

Scout AGM Monday 19th 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 6th Holme Valley. Thanks also to Sandra Whiteley for all her work with 6th 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.

Minutes Proposed by: Seconded by:.....
Date:.....

Group Scout Leader Report April 2021-2022

When I came to write this report, I must admit - I had to check my dates. It is hard to believe that this time last year we were still under so many restrictions due to the pandemic.

I firstly would like to thank all our Leaders from Beavers through to Explorers for their continued commitment to Scouting and our Young Members. They all succeeded in keeping scouting safe throughout, managing social distancing, disinfecting equipment – and hands, all while trying to be heard through face masks! Well done everyone!

All sections had a busy year despite those restrictions, completing lots of badges and having lots of fun! All sections have awarded Chief Scout Awards to members, from the Beavers getting their Bronze Awards to an Explorer receiving her Chief Scout Platinum Award.

We are also very lucky to have two of our Explorers; Alfie Turton and Rory Fairley, successfully selected to join the UK Contingent attending the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in 2023. Well done to both. Please support them in their fundraising for this amazing experience.

Most sections are now full - with more wanting to join. We had such a long waiting list for Beavers, that in September we re-opened the second Beaver Section.

We have also had the exciting news that we can now open up a new Scout Section at Honley called the Squirrels for 4-6 year olds. At the minute however, we do not have enough leaders or volunteers to do so. If you or someone you know might be able to help at all, please, please let me know so that we can get it up and running.

We have had some sad goodbyes - Fiona our Secretary, stepped down at the last AGM and Sean had his final meeting as a Section Assistant at the Joint Cub Camp. A big thank you to both, for the hard work that they have put into the Group, and we wish them all the best for the future.

We do have some new faces though; we have three new Section Assistants - Claire Hallas has joined us in the Beaver Section, and Jill Falkingham and Andy Lowe in the Thor Cubs. Vicky Booth has also joined us on the Executive Committee as our new Secretary.

Lynne Bradbury has said goodbye to Thor Cubs, but has moved up to Scouts to be their Section Leader.

The Honley Show was back, and although on a much smaller scale the chocolate Tombola did extremely well – so much so that we ran out of Chocolate! We made sure that we had a lot more at the Honley Christmas Fayre, which was also a huge success.

We had a good turnout at the Remembrance Service thank you to all for attending and looking so smart.

Disappointingly, we had to cancel our Christmas Carol Service for the 2nd year running, but we hope that this year it will be back for everyone to enjoy.

The Exec team have been busy again, and after many a meeting, the new Kitchen was agreed on and purchased. I think you'll agree that is a massive improvement and we hope that not only will it be majorly beneficial to all Sections, but also to any member's families who wish to hire the Scout Hut for their own functions.

So I think, it has been a fantastic year, we have a brilliant group of Volunteers 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

EXEC REPORT FROM APRIL 2021 – APRIL 2022

April 2021 saw the restart of face to face meetings across groups as things opened up after the second big lock down. At this time we had around 100 children still attending the groups. By July 2021 groups were back in full swing and the limits that there were on group sizes were removed.

By December restrictions were changing again, resulting in children 11+ having to wear face coverings. Sadly, we had to cancel the Xmas Carol Event on 17th December due to the rise of the omicron variant and not wanting lots of people to have to isolate over the Xmas period.

Funding & Significant Expenditure

We were lucky enough to receive a grant which provided support for the running of the group in April 2021 – this supported the group with ongoing running costs. The minibuses were expensive this year, with MOT costs of around £2700 and their insurance costing around the same. We also had roof and electrical repairs which cost over £1500 and replaced the alarm system. Capitation cost – which is the sum we pay to Scouts – was in excess of £6,000.

We were the Polling Station and received some unexpected funding from this. We also received funding from the use of the minibuses at the Honley Open Gardens event in July 2021.

The chocolate donations from the ‘out of uniform’ meetings went to the Honley Show and the Xmas Fair Chocolate Tombolas – and continue to raise much needed funds for the group.

