jacob**

# cubs

Well these strange times rumble on and we are now meeting face to face again and we have done a lot of Zoom meetings.

Over Zoom our cooking sessions were a popular activity with the Cubs making Pancakes, Pizzas and fruit crumble. We learned Makaton which is a language programme that uses signs together with speech and symbols, to enable people to communicate. We also made glove puppets and many other things.

We also did a couple of science nights. On one of these we enjoyed making snot and eyeballs. The other was the more serious work about water usage and waste with United Utilities. Did you know that turning off the tap when you brush your teeth can save 96 litres a day for a family of four.



We had visitors to sessions as well when we were able to restart face to face meetings. We had a visit from the Police dogs unit who put on a display for use. We also went to the Fire Brigade and the Cubs had a go at rolling out and rolling up fire hoses. They also got spray a lot of water about too and had a great time.



We went for a hike at the woods at Moresby where we learned about the country code. Surprisingly with the noise we made we managed to see among other things a deer and an owl. We managed to have a colour run again which was messy but went down well as usual.

We also had a Viking visit us (yeah Steve is a Viking but doesn't always dress like one). Trying on a Viking Helmet and chainmail went down well. Then we had our mock own battle using Viking fighting techniques.



We have recently been on camp at Ennerdale where we managed 2 nights under canvas. The Beavers joined us for one night. For some this was a challenge as their first night away from home and they did well. The weather was not too bad mostly but of course it rained as we took the tents down. Thankfully our Sneakyeat store is a great place to dry them. We would like to thank the Scout Leaders Jon and Paul for running archery for us. There was backwoods cooking (Matt did cook a fish in newspaper in the fire), games, challenges and crafts.



A big thanks has to be given to our Cubs, who have tried and done their best with all the activities we have given them to do both at face to face sessions and also virtually.

**Matt, Brian, Harry, Rebecca, Oscar, Steve, Amy & Marie**

**Charlotte, Matthew, Thomas & Ben**

# SCOUTS

Despite the challenges of the past year our Scouts have still been incredibly busy; we've packed in over 50 different activities and events, awarded over 160 challenge and activity badges and invested 18 new Scouts (with another 7 due to make their Promises soon).

As a leadership team, we'd like to say a huge thank you to our Scouts and parents for your patience, cooperation, and continued enthusiasm as we've hopped on and off of Zoom and kept changing the arrangements for our face-to-face meetings.



It's reassuring to know that the pandemic hasn't changed some things – the way to our Scouts' hearts is still through their stomachs, although we're not sure if Zoom baking has over-taken fire as our Scouts' preferred way of getting tasty treats! We're very grateful to the welding apprentices at GenII for making us a shiny collapsible altar fire to increase our range of options for backwoods cooking.

Although the November and Spring term returns to Zoom weren't what we'd wanted, they provided us a good chance to do some of the activities that didn't lend themselves to wet and windy meetings outdoors in the dark, including the Digital Citizen, Local Knowledge and Emergency Aid badges - thanks to all the parents and siblings who volunteered to play along at home as casualties to help our Scouts literally develop "skills for life!"

Our face-to-face meetings and this year's Cumbria Challenge Award has seen some new twists on some favourite traditional activities. To complete the Award, Scouts need to take part in 7 activities each linked to a theme. One of these was "under" so, as well as whittling tent pegs and butter spreaders, we went "down-under" tried our luck at whittling Australian bull-roarers ... hopefully these didn't cause too much mayhem when they came home! The "roll" challenge saw us battling the midges at Ennerdale as we tried to harness our pioneering skills to build giant marble runs through the woods.



Returning to face-to-face activities has also allowed us to embrace the ridiculous, from some of our weird and wonderful team building and problem solving challenges (if any of our Scouts fancy a career in bomb disposal or plumbing, they're going to need a lot more practice) to the return of the disgustingly messy chaos that is our slip'n'slime night.



