



# Scouts

**6th Holme Valley  
(Trinity Church, Honley)**

## Annual General Meeting Reports

April 2020-2021

Charity Number 524744

## **Scout AGM Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

8.00pm Honley Scouting HQ

**Present:** David Gill (DC Holme Valley & Stand in Chair), Kat Finlayson (GSL) Fiona Roberts (Secretary), Joy Fieldsend (Thor Cub Leader), Barry Suddick (Scout / Explorer Leader), Ian Higgins (Atlas Cub Leader), Helen Eldon, Claire Fairlie, Kirsty Gedney (Beaver Leader), Joyce Draper (Trinity Church Representative), Gill Andrews, Leah Shaw, Russell Smith (Deputy DC), Anna Jowett, Diane Lee

**Apologies:** Louise Palmer (Treasurer), Mick Jessop (DC for Huddersfield SE and Holme Valley), Tessa Willis, Tim Hawkins, Lynn Bradbury, Charles Greaves, Joan Vevers

1. David Gill welcomed everyone to the meeting, great to be able to meet in person after so long.

All reports were photocopied and given out.

2. Minutes from the 2020 AGM were proposed by Barry Suddick and seconded by Claire Fairlie.

### **3. Reports**

GSL Report, Kat Finlayson

Beaver's report Kirsty Gedney. Hoping to split into 2 groups again now.

Thor Cub's report Joy Fieldsend.

Atlas Cub's report Ian Higgins

Scout's & Explorer's report Barry Suddick. Thanks to Elliott and Cheryl for their hard work, they stepped down as Explorer Leaders this year.

Treasurer's report was circulated. Accounts were proposed by Barry Suddick and seconded by Kirsty Gedney.

### **4. GSL's nominations for Group Exec:**

Chair: Vacant

Treasurer: Louise Palmer

Secretary: Rebecca Lowe

The 2021/2022 Executive Committee will consist of Kat Finlayson, Louise Palmer, Claire Fairlie, Leah Shaw, Joy Fieldsend, Kirsty Gedney, Barry Suddick, Helen Eldon, and Rebecca Lowe.

The Group need a Chair. Kat and David Gill will help to recruit for this vacancy. We also need another Leader for Scouts so that Barry can focus on Explorers. Please get in touch if you can help or know of anyone who might be interested.

Fiona Roberts stepped down as Secretary and from the Exec, KF thanked Fiona on behalf of the committee.

5. David Gill gave thanks to the Leaders of the Groups and to the Exec Committee, especially to Louise for doing a great job of the accounts during this difficult year and successfully obtaining grants on behalf of 6<sup>th</sup> Holme Valley. Thanks also to Sandra Whiteley for all her work with 6<sup>th</sup> Holme Valley. Sandra is now doing some great work with the District.

David was impressed by the Zoom meetings and the face to face meetings that the Group have managed over this difficult year.

David awarded Joy Fieldsend a ten year long service award (although actually Joy has been with us considerably longer than ten years!) and also a Commendation certificate for going above and beyond her duty in her role as Cub Leader, well done Joy!

6. David Gill thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

6th Holme Valley Scout Group  
Analysis of Receipts and Payments

**Receipts**

Subscriptions	4,782
Gift Aid	4,689
Fund Raising Xmas Trees	1,821
Trip Refunds	2,475
Donations	10
Grant Income	19,431
Sundry Income	17
Interest	24
	<b>33,249</b>

## Expenses

### Premises Costs

Light and Heat		1,603
Insurance	2 years	2,456
Property Repairs		2,397

6,456

### Training and Uniforms

Badges	157
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### Activities

Thor Club Panto	146
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### Minibus Expenses

Insurance	713
Fuel	34
Repairs	205
RFL	110

1,062

### Administration

H3G	270
Website	167
Accountant	150
Go Cardless Charges	177
Postage and stationery	18
Software subs	149

931

### Subscriptions

Capitation	3,360
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### Sundry

Leaver Gifts	254
Sundry items	94
Equipment	466

814

### PPE

399

### Total Expenses

13,325

### Net Receipts

19,924

## Group Scout Leader Report April 2020-2021

It has certainly been a strange year, I never pictured myself doing Simon Says or investing members over zoom!

All the Leaders, have fully embraced the challenges and really have done an amazing job at keeping Scouting going through the Pandemic. From Beavers stood in hoops to social distance or running around their houses trying to find objects for scavenger hunts to Explorers dressing up as Superheroes - It certainly has been eventful!

All sections have done cooking or baking over zoom – I do think that was a definite success, not only because we didn't have to clean up the mess!

We have had Virtual Christmas Parties dancing and playing games over zoom and some took part in the Virtual BIG Camp sleeping in tents in their own gardens.

Along the way there were a few sad goodbyes; Sandra left the group after nearly 20 years of being with us, she has moved on in her scouting journey to be the DDC Activities for the under 11's.

