



Scouts

1st HALESOWEN SCOUT GROUP

**Annual Accounts & Report
2020 -2021**

Registered Charity No. 524625

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Halesowen Scout g Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

5 2 4 6 2 5

HQ registration number

0 7 8 9 5

Charity's principal address

1st Halesowen Scout Centre

Elizabeth Road

Halesowen

Postcode

B 6 3 4 B G

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Mark Timmins	Joint Chair	
2	Claire Timmins	Joint Chair	
3	John Carter	Treasurer	
4	Alison Wood	Secretary	
5	Margaret McCann	Subscriptions Sec	
6	Sarah Reynolds	Group Scout Leader	
7	Paul Taylor	Assistant GSL	From 28/07/2020
8	Samantha Grinham		Resigned 29/09/2020
9	John Sankey		
10	Peter Case		
11	Danielle Baptiste		
12	Gail White		
13	Ian Dale		
14	Caroline Betteridge		
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Custodian Trustees	Name	Address
	Sandra Smith	
	Roger White	
	Cliford Shackleton	
	Anthony Alcock	

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Policies and procedures adopted for:

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

The Committee consists of 4 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Subscription Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual Section Leaders, parent's and supporters representatives and meets every month.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

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

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values: Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others. Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and: - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	
Contribution made by volunteers	<p>The Scout Group is indebted to a significant number of adult volunteers who give their time freely and at no cost to the Group. These include Leaders in the Sections, members of the Group Executive and a number of Supporters who assist the Group on an as required basis.</p>
Public benefit statement	<p>The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.</p>

Section D**Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year the youth sections managed almost no face to face meetings and had to rely on Zoom to maintain engagement with our young people. Despite the magnificent efforts of all our Leaders, our youth membership has declined by 27% and we have also lost the services of several adult volunteers. No subscriptions were charged for the first six months of the year and, together with the loss of our third party hire of the Scout Centre, has reduced income by over £20K. Fundraising totalled less than £1K. However this was significantly offset by Government grants that were made available. Whilst overheads were reduced we still required almost £800 per month to stand still. Hopefully 2021/22 will get us back to business as usual.

Section E**Financial Review****Reserves Policy**

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 3 months running costs, circa £4K.

Investment Policy

The Group's Income and Expenditure is required for day to day operations and as a consequence the Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

The COVID-19 outbreak has meant all activities and income is suspended. This is likely to have a significant effect of income from subscriptions, fundraising and rental income in the next financial year. Our reserves are sufficient to survive the current difficulties.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

JAN NGER TIMMINS ALISON ELIZABETH WOOD

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chair Secretary

Date

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1st Halesowen Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	01.04.2020	To	31.03.2021
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Receipts and payments

	2020/21			2019/20
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	3,693.00	-	-	14,114.00
Less: Membership subscriptions paid	3,871.50	-	-	5,148.00
Net membership subscriptions retained	178.50	-	-	8,966.00
Donations	1,114.50	-	-	622.51
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	3,462.42	-	-	-
Grants	7,573.20	12096.00	-	-
Sub total	11,971.62	12096.00	-	9,588.51
Fundraising (gross)				
Social Events		-	-	3,911.90
Other Events	985.21	-	-	3,189.25
Sub total	985.21	-	-	7,101.15
Activities				
Weekly programmes & activities		-	-	2,541.00
Camps	169.00	-	-	5,694.00
Duke of Edinburgh Award			-	1,680.00
Minibus & Equipment	25.00			440.00
Uniforms & Training	33.00	-	-	178.50
Sub total	227.00	-	-	10,533.50
Investment income				
Bank interest	-	-	-	-
Building Society interest	5.91	-	-	11.02
Property Rent income	1455.00	-	-	11,120.00
Other income	136.66	-	-	594.00
Sub total	1,597.57	-	-	11,725.02
Total Gross Income	14,781.40	12,096.00	-	38,948.18
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,781.40	12,096.00	-	38,948.18

