



1st Whitchurch Scout Group

Annual General Meeting 24th May 2021 via Zoom due to Covid 19

Chair, Deb Spedding, welcomed Parents, and Leaders.

All Executive committee were present, but very few parents.

This was not good under the circumstances, joining details had been shared with all parents.

The current committee stepped down, the Chair Deb resigned and the Scout Post organizer Wendy and the maintenance officer Sean. Thanks to Deb and Wendy and Sean for their participation over their time on the Exec.

Positions were duly nominated and seconded. Committee nominations and elections took place:

- Group Chair - James Travers
- Group Treasurer – Becca Allsopp.
- Group Secretary – Sian Widdows
- maintenance Officer – unfilled
- Scout post - unfilled

1. The Treasurer delivered the financial report for the year (full details are given in Appendix 1):
Income = £30,300
Expenditure = £30,473

2019 ended with unrestricted funds of £63,540

Expenditure higher this year due to Covid reducing hall hire and extra cleaning and Covid measures.

Also a large amount of hall maintenance and tree removal from grounds.

2. Each of the Leaders presented a report on their section's activities (Appendix 2).
Beavers: Helen briefed, and mentioned needing new leaders.
Cubs: Nick briefed and mentioned how fantastic the help from the young leaders has been, and the good attendance.
Scouts: Ian briefed on activities and the use of virtual meetings and good attendance from Scouts and help from young leaders.



3. Andy Roberts the District Commissioner gave thanks to all the Leaders who have carried on despite Covid.

He made a virtual presentation of Medal of Merit to Nick Allsopp and Chief Scout Commendation Award to Becca Allsopp. Both presented by Les Hancock.

Alaya has achieved her Wood Badge.

The next Award Committee meeting is in a few weeks, in June.

Across District some groups are faring well but some are suffering

There is a campaign launched nationwide 27th May 2021 for Leader and help recruitment to encourage volunteering: #Good for you.

Thinking of ways that parents can help groups, suggestions of using skills they have to help groups, possibly have an appointment of someone with key aim to recruit volunteers.

Lots of new waiting list requests in District

4. Looking for volunteers for leader roles.

Wendy will provide a breakdown of key duties for Scout Post

Thanks to Wendy and Sean for their efforts.

Nothing raised by parents.



Appendix 1

Treasurer's Report

1. The financial report has been independently scrutinized by Jeremy Ray and has been accepted by the Exec. Committee. Our thanks to Jeremy for giving so freely of his time to support us again this year.
2. **Income** = £30,300 £10, 00 was secured via Covid grant scheme but income was down £6,700 on 2019 due to the hall closure.

Our income has been affected by the restrictions on hall hirers, for much of the year only the nursery school was permitted to use the hall.

3. **Gift Aid** for 2020 was £722, down £100 on previous year.
If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider signing up to allow us to claim Gift Aid on subs.
4. **Scout post income** for 2019 is in these figures as it was banked after 31st December (our year-end).

£4090 generated. This is our only fundraiser and with Scout Post cancelled in 2020, we will miss this income this year.

We are very grateful to Wendy Johnson for all her work managing our Scout Post activities.

5. **Expenditure** = £30, 473 up from £17,764 in 2019.

Covid grant money plus savings was used to repair the hall which had been suffering from water ingress due to blown render. The new cladding on half the hall should help to preserve the building for many years to come.

Other planned maintenance completed in 2020: Fence replacement, fire pit area repairs and essential tree maintenance. In 2021 it is hoped that the remainder of the hall can be clad.

Additional costs were incurred with preparing the hall for safe use in the light of what we know about Covid transmission.

With the income generated from rent the Group can to keep the costs to parents down to £25 per term which, unlike other Groups includes capitation, (£50.50/head in 2020) we also subsidise the Group activities. To put this into perspective, Capitation bill for 2020 was £2,943 for the Group and £1105 was spent on the Group programme, this is about a quarter of the usual spend due to there being no camps or other activities.

2020 ended with cash funds of £63, 540. We have to keep 3 years running costs (12k/year) in reserve.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
1ST WHITCHURCH SCOUT GROUP**

I report on the accounts of 1st Whitchurch Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2020

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It includes a consideration of any unusual items of disclosure in the accounts, or seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.

have not been met, or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....