In addition to our regular weekly meetings, we've restarted our ad hoc weekend activities. Eskdale has been the hub for our adventurous activities this year; we've hiked, swum in a tarn and added a new adventurous activity to our repertoire – climbing (thanks to everyone that put tokens in our Tesco bags of help slot back in 2019)! However, the biggest highlight of the year has probably been our return to camping. After 18 months in limbo, it felt good to have the trailers loaded and heading back out to Ennerdale. 11 Scouts joined us for a weekend of traditional Patrol camping; running their own campsites and catering for themselves whilst completing a number of challenges throughout the weekend (some of our frying pans will never be the same again). Everyone also got to try out stand-up paddle boarding (thanks Copeland Canoe Club for letting us borrow the boards); this proved to be a popular activity and one we suspect we'll be trying to offer again in future.

As the new Scouting year gets underway, it's already shaping up to be packed full of adventure. Another camp is planned for mid-October and we're looking forward to restarting our Master at Arms air rifle shooting courses later in the autumn term.



None of our amazing adventures would happen without the hard work and dedication of our leadership team. We're delighted, and feeling very lucky, that Thomas & Ethan (two of our former Scouts) have joined the leadership team as young leaders; and that one of our young leaders (and former Scouts), Sam, has agreed to join the adult leadership team. Sadly though, we're saying goodbye to Dan E who's moving away from the area; we're incredibly grateful for all the help he's given the Troop over the last 4 years.



Once again, thanks to all our Scouts for their enthusiasm and willing to give things a go, and making our Troops one of the best in the County!

**Jon, Mike, Dan, Nic, Josh, Sam, Stuart, & Paul  
Ethan & Thomas**

## Treasurer's Report

The group finances for the financial year 2020/2021 remain very healthy this is due to us receiving significant amounts of COVID Grants. This has enabled us to safely return to face to face scouting as some of the grant money has been used to make it a safe environment for all.

We were due to have a review of the members subscriptions however we are postponing any increase at the moment as we will be using the COVID grant to offset any increase.

With just over 100 members and approximately 30/40 new starters/leavers each year our subscription and subsequent accounts are constantly changing.

The Online Scout Manager (OSM) system is now the main method of payment for subscriptions and various events. If you don't currently use this system, please could I ask you to consider using it.

The major source of normal income to supplement our funds from subscriptions remains our annual

Gift Aid claim. With your help, gift aiding generated income to just over £2400 this year. If you haven't signed up but are eligible, please do so – its very simple and won't cost you a thing; you can complete a declaration on OSM. Gift Aid is essential in helping the group finances go further together subs and the money claimed from Gift Aid cover the basic running costs of the group.

Unfortunately this year we have had no events, trips or fundraising events and this was all due to lockdowns and restrictions from the pandemic.

As usual, the annual returns and the year end accounts for the previous year (2019/2020) and updated trustee information were submitted to the Charity Commission. A summary of our accounts is available on the Charity Commission website.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors and benefactors for their continued support during this year.

**Louise Hodgson**  
**Treasurer**

### Summary of Accounts

|                          | 2019/20            | 2020/21            |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Income</b>            |                    |                    |
| Membership subscriptions | £ 12,250.90        | £ 9,569.12         |
| Donations                | £ 304.78           | £ 480.36           |
| Gift aid                 | £ 2,573.88         | £ 2,435.20         |
| Fundraising              | £ 692.12           | £ 0.00             |
| Group activities         | £ 12,510.54        | £ 1,778.54         |
| Uniform                  | £ 1,484.50         | £ 282.50           |
| Other income             | £ 5,315.96         | £ 21,041.99        |
| <b>Total</b>             | £ <b>35,132.68</b> | £ <b>35,587.71</b> |

|                               |                    |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Expenditure</b>            |                    |                    |
| Membership subscriptions      | £ 3,989.50         | £ 3,326.00         |
| Programme and activities      | £ 17,246.26        | £ 2,341.98         |
| Rent and rates                | £ 6,418.04         | £ 4,780.14         |
| Insurance                     | £ 941.75           | £ 858.14           |
| General administration        | £ 189.70           | £ 385.77           |
| Uniform                       | £ 1,704.60         | £ 188.00           |
| Fundraising expenses          | £ 293.71           | £ 0.00             |
| Asset and investment purchase | £ 4,808.90         | £ 6,824.08         |
| Other expenditure             | £ 297.19           | £ -189.11          |
| <b>Total</b>                  | £ <b>35,889.65</b> | £ <b>18,515.00</b> |

