

12th Widnes St Luke's Scout and Guide Group

Annual Report

April 2000 – March 2021

Introduction

The financial year from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 ended up being a very different year to any we had experienced previously and it is fair to say that the plans all groups had for the year had to be put on hold as we started April 2020 in a national lockdown due to Corona virus.

The national lockdown meant the 8 well established Scouting and Guiding groups who had, up until this point, met weekly in the HQ along with the other community groups who used the building, had to stop meeting in person and the building was closed.

The 8 uniformed groups based at Moon Meadow Head Quarters at this time were:

- ❖ 12th Widnes (St Luke's) Beavers
- ❖ 12th Widnes (St Luke's) Cubs
- ❖ 12th Widnes (St Luke's) Scouts
- ❖ 16th Widnes Rainbows
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- ❖ 16th Widnes Brownies
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- ❖ Widnes Aquila Explorers.

These groups afford opportunities for children and young people aged from 5 years to 18 years to get involved in uniformed group activities. The groups use Moon Meadow as the base for their weekly meetings, a safe place to undertake all sorts of fun activities including crafts, games, sports, badge work, cooking, camping, the list is endless... The children enjoy their time shared with their peers having fun whilst learning valuable skills, including first aid, orienteering, pioneering, camping, team working, but during this time none of this face to face activity was possible.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment, with members of the Executive Committee acting collectively as Charity Trustees of the Group.

During this difficult year the Executive Committee Members were unable to meet in person and the Annual Meeting, planned for May 2020, did not take place.

However, Committee members continued to communicate as required to support the progress of the roof project.

Moon Meadow HQ

The weekend before the first lockdown was announced, in March 2020, volunteers met at Moon Meadow to undertake a 'spring clean', which was a great success - many hands make light work. But unfortunately we weren't able to make the most of the premises after this as, due to lockdown, the premises closed and remained closed, during the remainder of 2020 and into 2021.

The work on the roof project continued on in the background meaning that outline plans for the project were agreed with our architects and project managers, Finlason Partnership, and then towards the end of 2020 we were able to apply for planning permission for the roof project, which was granted in December 2020.

This meant the focus for the beginning of 2021 was preparing to go out to tender for the roof works, at the beginning of April 2021; as by this point we had managed to reach our target and raise £100,000, which was our budget for the roof works.

12th Widnes Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

April 2020 found us in new territory with the first lockdown and none of our uniform groups were able to meet in person and so we kept in contact with our young people and their parents via social media and emails.

During the remainder of 2020 this situation did not change and it wasn't until early 2021 that our Beaver Group began to meet via Zoom, unfortunately our Cub and Scout were not able to meet virtually and so communication with them continued via social media and emails.

16th and 17th Widnes Rainbows and Brownies

As of April 2020 the guiding groups based at Moon Meadow were also unable to meet in person but as the year progressed and it became clear that the pandemic was not a short-term situation some of the groups began to meet again via Zoom.

Clare Liptrott

Exec Chair

Saint Lukes Scout and Guide Group

Income and expenditure account as at 31st March 2021

	2019 / 2020 £	2020 / 2021 £
Income / Fundraising		
Co-op	8040.69	
Sing along with Santa	443.17	
Arqiva	5692.13	12741.65
Donations in respect of the use of Moon Meadow	974.00	
Donations Charities Trust	768.22	
Government Grant		10000.00
Government Grant		2096.00
Government Grant		7335.00
Raise the Roof Campaign		
St Lukes Fayre	2000.00	
Urenco donation	250.00	
Donations and fundraising for "Raise the Roof"	2051.56	
Friends of Moon Meadow	1094.00	
Scouts Christmas Fayre	522.86	
Costa Cofee	146.49	
Recycling	501.20	
Rotary Club		250.00
United giving		23.00
Moon Meadow General Levy on members 2018/2019	156.00	
Moon Meadow General Levy on members 2019/2020	54.00	
Moon Meadow General Levy on members 2020/2021	848.00	126.00
Units fundraising (£200 per unit) 2017/2018	400.00	200.00
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Units fundraising (£200 per unit) 2019/2020	1000.00	
Contributions from units for sleepovers	83.00	
Donation from explorers		
TOTAL Income	25225.32	32771.65
Expenditure / Costs		
Services and Utilities		
Water	410.88	100.15

Telephone	84.00	60.00
British Gas - gas and electricity dual account	2655.59	1951.47
PlusNet	122.88	138.97
Insurance	1397.51	1578.88
TOTAL cost for Services and Utilities	4670.86	3829.47
 Building and equipment		
Building Maintenance	646.95	
Grounds maintenance		
Cleaning	819.00	
PA System		
Equipment purchases	244.45	566.25
Council Tax	219.24	
Depreciation	1831.00	1000.00
TOTAL Building and equipment costs	3760.64	1566.25
 Headquarters Capitation		
Safety signs		
First Aid supplies		
 Raise the Roof campaign		
Professional fees		3679.00
Charity collection boxes		
TOTAL professional fees		3679.00
 H Roberts - Fire extinguisher service	72.60	
Hire of the climbing wall		
Registration under the Lotteries Act	20.00	20.00
Balance sheet write off		
 TOTAL other costs	92.60	20.00
 TOTAL of all expenditure	8524.10	9094.72
 Surplus for the year	16701.22	23676.93

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2021

	2019 / 2020	2020 / 2021
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Headquarters (note 1)	76,000	76,000
Land (note 1)	12,000	12,000
Fixtures and Fittings (note 2)	0	0
Camping and other equipment	0	0
Electrical upgrade of the Headquarters	7,270 note 3	6,270
TOTAL Fixed Assets	95,270	94,270
Current Assets		
Yorkshire Bank Current account	93,437	118,114
Cash in hand	748	748
Capitation and fundraising 2019	0	0
Prepayments	0	0
TOTAL Current Assets	94,185	118,862
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Financed By:		
Balance brought forward	173821	190522
Surplus	16701	23677
Depreciation	-1067	-1067
TOTAL	189,455	213,132

Note 1: - The headquarters and its land are believed to have a market value which is at least equivalent to the

Note 2: - It is group policy to depreciate camping equipment and fixtures and fittings at 20% of their book value

Note 3: - Exec committee to decide on the life of the asset.

	Cost	Depn	NBV
Fixtures and Fittings (note 2)	2,358	2,358	0
Camping and other equipment	1,793	1,793	0
Electrical upgrade	10270	4000	6,270



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

St Lukes Scout and Guide Group

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2021

Charity no
(if any)

521703

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

26/1/2022.

Name:

IAN ANTHONY BAXTER

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

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None