We have also had some success with the renting out of our minibuses and trailers to other groups.

HQ

Work continued on HQ painting and refurbishing. A massive thanks to Barry Suddick and Kat Finlayson. Barry is able to turn his hand to anything and was the driving force in rationalising all of the equipment at HQ. Kat Finlayson was responsible for enlisting volunteers to paint/clean/tidy HQ – as well as never being seen without a paintbrush in her hand for about two months. The day that the cream carpet in the BP room was replaced for laminate flooring had to be the highlight of the refurb.

The decision was made to use some of the funding received to replace the kitchen at HQ

LOOKING PAST APRIL 2022

At last, the new kitchen went in over the summer holidays.

We are looking forward to the starting of the new Squirrels group for 4 -6 year olds.

We desperately need new leaders and assistants (to support our leaders). We are also pretty thin on the ground in exec. It would be great if there were people out there who could help with fundraising and continued improvements and generally keeping ‘the wheels turning’.

A FINAL WORD

To our Leaders and Assistants massive thanks. The time that you give makes a huge difference to the young people in our community and the growing numbers that we have in the groups are testament to all that hard work.

A last word for Barry Suddick who was awarded the highest honour in Scouting – the Medal for Meritorious Conduct.

Beaver report

Leaders: Kirsty Gedney, Tom Parrish, Kat Finlayson & Clare Hallas.

Since the last AGM meeting, we have set up a second beaver group which runs on a Tuesday. Both groups start at 6 and finish at 7.15. Both groups have the same activities and badge aims to try and give both groups of beavers the same experience and to make things easier on the leaders who cover both nights. When we do camps and other extra activities, both groups are invited to join together, which helps as some have friends in the opposite group, giving the opportunity to work with people they don't always get the chance to work with. We currently have 22 beavers on Monday and 25 on Tuesday. We have had 9 move up to cubs and 6 of those have received the bronze award.

Over the last year we have been out for a number of walks, including nature walks map reading and exploring new places. The beavers have enjoyed adventurous activities both with the district organised days, where they were able to have a go on the cave bus, try archery, axe throwing and tobogganing, to name just a few, to the activities we have organised e.g., grass sledging in Meltham and laser tag in the woods.

The beaver team have tried to make the most of the nice weather by going to Magdale and doing pond dipping visiting Bradley wood for den building and fire lighting, and flying kites in the park on Meltham road.

This year we managed to have an indoor camp in the scout hut, which we called Easter camp due to it being during the Easter holiday. The beavers were put into groups and had to make their own pizza for tea as well as put up their own tent and make their beds. The beavers were also given a fleece to make a camp blanket. The camp was a huge success with 22 beavers coming along and 20 sleeping. We even managed to get some sleep.

We have managed to cover 11 badges which are World, Adventure, Teamwork, Explore, international, skills, outdoor, emergency aid, gardening, experiment and safety, while almost completing camp craft and communication. Unfortunately, due to extreme heat we had to cancel our last meeting but I am sure we will complete these badges over the next few terms.

The beaver team would like to thank the people who support us by helping each night, we have a great young leader who we find a great support along with parents who stay to help out. We really enjoy the activities we do and seeing the beavers grow as individuals is amazing.

The last thing I would like to add is that we still need someone who can commit to helping every Tuesday. We ideally need someone who is available every week through the school term, this doesn't have to be a parent, so if anyone knows someone who may like to help, please give them the details of the beaver team.

Thank you

Zebra

(Kirsty Gedney)

Atlas Cubs, 6th Holme Valley Scouts

Yearly Report 2021-22

Leaders: Cath Kirby, Becky Driver, Ian Higgins, Kirsty Gedney

We have had a very successful year, with a busy and exciting program. We have always had a full cub pack with numbers reaching 28 members at times. Our aim is to undertake exciting activities, with the emphasis on being active and outside as much as possible. Due to the large numbers, we often had to split into 2 groups and alternate the activities. We are able to do this with the numbers of leaders we have at present and with the help of the parent helpers.