|                                              |             |             |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Statement of assets &amp; liabilities</b> |             |             |
| Unrestricted cash funds                      | £ 27,198.15 | £ 44,270.86 |
| Restricted cash funds                        | See Note 1  | See Note 1  |
| Non-monetary assets                          | £ 19,513.28 | £ 25088.67  |
| Liabilities (accounts not yet paid)          | £ 110.00    | £ 116.29    |

Note 1: Now included in Unrestricted cash funds as we don't hold any restricted accounts



## Executive Committee

The Executive committee has remained a stable force behind the group this year, with all 9 members meeting regularly on Zoom. Although this year has been quieter than usual, we have still had the usual maintenance, rental, insurance, safety and training to oversee. In addition we have had to produce and update COVID risk assessments for activities each time the restrictions and Scouting guidance changed.

### Equipment store

We continue to rent the equipment store at Sneckyeat Industrial estate, which has proved invaluable for easy access to equipment to run outdoor meetings whilst COVID restrictions have meant our usual indoor meeting place was not available. We will be looking to extend the lease upon it's expiry in March 2022.

### Funding

Outdoor face to face meetings were given a boost in the autumn/winter when we were able to purchase portable lights and set up a temporary outdoor shelter, thanks to grant funding secured from the OPCC (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner).

As a result of having the Sneckyeat unit, over the past year the group became eligible for COVID grant funding, some of which has already been used for essential COVID related expenditure, summer term subs relief and subsidised group hoody costs.

### Thanks

I would like to extend my thanks to:

- The Section leaders, assistant leaders and young leaders, as the health of our organisation depends on the ability, availability and commitment of these individuals.
- The exec members and all parents for their support, especially during the difficult circumstances of the past 12 months.
- Hensingham Primary School for the use of the school and grounds as our base.

After five years as the Executive Group Chair I have decided to step down after the AGM. It has been fantastic to be able to contribute in some way to such a thriving group and a privilege to work with such dedicated volunteers.

### Ann Walkingshaw Group Chair

## Group Information 2020-21

**Registered Name:** 1st Hensingham Scout Group

**Registered Charity No:** 520612

### Registered Address of HQ:

Hensingham Primary School  
Main Street, Hensingham  
Whitehaven, CA28 8QZ

**Bankers:** NatWest, Lowther Street  
Whitehaven, CA28 7AH

**Independent Examiner:** N/A

**Investment Advisers:** Not required as the Group only holds cash

**Insurance Advisers:** Unity Insurance Services

### Executive Committee:

|                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mrs Ann Walkingshaw      | (Chair)               |
| Mrs Gemma Pattinson      | (Secretary)           |
| Mrs Louise Hodgson       | (Treasurer)           |
| Mr Alf Branch            | (Group Scout Leader*) |
| Dr Jonathan Cheesewright | (Scout Leader*)       |
| Mrs Lisa Stanaway        | (Beaver Leader*)      |
| Mrs Kam Massey           |                       |
| Mrs Clare Bethwaite      |                       |
| Mrs Jenny Walker         |                       |

\* Ex-officio appointments by nature of their role.

## Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the 1<sup>st</sup> Hensingham Scout Group Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

### Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 3 to 3

### Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: EMMA KELLY EOKelly  
Address: 4 BROOM BANK  
WHITEHAVEN  
LA28 6SB  
Date: 09.09.21

# 1 st Hensingham Scout Group

## Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

|                      |            |    |            |
|----------------------|------------|----|------------|
| For the year<br>from | 06/04/2020 | To | 05/04/2021 |
|----------------------|------------|----|------------|

### Receipts and payments

|                                                                           | 2020/21                    |                          |                         |                  | 2019/20          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                                           | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | Endowment<br>funds<br>£ | Total funds<br>£ | Total funds<br>£ |
| <b>Receipts</b>                                                           |                            |                          |                         |                  |                  |
| <b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>                             |                            |                          |                         |                  |                  |
| Membership subscriptions                                                  | 9569.12                    | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 9569.12          | 12250.90         |
| Less: Membership subscriptions paid on<br>(National/County/Area/District) | -3326.00                   | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | -3326.00         | -3989.50         |
| Net membership subscriptions retained                                     | 6243.12                    | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 6243.12          | 8261.40          |
| Donations                                                                 | 480.36                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 480.36           | 304.78           |
| Legacies (Reserve for new built)                                          | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             | 0.00             |
| Gift Aid                                                                  | 2435.20                    | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 2435.20          | 2573.88          |
| Uniform                                                                   | 282.50                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 282.50           | 1484.50          |
| Trips and Camps                                                           | 1778.54                    | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 1778.54          | 12510.54         |
|                                                                           | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             | 0.00             |
| Others                                                                    | 243.20                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 243.20           | 135.64           |
| Refunds/Rebates                                                           | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             | 0.00             |
| Carried Forward Year End Apr 20                                           | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             | 0.00             |
|                                                                           | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             | 0.00             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                                          | <b>11462.92</b>            | <b>0.00</b>              | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>11462.92</b>  | <b>25270.74</b>  |
| <b>Grants</b>                                                             |                            |                          |                         |                  |                  |
| Maintenance grant                                                         | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             | 0.00             |
| Other grants                                                              | 19394.21                   | 1398.44                  | 0.00                    | 20792.65         | 5150.00          |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                                          | <b>19394.21</b>            | <b>1398.44</b>           | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>20792.65</b>  | <b>5150.00</b>   |
| <b>Fundraising (gross)</b>                                                |                            |                          |                         |                  |                  |
| Curry Night                                                               | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             | 637.00           |
| Christmas Towels                                                          | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             | 0.00             |
| Others                                                                    | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             | 55.12            |
| Bag Packing                                                               | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             | 0.00             |
| Everyclick                                                                | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             | 0.00             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                                          | <b>0.00</b>                | <b>0.00</b>              | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>692.12</b>    |
| <b>Investment income</b>                                                  |                            |                          |                         |                  |                  |
| Bank interest                                                             | 6.14                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 6.14             | 30.32            |
| Building Society interest                                                 | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             | 0.00             |
| The Scout Association Short Term<br>Investment Service                    | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             | 0.00             |
| Property Rent income                                                      | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             | 0.00             |
| Other investment income                                                   | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             | 0.00             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                                          | <b>6.14</b>                | <b>0.00</b>              | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>6.14</b>      | <b>30.32</b>     |
| <b>Total Gross Income</b>                                                 | <b>30863.27</b>            | <b>1398.44</b>           | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>32261.71</b>  | <b>31143.18</b>  |
| <b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>                                   | <b>0.00</b>                | <b>0.00</b>              | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>0.00</b>      |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                                     | <b>30863.27</b>            | <b>1398.44</b>           | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>32261.71</b>  | <b>31143.18</b>  |

# 1 st Hensingham Scout Group

## Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

|                      |            |    |            |
|----------------------|------------|----|------------|
| For the year<br>from | 06/04/2020 | To | 05/04/2021 |
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### Receipts and payments