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Receipts and payments



	2020/21			2019/20
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Youth programme and activities	2,158.47	-	-	4,519.27
Uniforms and training	10.00	-	-	796.20
Duke of Edinburgh Award	-	75.00	-	899.57
Camps	150.00	-	-	5,232.76
Electricity and Gas	1,078.59	-	-	1,905.72
Insurance	2,094.97	-	-	1,912.98
Repairs and Maintenance	951.92	-	-	3,000.78
Water and Sewerage	218.46	-	-	316.74
Equipment	154.12	-	-	1,434.20
Minibus	1,742.00	-	-	2,803.43
Cleaning and Sanitary	2,688.03	-	-	4,632.36
Security	1,463.03	-	-	1,259.64
Telephone and Internet	352.03	-	-	423.82
Administration	527.08	-	-	417.91
Donations	190.00	-	-	
Sub total	13,778.70	75.00	-	29,555.38
Fundraising expenses				
Social Events		-	-	2,673.16
Other Events	138.31	-	-	948.39
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	138.31	-	-	3,621.55
Total Gross Expenditure	13,917.01	75.00	-	33,176.93
Asset and investment purchases, etc.				
	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,917.01	75.00	-	33,176.93
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,960.39	75.00	-	5771.25
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	19231.65	-	-	13460.40
Cash funds this year end	32,192.04	75.00	-	19231.65

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31-Mar-21			31-Mar-20	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Bank current account	16,040.84	15,169.16	-	31,210.00	11,005.18
Bank deposit account	-	-	-	-	-
Building society account	-	-	-	-	7,487.22
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	907.04	-	-	907.04	739.25
Total cash funds	16,947.88	15,169.16	-	32,117.04	19,231.65
Other monetary assets					
Gift Aid outstanding	7,000.00	-	-	7,000.00	9,000.00
Hire charges outstanding from Non - Group users of the Scout Centre	-	-	-	-	140.00
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total				7,000.00	9,140.00
Investment assets					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total					
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
Badge stock	2,663.00	-	-	2,663.00	1,563.00
Uniforms	100.00	-	-	100.00	100.00
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	408,700.00	-	-	408,700.00	760,000.00
Motor vehicles	12,750.00	-	-	12,750.00	15,000.00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	42,500.00	-	-	42,500.00	50,000.00
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	466,713.00	-	-	466,713.00	826,663.00
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	20.00
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	20.00

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 13th April 2021 and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name	
	MARK TIMMINS	Chair
	JOHN CARTER	Treasurer

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the 1st Halesowen Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

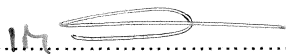
As the Group's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and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

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 1 to 3

Scrutineer's Statement

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

Signed.......... Name..... I.M. DALE

Address: 34 Birley Grove, Halesowen, West Midlands B63 1EP

Date: 11th April 2021

SIMPLIFIED FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2020 – 2021

	INCOME	EXPENDITURE
Membership Fees	3693.00	3871.50
Tax Refund (Gift Aid)	3462.42	
Grants / Donations	20783.70	190.00
Loan		
Rental Income	1455.00	
Interest	5.91	
	29400.03	4061.50
Fundraising:		
Balloon Race	378.19	12.00
Afternoon Tea	558.00	126.31
200 Club		
Xmas Meals		
Social Events		
Other Fund Raising	49.02	
	985.21	138.31
Overheads:		
Insurances	40.00	2094.97
Water Rates		218.46
Electricity		557.82
Gas		520.77
Secretarial/AGM/Audit/Printing		527.08
Internet		352.03
Fire & Security	96.66	1463.03
Cleaning & Sanitary		2688.03
Repairs & Maintenance		951.92
	136.66	9374.11
Section Operating Costs:		
Weekly Programmes & Activities		2158.47
Camps	169.00	150.00
Duke of Edinburgh's Award		75.00
Equipment		154.12
Uniforms & Training	33.00	10.00
Minibus	25.00	1742.00
	227.00	4289.59
TOTALS	30748.90	17863.51

Balance as at 31.3.20		19231.65
Excess income / expenditure 2019 – 2020		12885.39
Balance as at 31.3.21		32117.04
Funds as at 31.3.21	Building Society	
	Bank	31210.00
	Cash	907.04
Total		32117.04
Restricted Funds		
Duke of Edinburgh Award		1273.16
Building Fund		12096.00
Lutley Lunch Club		1800.00

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2021.