During the year we have worked towards many Challenge and Activity badges. The cubs have achieved the Backwards Cooking badge and frequently practice basic firefighting and campfire skills. Our cubs can now make bread, cook pizza, quesadillas, sausages, stew and s'mores on a fire! They achieved their Pioneering badge and they really enjoyed making the knot-boards. The Road Safety badge was achieved with the help of a police parent helper who came to speak to the cubs. The Science badge involved many experiments carried out with equipment borrowed from the University.

Organised activities have included a Lego evening, den building in Honley woods, walking to Oldfield, Archery at Bradley woods, skateboarding at Honley skate park, fencing and Laser-tag in Neilly woods. We have also enjoyed creative evenings when the cubs have made marble runs, Christmas decorations, origami cards for Mothers' Day, poppies for Remembrance Sunday and a 3-D map of their home village. We have held a talent evening, in which there was no pressure to participate, but they all took part just for fun!! We usually finish with a party at the end of the term. Atlas and Thor cubs enjoyed a fun-filled, exciting joint cub camp in June at Whitely Beaumont Scout Camp.

Our cubs are happy, fun and have developed some lovely friendships over the past year. The challenge of organising and delivery a fairly complex program to keep the cubs busy, engaged and happy throughout the year is possible due to the team spirit of the leaders and the support from the parent helpers.

6th Holme Valley– Thor Cub Pack Annual Report September 2021 – July 2022

Leaders: Joy Fieldsend, Gareth Firth, Jill Falkingham, Andy Lowe, Kat Finlayson.

Activities – highlights

We had a:

Night-hiking, pioneering, knot-tying, nature-learning, fire-lighting, backwoods cooking, apple-bobbing, guy-making, minestrone-cooking, Free-clime bouldering, Spider-playing, team-building, problem-solving, yoga-stretching, carol-singing, board games-playing, Lego-building, Chinese New Year-celebrating, First-aiding, map-reading, tent-pitching, scavenger-hunting, Panto-going, litter-picking, grass-sledging, geocaching, water-fighting

... kind of year.

It's great to be back to normal Scouting!

Camps

We had our really fun summer camp joint with Atlas at Whitley Beaumont (32 Cubs) from 3rd – 5th September 2021, then repeated this on 10th – 12th June 22 with 35 Cubs attending – another great camp with good weather.

We also did our first indoor camp at Scammonden activity centre from 1st – 3rd April with 21 Cubs. We did a hike with cryptic clues, baking, learnt a lot about water and the environment and moorland, played table tennis, used the bouldering wall, did team challenges and had a barbecue. (I think we'll go there again this winter!)

Members & Investitures

Membership is now at 29, with 16 new Cubs since September 2021.

Badges

Skills, Adventure, Personal, World and Team Leader, Teamwork and Outdoor Challenge Award badges were awarded. Also Artist, Chef, Global Issues, Emergency Aid 3, Navigator 2, Pioneer, Disability Awareness, Entertainer, Hikes, Home Help, Collector, Astronomer and Naturalist activity badges. Since the last AGM, 3 Cubs have earned their Chief Scout's Silver Award.

Leavers/Leadership Changes

Sean East left at the beginning of September and Andy Lowe and Jill Falkingham joined the team as Assistant Leaders. Our Young Leader Finlay Shortt left at Christmas and in September Abigail Fieldsend joined as a Young Leader. Christopher Mears also became a Young Leader in March 2022.

And finally... thank you parents for supporting us as Parent Helpers. Thank you Thor Leaders for being a great team. And thank you Cubs for joining in and having fun!

Akela xx

Scouts Report 2021/2022

Leaders: Barry Suddick, Simon Kirby, Lynne Bradbury, Ian Higgins

During the last year, as scouts, we continued to recover from the impact from the pandemic. For some, returning to the scout hut, was more challenging and full of change. 6 scouts successfully continued with the scouting movement moving up to Explorers and a similar number transferred from cubs to scouts.