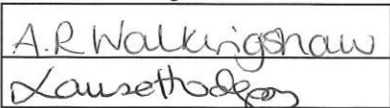
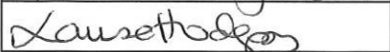
|                                                 | 2020/21                    |                          |                         | 2019/20          |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
|                                                 | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | Endowment<br>funds<br>£ | Total funds<br>£ |
| <b>Payments</b>                                 |                            |                          |                         |                  |
| <b>Charitable Payments</b>                      |                            |                          |                         |                  |
| Youth programme and activities                  | 995.57                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 995.57           |
| Adult support and training                      | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Rent and Rates                                  | 4676.20                    | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 4676.20          |
| Water and Sewerage                              | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Electricity and Gas                             | 103.94                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 103.94           |
| Insurance                                       | 858.14                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 858.14           |
| Repairs and Renewals                            | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Materials and equipment                         | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Badges                                          | 161.41                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 161.41           |
| General Administration                          | 385.77                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 385.77           |
| Camp/trips costs                                | 1185.00                    | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 1185.00          |
| Uniforms & Scout Shop                           | 188.00                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 188.00           |
| Group Events (AGM, socials)                     | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Miscellaneous                                   | 127.14                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 127.14           |
| Other costs detail 2 Dist/County Levy & HQ Subs | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Other costs detail 3 Donations/Presents         | -316.25                    | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | -316.25          |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                | <b>8364.92</b>             | <b>0.00</b>              | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>8364.92</b>   |
| <b>Fundraising expenses</b>                     |                            |                          |                         |                  |
| Curry Night                                     | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Christmas Towels                                | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Refunds                                         | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| Banks Wilson                                    | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                | <b>0.00</b>                | <b>0.00</b>              | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>0.00</b>      |
| <b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>                  | <b>8364.92</b>             | <b>0.00</b>              | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>8364.92</b>   |
| <b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>     | 5004.56                    | 1819.52                  | 0.00                    | 6824.08          |
| <b>Total payments</b>                           | <b>13369.48</b>            | <b>1819.52</b>           | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>15189.00</b>  |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>               | <b>17493.79</b>            | <b>-421.08</b>           | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>17072.71</b>  |
| <b>Transfers between funds</b>                  | 0.00                       | 0.00                     | 0.00                    | 0.00             |
| <b>Cash funds last year end</b>                 | <b>27198.15</b>            | <b>0.00</b>              | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>27198.15</b>  |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                 | <b>44691.94</b>            | <b>-421.08</b>           | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>44270.86</b>  |

# Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

|                                                     | 2020/21            |                  |                 | 2019/20         |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                                     | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds     |
|                                                     | £                  | £                | £               | £               |
| <b>Cash funds</b>                                   |                    |                  |                 |                 |
| Bank current account                                | 29212.65           | 0.00             | 0.00            | 29212.65        |
| Bank deposit account (+ interest)                   | 15058.21           | 0.00             | 0.00            | 15058.21        |
| Building society account                            | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Cash/Floats                                         | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| <b>Total cash funds</b>                             | <b>44270.86</b>    | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>44270.86</b> |
| <b>Other monetary assets</b>                        |                    |                  |                 |                 |
| Tax claim                                           | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group       | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Insurance claim                                     | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                    | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>0.00</b>     |
| <b>Investment assets</b>                            |                    |                  |                 |                 |
| Investment property - detail                        | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Quoted investments                                  | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Other investments - detail                          | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                    | <b>0.00</b>        | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>0.00</b>     |
| <b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>    |                    |                  |                 |                 |
| Badge stock                                         | 1938.35            | 0.00             | 0.00            | 1938.35         |
| Shop stock                                          | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Uniform stock                                       | 1073.50            | 0.00             | 0.00            | 1073.50         |
| Land and buildings                                  | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Trailer                                             | 5039.00            | 0.00             | 0.00            | 5039.00         |
| Scouting equipment, furniture etc                   | 17037.82           | 0.00             | 0.00            | 17037.82        |
| Other                                               | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                    | <b>25088.67</b>    | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>25088.67</b> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                  |                    |                  |                 |                 |
| Accounts not yet paid                               | 116.29             | 0.00             | 0.00            | 116.29          |
| Expenses incurred but not invoiced                  | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Subscriptions not yet paid                          | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Loan - detail                                       | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Other liabilities                                   | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                    | <b>116.29</b>      | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>116.29</b>   |

## Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 20th September 2021 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

| Signature                                                                           | Print Name      |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
|  | ANN WALKINGSHAW | Chair     |
|  | LOUISE HAGGSON  | Treasurer |

**Annual General Meeting 2021**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021, 6:30pm

**Via Zoom**

**Present:** Chair - Ann Walkingshaw, Group Scout Leader - Alf Branch

Executive Committee Members - Lisa Stanaway (Leader), Kam Massey, Louise Hodgson, Gemma Pattinson, Clare Bethwaite, Jenny Walker, Dave Martin

Leaders, Young Leaders, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their families.