Where do we start, all we can say, is the past year has been one we will never forget!

In January 2020, we had various proposed fund raising events planned such as, quiz and race nights, a live music evening with the Pop Doctors, fayres, camps and much more. By March, as you know, everything stopped and Scouting was put on hold, with no face to face meetings allowed.

We have to thank the leaders and helpers who during the lockdown, have continued to check our Scout Headquarters. Jobs which are unseen but essential, to ensure we have a functional headquarters and mini buses for when we are able to return. A special thank you should go to Chris Sheppard, in helping with the upkeep of the grounds and the recent PAT testing.

With the ever changing nature of the pandemic, there has been a lot of behind the scenes planning (via zoom- something few of us had heard of at the start of 2020). This included preparing risk assessments and getting them approved by the District COVID Officer, ensuring that we had the necessary sanitisers and cleaning regimes plus the correct numbers of helpers and leaders, to make sure we could carry out face to face meetings. Sadly, this was only permitted for a few weeks as Dudley was placed back into Red- no face to face meetings were allowed due to the increase in COVID numbers.

Throughout this past year, whatever has been thrown at the leaders they have accepted the challenge. Virtual meetings have been organised across all sections which we know have taken time to plan and they have been very inventive with their ideas. Examples include virtual camps, sleep overs (including getting the children up to complete an activity during the night), delivering activity packs before the meetings and so much more. The hard work can be evidenced by the many badges that have been awarded and the number of children that have taken part in the events.

Events that deserve a special mention, are the baking of many Christmas cakes for delivering to the OAPS who usually support our annual Christmas OAP meal and to the scout troop in delivering 62 meals to residents who were isolated at home during this difficult time. The hard work by those involved was appreciated by the lovely comments received from the Halesowen Community and a special thank you letter was received from James Morris, our local MP.

Fundraising hasn't been easy this year. We have been fortunate to receive various grants from Dudley Council to help with our ongoing costs and we have been able to run two events; a Virtual Balloon Race and Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. Thank you to everyone that supported these events and a special mention should go to Caroline Betteridge, for having the inspiration for these. Thanks to everyone who also made these a success and in particular to the leaders and parents who did the baking of the many cakes for the 96 teas.

Our star baker being Melanie Case who as well as making the scones, also baked the Christmas cakes.

This year, more than ever, there have been many 'unsung heroes' who have helped the group. We would like to thank Sarah Reynolds (Group Scout Leader) who has helped to make sure the programmes have run smoothly and safely. Ian Dale as well as being a Scout Leader, has been checking the Scout Centre and carrying out the day to day maintenance of the centre. Members of the executive committee- Alison Wood (Secretary), John Carter (Treasurer), Caroline Betteridge, John Sankey, Margaret McCann (Subscriptions Secretary), Gail White and Peter Case have worked very hard over the last twelve months. Thank you all for your tireless work and support.

If anyone would like to help on the executive committee please feel free to call us on 07800 563174 or email claire.timmins@1sthalesowenscouts.org.uk.

Finally we would like to thank our members and their parents and guardians who have attended the events and for making all our efforts worthwhile. We both feel very proud to be associated with this group and we look forward to when scouting returns face to face, when the time is right.

Claire & Mark Timmins

Chairpersons Executive Committee.

GROUP SCOUT LEADERS REPORT 2021

What an eventful year we have all had. Never in a million years did I envisage that scouting would be delivered remotely. All sections have been working hard under very difficult circumstances this year and have continued to provide a variety of programmes, so that badges can be gained and the youngsters given knowledge of scouting and skills to last them a lifetime. Camping is one of the key parts of scouting and I'm happy to say that Beavers have taken part in sleepovers and the Scouts a virtual camp. The Cubs and Scouts are planning for virtual camps to take place over the next few weeks.

This year our membership numbers are down by about 25% however those youngsters who have remained within scouting have been enjoying a variety of activities that have tested our leaders knowledge and versatility when making programmes suitable for delivery online.