During the scouts, the scouts had the opportunity to complete two challenge badges (creative, and teamwork) and a number of activity badges. During the year, scouting activities included

- Bowling night in Huddersfield
- Outdoor cooking
- Hikes
- Shooting night
- BBQ night
- Kayaking at Salendine Nook
- Fire lighting and making Swedish candles
- Pioneering night
- Paracord bangles
- Teamwork games
- Understanding the values of scouts
- Wide games in Honley woods

6th Holme Valley Explorers Report 2021/2022

Leaders: Barry Suddick, Alan Whiteley

During the last year, as explorers, we continued to recover from the impact from the pandemic. We had 6 scouts move up to Explorers and one Explorer achieve her Chief Scout Platinum Award.

Explorer's activities this year have included:

- Bowling night in Huddersfield
- Sailing at Green Withens
- Outdoor cooking
- Indoor cooking
- Hikes
- Shooting night
- BBQ night
- Kayaking at Leeds Road
- Canoeing at Leeds Road
- Drop off hike
- Cooking competition
- Fellendale race from Skipton to Leeds
- Fire lighting and making Penny burners and Swedish candles
- Sports night competition with Holmfirth
- Pioneering night
- Games night in the woods with Holmfirth



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
01/04/2021

To

Period end date
31/03/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	15,576	-	-	15,576	4,782
Activities	2,925	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	2,377	-	-	2,377	4,689
Fund Raising	1,313	-	-	1,313	1,821
Trip Refunds (after reimbursement)	-	-	-	-	2,475
Donations	2,559	-	-	2,559	10
Grant Income	8,000	-	-	8,000	19,431
Sundry income	-	-	-	-	17
Interest Received	137	-	-	137	24
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	32,887	-	-	Cross Add Error	33,249
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	32,887	-	-	32,887	33,249
A3 Payments					
Premises Costs	14,092	-	-	14,092	6,456
Activities	4,502	-	-	4,502	146
Training & Uniforms	2,238	-	-	2,238	157
Minibus Costs	4,743	-	-	4,743	1,062
Administration	1,457	-	-	1,457	931
Subscriptions	6,270	-	-	6,270	3,360
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry	201	-	-	201	814
PPE	-	-	-	-	399
Sub total	33,503	-	-	33,503	13,325
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	33,503	-	-	33,503	13,325
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 616	-	-	- 616	19,924
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	41,298	-	-	41,298	21,374
Cash funds this year end	40,682	-	-	40,682	41,298

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Account	10,545	-	-
	Yorkshire Businding Society	30,137	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	40,682	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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			-	-
B5 Liabilities	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	

6th Holme Valley Scout Group
Analysis of Receipts and Payments 2022

Receipts

Subscriptions		15,576
Gift Aid		2,377
Fund Raising		1,313
Activities		2,925
Donations		
MB Donations	1,319	
KMC Polling	600	
other donations	640	
		2,559
Grant Income		8,000
Sundry Income		
Interest		137
		32,887

Expenses

Premises Costs

Light and Heat	1,020	
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Insurance	2,054	
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Property Repairs

Kitchen	5951	
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Roofing	1668	
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Alarm	425	
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Bottle Cage	576	
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other	2398	
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	11,018	
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		14,092
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Training, Uniforms & Badges

		2,238
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Activities

		4,502
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Minibus Expenses

Insurance	1,260	
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Fuel	335	
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Repairs	2,983	
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RFL	165	
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		4,743
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Administration

H3G	178	
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Website	202	
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Accountant	150	
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Go Cardless Charges	517	
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Postage and stationery	208	
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Software subs	202	
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		1,457
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Subscriptions

Capitation		6,270
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Sundry

Leaver Gifts	71	
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Sundry items	130	
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Equipment		201
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PPE

Total Expenses

		33,503
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Net Receipts

-	616
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

6th Holm Valley Scout Group

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2022

Charity no
(if any)

524744

Set out on pages

1-2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2022

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:

13/06/2022

Name:

Richard Simpson

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

ACCA

Address:

Relative Accountancy Ltd

Headrow House, 19 Old Leeds Road

Huddersfield, HD1 1SG

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