

1st Bispham
Scout & Guide Group

Annual Report
2020/2021

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Chairman and Group Scout Leaders Report

Writing this report we find ourselves reflecting on a totally different and challenging year. Lockdowns, and limitation on how we have been able to meet, or not, being the main topic of conversation throughout 2020/21. Despite the lockdowns we, as a group, have continued to provide "virtual meetings" when we have been able to and technology has allowed. This has been a challenging time for us all and especially the Leaders in the Group having to also do "home schooling" as well as Scouting and Guiding interactions wherever possible. One appreciates that "zoom sessions" are not for all and one is glad to be able to report that from April/May 2021 all Sections have been able to return to "face to face" meetings, albeit with some restrictions/regulations to safeguard everybody.

Despite the pandemic, we are delighted to see the number of members in each Section returning to pre pandemic numbers (pre pandemic/lockdowns) which we are sure will continue, as we look to start gradually and when allowed, to put on more activities and events

The success of the Group would not be possible without the help of all section leaders who continue to make 1st Bispham a great success. Our enormous and sincere thanks to all these leaders and volunteers (who of course give their time without recompense!).

Specific mention must go to the members of 1st Bispham team, who have received prestigious awards for their services to Scouting

- Philip Wheatley (Group Exec. member and Blackpool District Scout Leader) – 50 years long service award.
- Steve Smith – (Group Scout Leader) - 40 years Long Service Award.
- Keith Winter – (Asst. Cub Scout Leader) - 40 years Long Service Award.
- Peter Sanday – (Group Advisor & past Scout Leader) - 25 years long service award.
- Matthew Smith – (Asst. Beaver Scout Leader) - 10 years long service award and Chief Scouts commendation for good service
- David Cam – (Chairman of the 1st Bispham) -5 years long service award.
- Steve Winter – (Treasurer of 1st Bispham) – 5 years long service award
- Emma Hornby – (Beaver Scout Leader & ADC Beaver Scouts Blackpool) awarded the "Award of Merit". This award is given by the Scout Association for distinguished and long service to the movement.

Sincere congratulations to all the above who have given their time and dedication to the success of Scouting in Blackpool and specifically 1st Bispham Scout & Guide Group.

We are always on the lookout for new leaders for both our Scouting and Guiding sections. If any of you, as parents, would wish to help in anyway please don't hesitate to approach the appropriate section leaders.

In between "lockdowns" and when it has been safe to do so it has been safe to do so our "Tuesday Club" (namely Pete Sanday, Steve Williamson and Vic Meddings - who are retired from work and give their time on a weekly basis to assist in undertaking maintenance jobs

inside and outside) have maintained our superb HQ. - see page 6 of the report for the list of tasks completed. Again, on behalf of the Group Executive, we would like to thank them for the time they give and tremendous work they do, helping to ensure the 1st Bispham Headquarters remains in excellent condition.

In "normal" circumstances and to offset the increased running costs of the new building, we have been successful in hiring out the facility during the day to outside organisations. Obviously, this has not been possible this year. However, we have been fortunate to receive leisure and hospitality grants from the Government (due to Covid), which has offset this loss of income, which has helped tremendously. Eileen Sanday our "Bookings Secretary" is now starting to take new reservations for 2021/22, albeit these are dependent upon restrictions being lifted by the Government in the coming months.

Going forward we continue to look for new outside organisations to use the HQ (daytime predominantly) to help with ever increased running costs that the building will demands, to ensure this is kept to the excellent standard it is in today. If you know of anyone who may be interested in using our HQ, please let us know.

From a business perspective we will continue to carefully manage our finances to ensure that we can maintain the excellent facilities we have today in the condition we are sitting in now – together with some reserves, just in case.

Finally, it has been a challenging and difficult year for all of us. Hopefully, we are emerging from the pandemic and slowly being able to return to "normal" Scouting and Guiding activities in the coming months. We sincerely hope this is the case, and ask you to be understanding if we have to continue with some restrictions to safeguard us all.

We would like to wish you well and to remain safe over the forthcoming 12 months. Hopefully, next year's report will see us reflecting on the many activities 1st Bispham has been able to provide for the benefit of all its young people in Scouting and Guiding and as such we look forward to seeing everyone at 1st Bispham/these events in the coming year.