I would like to say a huge thanks to all the Leaders for their hard work and dedication to our youngsters and scouting, especially getting to grips with Zoom, Google Meet, break out rooms etc. They give up an enormous amount of time to ensure that we are able to provide a varied programme of events. Thanks to all members and their parents for helping to facilitate the section meetings and joining in whilst still engaging in completing badges at home. We have presented almost 600 badges during lockdown.

Financially this has been a difficult year for a number of people, especially charities who rely on fundraising to maintain their facilities. Please can I ask that in the coming year you try to support any of the future fundraising that we hold. If you have any fundraising that you feel we could offer in the future please don't hesitate to approach your child's leader or any member of the exec. Most fundraising is organised by a dedicated Executive team who are always looking for more help. If you feel that you could help with the Executive committee (the team that keeps the Scout Group above water), even on an ad hoc basis please either see me or our Chairperson.

I say this every year but my thanks go to all the Leaders, young and old, and to all of the supporters/helpers of the group. To the Executive Committee, Mark and Claire Timmins (our Chairs), Alison Wood (Group Secretary), Margaret McCann (Subscriptions Secretary) John Carter (Treasurer), Gail Jukes, John Sankey (200 Club, still numbers available only £1 per month per number), Danielle Baptiste, Peter Case, and Caroline Betteridge for all their help and support and to their partners for allowing them to give their time. The Executive Committee are the backbone to the group, without them we would not be so successful. A special mention must also be made to Ian Dale, who works tirelessly within the group looking after the repairs and maintenance of our facilities and equipment. Hiring of the centre is an important part of our group income as it provides a large portion so if you know

of anyone looking for somewhere to hire please put them in touch with me. Thanks go to Sam Grinham and Elaine Eustace who have chosen to 'retire' from the Executive Committee. I would like to thank them for all their help over several years.

Most of the Younger Leaders this year have chosen not to join in with the remote scouting, I'm hoping that they will return.

In terms of our Scouting team, I'm delighted to say that James Timmins and Malcolm Wood have taken on Leadership roles this year and we welcome them to the fold. We are always looking for more Leaders, Section Assistants and Occasional Helpers, to help us deliver our scouting programme. Likewise we're always on the look out for those that might want to lend a hand on the Executive Committee. If anyone is interested in helping in either of these capacities please have a chat with me, give me a call on 07773010995 or see your section leader.

On a personal note I would like to thank Tim and my family for all their support in what has been a difficult twelve months, onwards and upwards as they say. As a group we are hoping that all sections will be back to face to face Scouting by May. We'll keep you updated whilst we put the wheels in motion.

I look forward to an exciting twelve months ahead.

Yours in Scouting

Sarah Reynolds

Beaver Scout Report 2021

What a strange year we have had! One minute we can meet, then we can't, then we get back together for one week with a small group only to be closed again the following night. However we have achieved a lot over the past twelve months with Beavers gaining 189 badges - all remotely, and often by doing the work themselves. We have had lots of firsts - online meetings, (sharing screens, separate rooms - still not sure on how this works, thanks to Cathy I don't have to), online investitures, virtual sleepovers, a visit from a poet, a policeman, the bird of prey man to name just a few.

We have awarded lots of badges, including 1 Adventure Challenge, 1 Outdoor Challenge, 4 Personal Challenges, 1 Skills Challenge, 1 World Challenge, 1 Animal Friend, 14 Book Readers, 2 Builders, 1 Camp Craft, 5 Collectors, 8 Communicators, 19 Cooks, 10 Creative, 4 Cyclist, 17 Experiment, 3 Explore, 8 Faith, 6 Gardeners, 2 Hobbies, 13 International, 2 Photography, 4 Safety, 3 Space, 2 Sports 1 Communicators Activity Plus, 1 International Activity Plus. 1 Air Activity, 9 Digital Maker, 20 Nights Away, 1 Swimmer, 1 The Great Indoors, 1 Digital Citizen and 23 Joining In Badges. These have all been achieved with a lot of hard work from the Beavers, the Leaders and Parents.