Date 02.03.2021

1st Whitchurch Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date	Year end date
	1st January	To 31st December
Receipts		
	2020	2019
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	2339	3,568
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-2943	-2,529
Net membership subscriptions retained	-604	1,038
Donations	122	61
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	722	828
Other similar income (Joint Grounds maintenance work)	2087	-
Rebate	104	-
Sub total	2431	1,927
Grants		
Maintenance grant	0	0
Other grants	10000	0
Sub total	10000	-
Fundraising (gross)		
Scout post	4990	4,989
Group Activities	8	149
Beaver	127	278
Cub	-	744
Scout	368	1,236
Other fundraising activities	-	-
Sub total	5492	7,396
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	234	235
Property Rent income	12143	17,416
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	12377	17,651
Total Gross Income	30300	26,974
Asset and investment sales, etc.		
Total receipts	30300	26,974



1st Whitchurch Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

1st January	To	31st December
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Payments

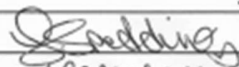
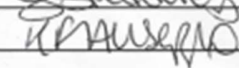
	2020	2019
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	1105	4,321
Adult support and training	0	-
Council tax/waste collection	1375	1,040
Water and Sewerage	396	716
Electricity and Gas	1731	1,588
Insurance	1972	1,889
PRS/PPL Licence	540	549
Repairs and renewals and cleaning	19636	5,042
Materials and equipment	1802	584
Contribution to camp costs	0	-
Uniforms and badges	228	142
AGM and trustee expenses	0	-
Donations and gifts	241	256
Health and Safety	330	303
GoCardless fee	103	176
Sub total	29459	16,606
Fundraising expenses		
Scout post	1014	1,158
Events	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	1014	1,158
Total Gross Expenditure	30473	17,764
Asset and investment purchases, etc.		
Total payments	30473	17,764
Net of receipts/(payments)	-173	9,209
Cash funds last year end		
Cash funds this year end	63540	64,067

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2020 Unrestricted funds	2019 Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	26432	27,193
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	37107	36,873
Cash/Floats	0	0
Total cash funds	63540	64,067
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	2797	2969.06
Land and buildings	153015	151500
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	15041	16082
Other	-	-
Sub total	170853	170,551
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 24th May 2021 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name	
	23/05/2021	Debra Speedding Chair
	23 May 2021	Rebecca Ainsworth Treasurer



Appendix 2 Section Reports



Annual Report 2021

Beavers AGM Report

Boys: 9

Girls: 5

Total: 14

Young Leaders: 1

Leaders: 2 +2 (university away)

Over the last year we have been meeting virtually with a good average attendance. We have been concentrating on badges that can be done from home, craft and games. Our priority has been to try and keep the Beavers engaged even if some of the activities we ran would not be classed as traditional scout activities.

During our virtual meetings we have had special guests that included a pilot and a person who explained what life is like living with a guide dog (though the dog stole the show). We have created and distributed several resource kits to the beaver's house with equipment and resources needed for many of our online activities. We have also managed to do our usual craft based around mothers and Father's Day.

As we were unable to take part in this year's remembrance service, the Beavers along with all the other members of the group painted poppies on pebbles which were left around the war memorial.

We also held a virtual camp which everyone enjoyed, especially making mug cakes. Finally, the Beavers were encouraged to attend the Scouts Cymru virtual meetings, the highlight of which was a magic show that everyone enjoyed.

We have had one face to face meeting since the restrictions have been lifted which went very well, the



Beavers enjoyed meeting and catching up with each other as well as doing some badgework and playing a few games.

Our priority for next academic year will be to catch up with the missed outdoor and face to face scouting we have been unable to do over the last year.

cubs Annual Report 2021

1 Pack Membership 2020

Cubs: 19

Young Leaders: 3

Leaders (exc. GSL): 6

2020 Spring Term Average attendance: 17 cubs

2020 Summer Term Average attendance: 17 cubs

2020 Winter Term Average attendance: 16 cubs

Pack attendance numbers have been strong throughout 2020 despite having to move the programme online for the majority of the year.

In 2020 we awarded a total of 106 badges including 2 of the highest Cub awards: The Chief Scout's Silver Award.

It's been great to award badges throughout lockdown, I've enjoyed delivering those envelopes most of all. Really well done to all our Cubs and thank you to parents for supporting them and uploading all those achievements through.