Cheryl & Elliot our Explorer Leaders also left us at Easter, closely followed by our Chairman Dawn.

A big thank you to all four, for the hard work that they have put into the Group, and we wish them all the best for the future.

Although there has been loses, we have gained members too; Tom Parrish has joined us in the Beaver section as Assistant Section Leader and Lynne Bradbury and Gareth Firth have joined us in Thor Cubs as Assistant Section Leader and Section Assistant respectively.

Not only have the Leaders been doing a fantastic Job, but the Exec Team have been using the time that the Young members haven't been meeting indoors to start Refurbishing the Scout Hut. We have scrubbed, sanded and painted inside and out – a huge thank you to everyone involved!

A massive thank you though to Barry – he has upgraded the lighting throughout the building and outside, put shelves up, fixed doors, concreted, shovelled, tidied, and done more strimming than imaginable! Not to mention taking on the Explorers as their new Section Leader!

So I think, although the year has certainly been a rocky one, it has highlighted just how brilliant the Volunteers are here at Honley and I really am so proud to be part of the Team – we just need some more people to join us!

Kat Finlayson

Group Scout Leader

## Beaver report

This year has been a very strange one. We merged the two groups as numbers had dropped and Sandra ran the group with Tom, Kat and myself supporting her. As she moved to work with the district, I have taken on the role of leader for beavers where we started with 15 regular beavers.

We started back during lock down doing zoom videos where we covered healthy eating looking after our bodies and we also had the beavers cooking which was fun and challenging at the same time, we also managed to work through the disability badge.

Once able to move meetings back to face to face, we had 25 beavers, so we split them in half and saw them come along every other week. We covered gardening outside and communication both at home and outside the scout hut. All this was done while finishing off badge work needed for the bronze award of those ready to move up to cubs.

Now we have 30 beavers on our books and more ready to start in September. We have done nerf wars team work and games as well as looking at the foundation of what it means to be part of the scouting world.

Kirsty Gedney

## **6<sup>th</sup> Holme Valley– Thor Cub Pack Annual Report April 2020 – July 2021**

**Current Leaders:** Joy Fieldsend, Sean East, Lynne Bradbury, Gareth Firth.

### **Activities - highlights**

Our Zoom meetings started in May 2020 and continued up until Summer. In Autumn we managed a total of 5 real meetings before we locked down again and Zoomed from early November well into the New Year. Highlights of our online meetings included scavenger hunts, quizzes, lots of games (some led by Cubs) and two evenings of cooking with a 'World' theme, so mostly Chinese and Italian dishes were on the menu. We also had a virtual Christmas party where we practised using sign language along to 'Jingle Bells'!

Meetings in person began again in April 2021 and highlights were several hikes, a visit to Bradley Wood to do den-building with Sandra, a visit to White Wolf's to do axe-throwing and rifle-shooting, grass-sledging and a blindfold trail (twice), pond-dipping in Magdale Dam (the first ever time a Cub has fallen in!) and of course water games and a water-pistol fight (plus BBQ) to finish off the year.

At all of our meetings the pack has been split in two halves to enable better interaction on Zoom and social-distancing when face-face. One good thing about all but two of our face-to-face meetings being outdoors is that a record number of Cubs will have completed their Adventure Challenge and Naturalist badges in a relatively short space of time. Feedback from parents shows how much the Cubs have enjoyed outdoor meetings and we need to build on this success and do more outdoor meetings in the future.

### **Camps**

Obviously camps have not been allowed due to Covid, but 5 or 6 Cubs took part in the Virtual Big Camp in May 2020. We also have a joint Thor & Atlas Camp booked at Whitley Beaumont from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> September and are looking forward to it very much! We really missed our annual Winter Camp in January (formerly at the Guide Cottage in Holme) and sadly this has been sold, so the end of an era.

### **Members & Investitures**

Membership is now at 28, with 12 new Cubs since September and one transfer from Atlas. Five Cubs left during the pandemic period. Two investitures were carried out 'virtually', during a Zoom meeting and 10 Cubs have been invested since face-to-face meetings restarted.

### **Badges**

Skills, Adventure, Personal, World and Team Leader, Teamwork and Outdoor Challenge Award badges were awarded. Also Artist, Chef, Communicator, Disability Awareness, Entertainer, Hikes, Home Help and Naturalist activity badges. Since the last AGM, 3 Cubs have earned their Chief Scout's Silver Awards.

### **Leavers/Leadership Changes**

Lynne Bradbury joined as an Assistant Cub Leader in September and we have recently welcomed Gareth Firth as an Assistant Leader, though he cannot come every week. In October, Finlay Shortt joined us as a Young Leader and is doing a grand job. Our other Young Leader, Christopher Martin, left in June after over two years helping us at Thor. He did a great job and will be missed.

Our GSL Kat Finlayson has stepped in on many occasions when we needed more adult helpers, so many thanks for this.