It has taken a lot more thinking time to produce programmes that can be accessed online, some warranting home deliveries of resources. I cannot thank Cathy and Sarah enough for their support with this. Online Scouting may not be what we all had in mind, but the last twelve months has shown us how much we can achieve with creative and lateral thinking!

Leadership this year has been up and down with the Younger Leaders unable to join in with the online sessions due to the amount of work they have with their studies. I am hoping that once we go back to Face to Face Scouting that they may choose to return. I would like to thank the Leaders and Young Leaders for all you do and for all the help you have given me in making our colony one of the most successful.

Finally, we need your continued support. We are now short of Leaders on a Wednesday and need more Adult help. This could take the form of an Occasional Helper (someone who takes out a DBS with the group but doesn't progress to a full leaders warrant and only helps occasionally) or, you could opt to become a Full Leader with a progressive training programme. If we don't get any new Leaders we will have to start operating a parents rota.

On a final note we hope to see you again face to face by the end of April. Thank you for your continued support.

Sarah Reynolds, Beaver Scout Leader.

1st Halesowen Cub Pack Yearly Report 2020/2021

Well that didn't go as planned, did it!

2020 certainly was a different year, and not the one that Darren anticipated in his first full year of leadership in the movement, with camps, trips and other outdoor activities to look forward to, none of which actually happened!

We made the decision early on, that both Tromans and Shackleton packs should join together for the weekly meetings, and that we would alternate these between the Thursday and the Friday evenings, to try to allow as many cubs to join as possible. Trying to remember which night we were meeting each week, proved to be quite a challenge for the leaders, let alone the parents!

Over the past 12-months the cubs have earned over 200 badges, and we have done our best to get these delivered out to you all. These have ranged from the more traditional badges of Communicator and Backwards Cooking to the newer skills of Entertainer and Skater.

We have tried to embrace the new (to us) technologies and use the Google Meet service to maximise our interactions, this has included a visit from Joe's Birds of Prey, a photography session with LR Short Photography and utilising the 'break out rooms' when we have done a number of Escape Rooms. It hasn't all been hard work and graft though, we have tried to have some fun along the way, including a 'poo quiz' and 'Spijkerpoepen' which is a Danish game which Cubs play, where you try to get a nail, that is attached to your trousers with string, into a bottle placed on the floor!

We would like to thank the parents for the encouragement and support that you have provided us and your children in joining us on a weekly basis, and thank you for inviting us into your homes via Google Meet each week. We certainly look forward to getting back to face to face scouting activities as soon as possible, and seeing you all in the flesh.

We would also like to send huge thanks to Sarah M, James T, Malcolm W and Iestyn G who give up their evenings and weekends after hectic days at work, college or school in order to provide a balanced programme of activities for your children. Special thanks has to go to Paul T (Mr IT) as without him, the weekly invites would not go out, and we certainly wouldn't look so proficient with the technology. Paul thank you for making the online meetings 'simple' and making us look professional.

If you are interested in helping us, especially when we return to face to face scouting, please contact Tim Reynolds, Sarah Reynolds or myself to discuss how to get involved.

Yours in Scouting

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Darren Betteridge
Cub Scout Leader
Shackleton Pack

Tim Reynolds
Cub Scout Leader
Tromans Pack

Troop Report 2021

These last twelve months have been quite a challenge to keep the scout actively involved in activities but despite that they have achieved over 150 badges whilst being in lockdown.

Some of them have been involved in The Big Camp out, where they camped out in their gardens or built a shelter in their homes and completed activity over the week. We also linked up with a group from Australia. They showed how their scout groups ran and what sort of activities they did, some of the camps they went on were amazing.

Remembrance day we made paracord poppies and we celebrated Chinese's new year. Completed a treasure hunt on 'what 3 words' and went on a vertical farm tour. We've made pancakes and pizza and cake in a mug, not at the same time, we have done pioneering with a pen and strawberry laces

At Christmas, we cooked and delivered just over 50 Christmas meals for the elderly. I would like to thank all the parents and leaders and scouts who helped to make it a great success

A big thank you to Sarah Jane and Stephen who have done a fantastic job on running our Zoom Meeting.

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