Thanks again

David Cam DL Chairman
Steve Smith Group Scout Leader

Treasurer's report

A different year in all respects has seen the Group show a healthy surplus in the last 12 months. This being mainly due to grants we have received as part of the Governments Leisure and hospitality support as a result of the pandemic. This has offset the income we would have normally received from "lettings" of the HQ, outside of our Scouting and Guiding activities. Donations/income in other areas, such as Xmas Fair and use of mini bus hire have also been impacted, albeit at the same time we have had the maintenance and insurance costs of the HQ to maintain.

We are up to date with claiming back gift aid from HMRC and once again a big thank you to all parents who have completed gift aid forms.

I would like to thank parents/carers for continuing in the payment of the monthly subscriptions. As promised and communicated we will be "crediting 50% of payments (made between April'20 -March'21) to each members account and using this to cover future camps/events. In addition, we will look to fund a Group event in the future, once restrictions allow us to do so.

Our overall bank balances are healthy, but we need to ensure that we maintain a "reserve" whilst at the same time ensure we can keep the fantastic building and facilities to the high standard that it currently is.

Steve Winter, Treasurer

'Tuesday Club'

A small group of retired people work hard behind the scenes striving to keep the Den functioning and to the standard that we have come to love and enjoy. (They also drink a lot of tea!).

Please note jobs only completed when restrictions have allowed us to do so, and when doing jobs these have been done respecting social distancing at all times.

Regular jobs include:

Mowing lawns, weeding and pruning bushes.
Application of weedkiller on Drive and Car Park.
Regularly checking Emergency Lights and replacing batteries.
Regularly checking Fire Alarm call points.
Maintenance (although doesn't always work for everyone) of printers.
AED (Defibrillator) readiness reporting.
And probably all sorts else

One off jobs this year include:

Fitting of new first Aid Cupboard.
Renewing First Aid Kits.
Erection of donated gates to provide barrier to side passage, woodpile and aerial.
Repairing back lawn after excavation by Electricity Company.
Improvements to Car Park lighting.
Installation of "Children Slow" warning sign on drive.

Apologies if I've missed any jobs out or not given credit where it's due, and many thanks to all who have helped in any way.

Pete, Tuesday Club

1st Bispham Scout and Guide Group

Income & Expenditure yr ending 31st March 2021

<u>2019/2020</u>			<u>2020/21</u>
Income			
£ 743.06	Xmas Fair	£	-
£ 4,776.20	Den Hire	£	1,045.00
£ 2,756.00	Weight Watchers	£	182.00
£ 1,500.00	Donations	£	21,337.00
£ 1,680.00	District Camp	£	-
£ 11,424.26	Subscriptions	£ 12,746.00	
	Less returned to Sections	£ 2,771.36	£ 9,974.64
£ 872.98	Interest Received	£	943.04
£ 2,514.50	Gift Aid - HMRC	£	3,181.56
£ 833.00	Mini Bus Donations	£	-
£ 886.07	Feed in Tariff	£	716.50
£ 572.00	District Storage	£	-
<u>£ 28,558.07</u>			<u>£ 37,379.74</u>
Expenditure			
£ 354.96	Sundry Expenses	£	282.22
£ 725.85	Den Gen. Maintenance/misc Expenses	£	363.31
£ 5,158.53	Den Running Costs	£	3,809.54
£ 1,787.64	Motor Expenses	£	1,424.28
£ 60.00	Bank Charges	£	69.50
£ 712.50	Badges/Books	£	774.22
-	Neckers	£	202.50
£ 551.50	Uniform Polo Shirts	£	-
-	Fire Ext. Service	£	214.95
-	IT/CCTV/Ext.light/Car Park Equip	£	1,140.12
£ 2,765.28	New Equipment	-	-
£ 180.00	St Georges Day	£	-
£ 2,204.80	District Camp	£	-
£ 1,060.00	Cleaner	£	-
£ 920.00	Trophy Cabinet	£	-
£ 4,810.50	Capitation(Membership of Scout & Guide Assoc)	£	3,602.00
£ 1,500.00	Defibrillator	£	-
<u>£ 22,791.56</u>			<u>£ 11,882.64</u>
£5,766.51	Surplus of Income over Expenditure		£25,497.10