**And finally...** thank you parents for sticking with and supporting us through the pandemic. And thank you Cubs for just carrying on as normal really (apart from social-distancing, obviously 😊). Looking forward to getting the whole pack back together in September 😊

*Akela xx*



## **6<sup>th</sup> Holme Valley Honley Atlas Cubs**

### **AGM Report Sept 20 – July 21**

#### **Autumn Term**

##### **Sept 20 – Oct 20**

We had 2 face-to-face socially distanced meetings in which we did a walk to Oldfield and Honley Woods to do some den building.

##### **Nov 20 – Dec 20**

Due to Covid restrictions we did virtual meetings on zoom every 2 weeks. We covered the Astronomy Activity badge and cooked a dish from around the world for the World Challenge Badge. We also had an online Christmas party, the cubs wore Christmas jumpers, ate a Christmas treat together, sang a song and made Christmas crackers.

##### **Spring Term: Jan 21 – March 21**

We continued with the bi-weekly virtual meetings and worked towards completing the Challenge Badges to enable the older cubs to achieve the Cub Scout Silver Award. This included the cubs learning the Countryside code and going on a family walk to complete the Outdoor Challenge Badge. For the Personal Challenge Badge, they completed a personal challenge and a leader's challenge which involved being physically active. The older cubs led a Pack Forum in which they discussed what activities they would like to do when we returned to face-to-face cubs after Easter. They suggested many exciting outdoor activities, and these are pictured below, and we organised them as activities in the Summer Term Programme. We awarded the Silver Awards to the cubs that had achieved them, and 4 cubs moved up to scouts.

##### **Summer Term: April 21 – July 21**

We resumed face-to-face meetings. The groups were split into 2 groups of 10 and 15 cubs. We began with a hike to Oldfield. The following week we did a bike skills session at Honley JIN School in which the cubs learned how to do the ABC bike safety check and helmet check. We also did some simple bike and endurance skills. This information was used to safely organise the cubs into groups of cycling ability for the bike ride on the Transpennine Trail.

Our outdoor camping skills were practised when we put up tents and lit campfires and cooked sausages outside the Scout hut. We also visited Bradley Woods Scout Centre in which we did den building, toasted marshmallows, sang camp songs and 13 cubs were invested by Sandra Whitley who organised the event.

We spent the recent weeks attending axe throwing and shooting activities at the White Wolf Bushcraft & Survival School with Alan and Sandra Whitley. The cubs enjoyed this immensely.

The final meeting for this term we are having a campfire evening when the cubs will cook quesadillas on the campfires, that they will light using flint and steel and we will be awarding the badges that they have achieved this year. We have also planned a joint cub camp with Honley Thor Cubs 4-5<sup>th</sup> September at Whitley Beaumont Scout Camp.

Seven parent helpers came on the bike rides and one parent helpers and 2 scouts have helped with the campfires. We are very grateful for their support as we could not have carried out these activities without them. It has been a challenging but very rewarding year. We managed to keep

the meetings running over lockdown though it has been great to returning to face-to-face meetings with the cubs.

Akelas Cath, Becky and Ian

The activities that the cubs decided in the Pack Forum that was then used to create the programme for the summer term.



**The Reports for the Scout & Explorer Sections were given verbally at the Annual General Meeting by Barry Suddick.**



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

6TH HOLME VALLEY (TRINITY CHURCH)  
SCOUT GROUP

524744

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2020	To	Period end date 31/03/2021
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Subscriptions	4,782	-	-	4,782	18,799
Activities					10,960
Gift Aid	4,689	-	-	4,689	
Fund Raising	1,821	-	-	1,821	2,543
Trip Refunds (after reimbursement)	2,475	-	-	2,475	-
Donations	10	-	-	10	838
Grant Income	19,431	-	-	19,431	-
Sundry income	17	-	-	17	2,245
Interest Received	24	-	-	24	86
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>33,249</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,249</b>	<b>35,471</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>33,249</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,249</b>	<b>35,471</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Premises Costs	6,456	-	-	6,456	3,412
Activities	146	-	-	146	15,684
Training & Uniforms	157	-	-	157	1,893
Minibus Costs	1,062	-	-	1,062	4,613
Administration	931	-	-	931	1,950
Subscriptions	3,360	-	-	3,360	5,934
Donations	-	-	-	-	70
Sundry	814	-	-	814	979
PPE	399	-	-	399	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>13,325</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,325</b>	<b>34,535</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>13,325</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,325</b>	<b>34,535</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>19,924</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,924</b>	<b>936</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>21,374</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,374</b>	<b>20,438</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>41,298</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,298</b>	<b>21,374</b>



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Baricays Account	23,975	-	-
	Yorkshire Businding Society	17,323	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>41,298</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
6<sup>th</sup> Holm Valley Scout Group

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

524744

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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 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.

Signed:

Date:

19/05/2021

Name:

Richard Simpson

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

ACCA

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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