A total of 19 participants were in attendance.

The meeting was opened by Group Scout Leader Alf Branch, who welcomed and thanked everyone for joining the AGM. He explained how everyone attending tonight's meeting collectively makes up the Group Scout Council, and this is the AGM where the executive committee reports to the Scout Council. He gave an outline of proceedings and Zoom instructions.

**1. Welcome and Introduction:**

Ann introduced herself, welcomed and thanked everyone for joining tonight's virtual AGM.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence have been received from Jon Cheesewright (Leader), Allan Simpson (Deputy District Commissioner), Rebecca Rabie.

Elizabeth (District Commissioner), is hoping to join the meeting, technology permitting from a camp she is attending.

**2. Minutes of 2020 AGM:**

Copies of the 2020 AGM Minutes were emailed following last year's meeting.

The approval of the 2020 AGM minutes was proposed by Ann Walkingshaw and seconded by Kam Massey.

### **3. Presentation of Annual Report, including Annual Statement of Accounts: Ann Walkingshaw**

The Annual Report, including an Annual Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year 2019-2020, has been emailed to all members prior to the AGM. The report highlights 1<sup>st</sup> Hensingham Scout Groups activities, challenges and achievements over the past year.

Ann highlighted some of the key points:

All 9 members of the Executive Committee have continued to meet regularly on Zoom. Although it's been quieter than usual this year, we have had to produce and update COVID risk assessments for activities each time the restrictions and related Scouting guidance have changed.

In addition, time has been spent renegotiating our lease agreement and access arrangements with Hensingham School.

We continue to rent our equipment store at Sneckyeat Industrial estate, which has proved invaluable this year for easy access to equipment for all our outdoor meetings. We will be looking to extend the lease upon it's expiry in March 2022.

The Group applied for a grant from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner which meant we were able to purchase some portable lights and a temporary outdoor shelter for our outdoor face to face meetings in the dark. Many thanks go to this organisation for their support.

Ann thanked the Leaders Team and helpers for their continued dedication and hard work, who throughout a challenging year have made weekly sessions work online, on the school playground, in the woods, on the beach, and all sorts of other places.

Thanks, were also given to Hensingham Primary school for the use of the school and grounds as a base for our activities, and the staff there who arrange our access and lock up after us.

Finally wishing everyone in attendance a great Scouting year ahead, Ann thanked them for supporting the group.

**Leaders Presentations: Alf Branch**

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts continued to meet over Zoom, but thankfully are all back to weekly face-to-face meetings. All sections have offered camps and Scouts have their second camp in a few weeks. Considering the challenges and ongoing restriction all sections continue to be as strong as ever.

More help is always welcomed. The sections are particularly looking to increase the active support unit who help infrequently, at camps/events.

The Beavers section is as busy as ever. Really enjoy cooking, have grown vegetables from seeds, enjoyed 'Saving Water' science with United Utilities, took part in the RSPB Bird Watching Event, enjoyed walks at Moresby Parks, and the very popular slip and slide. Were at camp last weekend, activities included archery, hiking and all took part in the Cumbria Challenge.

Cubs have also enjoyed a wide range of activities; cooking on Zoom, Makaton sign language, a visit to the local fire station, a visit from a Viking, and lots more. Were also camping last weekend at Ennerdale.

Scouts are already looking forward to their second camp in a few weeks. Sessions have been very busy, lots of activities and badge work including cooking, Digital Citizen, first aid, climbing, walking, paddle boarding, and a very well stocked slime filled slip and slide! to name a few.

Full details of each section are included in the Annual Report.

### **Annual Statement of Accounts, Treasurer - Louise Hodgson**

The annual accounts were presented by Louise.