Awarding more badges can only be achieved by parent's help and would love to see them getting more involved with completing badge work at home. Looking at the badge section in OSM can identify any areas left to complete and you can always talk to a leader.

2 Pack Leadership Team



The present pack leadership team consists of 6 adult leaders (Nick Allsopp, Aled Jones-Pritchard, Guto Allsopp, Alya Lawrence, Georgina Hooper and Chris Davies).

We are assisted by the Group Scout Leader (Les Hancock).

We have three young leaders (Owen Barwise, Lewis Holyfield and Osian Allsopp).

Thank you to all Leaders for their help and innovative ideas which have kept the Cub programme as engaging as possible. We learned how to Zoom, Blooket, Escape virtual rooms... what a year.

Extra special thanks to our Young Leaders. Their enthusiasm, commitment and willingness to help run activities has been second to none. They set excellent examples to the Cubs and we are very fortunate to have them as part of our Pack Leadership Team.

3 What happened in 2020

At the start of 2020, we celebrated Chinese New Year, developed engineering skills with spaghetti and marshmallows, went trampolining, started our scientist badge and made cards and decorated trinket pots for Mother's Day. And then Lockdown hit.

I remember delivering all the Mother's Day gifts to doorsteps with a note to our Cubs that they should continue to do their best and be the best Cub they could be until we could meet face to face again.

The Cubs did not let us down. They have been fantastic in adapting to the new meetings and we've had some really fun sessions. Of course there have been things we have missed from not being able to meet face to face for a large part of the year, but here are some of my highlights:

Hike to the Moon

We put on our best fancy dress costumes and moon walked, crab walked, fast walked, slow walked, dance walked our way to the moon as part of the National challenge.

Escape rooms

Cubs solved puzzles to find keys to escape the virtual Scout Hall.

So many games

Bingo, Stop the bus, Pictionary, quiz nights scavenger hunts, Taskmaster, Play your Cards Right

Communicator Badge



Code breaking, learning more about each other,

Emergency Aid Badge

With support on a virtual session by a paramedic.

Calling for help

Personal Safety Badge

With support on a virtual session by community police officer.

Firework safety and spotting dangers in everyday situations e.g in a kitchen or crossing a road.

Lego Builders

Challenges building Lego structures with a limited number of bricks and time.

Parties

Online Halloween: fancy dress, making spooky ghost lanterns, wooden pumpkin decorating

Christmas Party: party hats, making paper chains and tree decorations

Cub Camps

We held a virtual camp linking up with the National Cub Camp.

We managed one hike to Forest Fawr in between lockdowns.

Thank you to all the Cubs for making this strange year a little bit easier on us all by giving Thursday evenings a sense of normality with fun, laughter, chats and a little bit of chaos.

Thank you to all our parents for their unwavering support, for putting up with their Cubs rushing about looking for a rubber band or pair of socks during a scavenger hunt or listening to the best scream at Halloween.

Finally thanks to the Leaders who have delivered the Top Secret Cub envelopes each half term full of goodies for the Cubs to participate in each event.



SCOUTS Annual Report 2021

Scout AGM Report

Boys: 19

Girls: 3



Total: 22

Young Leaders: 0

Leaders: 5 +2 (university away)

It is been a strange year in scouts, for most of the year we have not been able to meet face to face, there was a short time between the second and third outbreak where we managed to fit in a walk around Forest Fawr in the pouring rain.

When the 3rd phase of Covid started we were forced back to virtual meetings, with restrictions only now beginning to be lifted. We have had a campfire and a semaphore evening in the scout hall field. Due to the 2-meter restriction (which effects only the scout section) even though we can meet face to face it is difficult to find activities that do not break the rule. However, will try to organize a few more outdoor meetings for the last half of this term.

Although under the scout rules it is now possible to consider meeting indoors, due to the troop size and the size of the hall this is not possible. We have decided not to meet indoors while the 2-meter rule is in place.

The troop has continued to meet every week over the last year, even though it has been virtually. During this time, we have worked on activity badges that can be done remotely, these have included the craft, communicators, photography, science, global Issues, local knowledge badges and we will be looking at the astronomer's badge for the rest of this term. At the start of the year, we were averaging 13 scouts per virtual meeting but that has now increased to 16.

Our priority for next academic year (once the 2 meter rule will be lifted) will be to catch up with the missed outdoor and face to face scouting we have been unable to do over the last year.