Bank Balances			
£ 912.99	CAF Bank Gold	£	913.40
£ 8,708.87	CAF Bank Current Account	£	26,908.14
£ 66,700.99	CAF Fixed Rate Bond	£	67,637.36
£ 11,680.45	CAF Subs Account (see note 1)	£	18,059.74
£ 33.82	Cash in Hand	£	15.58
<u>£88,037.12</u>			<u>£ 113,534.22</u>

Note 1 - Balance includes £5,665.00 to be credited to members

Section Account Balances as at 31/03/2021

Rainbows	£	361.43
Brownies	£	455.17
Guides	£	596.00
Beavers	£	150.00
Cubs	£	200.08
Scouts	£	1,016.23

2019/2020

2020/21

Den Maintenance

£	1,060.00	Cleaner
		Mower Repairs
£	725.85	General Maintenance/upkeep
£	1,785.85	

£	-
£	48.30
£	315.01
£	363.31

Den Running Costs

£	1,434.00	Building/contents Insurance
£	713.07	Electricity
£	700.00	Ground Rent
£	428.02	Water Rates
£	776.16	Non- Domestic Rates
£	503.41	Gas
£	603.87	IT & Broadband
£	5,158.53	

£	1,372.55
£	564.34
£	700.00
£	295.51
£	-
£	513.56
£	363.58
£	3,809.54

Motor Expenses

£	638.43	Mini bus Insurance
£	820.81	Mini bus Service/repairs/MoT
£	163.40	Trailer repairs
£	165.00	Road Tax
£	1,787.64	

£	704.37
£	554.91
£	-
£	165.00
£	1,424.28

Fund Raising

£	743.06	Xmas Fair
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Donations

£	1,500.00	Ward Council
		Misc. donations
-		Government - Covid Grants
£	1,500.00	

£	-
£	100.00
£	21,237.00
£	21,337.00

Accounts Prepared by : Steve Winter

Date 26/04/2021

Checked by : Russell Eastwood

Date 20/5/21

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of 1st Bispham Scout & Guide Group

I report on the accounts of the 1st Bispham Scout & Guide Group for the year ending 31st March 2021.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As charity trustees of 1st Bispham Scout and Guide Group, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

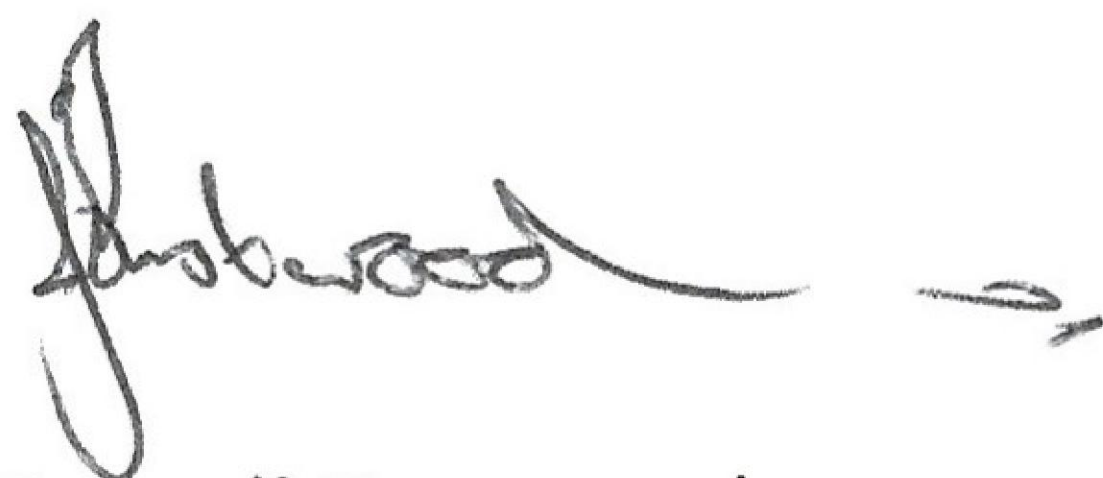
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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