Group finances for the financial year 2020/2021 remain very healthy due to us receiving significant amounts of Covid Grants. This has enabled us to safely return to face-to-face scouting as some of the grant money has been used to make it a safe environment for all.

Following a members subscriptions review it was decided due to the ongoing impact and restrictions of covid, fees will remain the same, and covid grants used to offset any increase in costs.

With just over 100 members and approximately 30/40 new starters/leavers each year our subscription and subsequent accounts are constantly changing.

A major source of normal income continues to be our annual Gift Aid claim. Generating an income to just over £2400 this year. Louise encouraged anyone who hasn't signed up but eligible to complete the declaration on OSM.

The annual returns, year-end accounts for the previous year and updated trustee information were submitted to the Charity Commission.

Louise thanked all our sponsors and benefactors for their continued support during this year.

The approval of the report, including the Annual Statement of Accounts was proposed by Gemma Pattinson and seconded by Claire Bethwaite.

#### **4. Group Scout Leader's Nomination of Chair:**

As notified by email Ann is stepping down as Chair at this AGM. We have a new volunteer for the position Scout parent Dave Martin.

Alf nominated Dave, there were no objections, so the decision was carried. Dave is happy to take up the position.

#### **5. Election of Group Secretary and Treasurer:**

Gemma Pattinson has volunteered to continue as Secretary. Her re-election was proposed by Ann Walkingshaw and seconded by Louise Hodgson.

Louise Hodgson has volunteered to continue as Treasurer. Her re-election was proposed by Alf Branch, and seconded by Jenny Walker.

#### **6. Elections to the Group Executive Committee:**

Elected general representative Kam Massey, and parent representatives Clare Bethwaite and Jenny Walker are all willing to continue on the committee. Their re-election was proposed by Louise Hodgson and seconded by Alf Branch.

Leaders Lisa Stanaway and Jonathan Cheesewright, have indicated they are willing to continue to sit on the Executive Committee as charity trustees. Ann thanked them for their continued commitment.

Any attendees, who would be interested in joining the Executive Committee, were welcomed and encouraged to contact any member of the Executive Team.

## **7. Appointment of Independent Scrutineer:**

Thanks were extended to Emma Kelly who acted as our Independent Scrutineer this year. Emma has agreed to continue as Independent Scrutineer for next year.

Her appointment to this position was Proposed by Gemma Pattinson, and seconded by Clare Bethwaite.

## **8. Adopt resolution for quorums**

We are required to adopt resolutions for quorums of meetings.

At our meeting last week the Executive Committee agreed the following, which we put to the Scout Council meeting now.

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*The quorum for the meeting of the Group Scout Council (i.e., this one) will be ten members. Matters will be decided by the majority (i.e., at least half) of those in attendance.*

*The quorum of the group executive committee will be a majority, i.e., at least half plus one of the membership of the committee or sub-committee to be in attendance.*

*The number of members that may be elected to the group executive committee should be no more than 6, in addition to the ex officio roles of:*

*Group Scout Leader*

*Chair*

*Secretary*

*Treasurer*

*Section leaders*

Ann Walkingshaw proposed we adopt these resolutions and seconded by Alf Branch.

## **9. Presentations: Alf Branch**

- Ann Walkingshaw - 5 Year Service Award.
- Alf Branch - 20 Year Service Award.
- Mike Hawkrigg - 25 Years Service Award
- Stuart Kane - 15 Years Service Award
- Alf Branch, Lisa Stanaway, Jon Cheesewright, each received the Chief Scout Award for Merit earlier in the year.

#### **10. Any Other Business:**

Lisa and Alf - Thanked Ann for her hard work, time and effort as Chair. During her time Ann has made a massive contribution to the Group, helping us grow, improve procedures, develop opportunities and has secured many contracts, grants and sources of funding.

Lisa - Thanked everyone for attending and for their patience with another Zoom AGM. She expressed that all Leaders and the Executive Committee are keen to get back to normal, and are looking forward to returning to and holding as soon as possible a face-to-face social event for member and families.

**The meeting was closed.**