



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	January	2021		31	December	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	298th Birmingham (Silvermere) Scout Group		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number (if any)	525181		
Charity's principal address	Whitty Walk, Greenvale Avenue Sheldon, Birmingham		
Postcode	B26 3XH		

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Hannah Precelton - Hall	Group Scout Leader		
2	Andrea Nolan	Secretary		
3	Alex Hines	Treasurer		
4	Steve Moore	Committee member		
5	Neil Precelton	Committee member		
6	Susan Precelton	Committee member		
7	Steve Duggins	Committee member		
8	Alison White	Committee member		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	The Group's governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter dated 4 th January 1912, 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 (eg. trust, association, company)	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all scouts.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointment is accordance with the Scout Association's Policy Organisation and Rules

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- ☐ policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- ☐ the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- ☐ relationship with any related parties;
- ☐ trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the 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 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders and parent's representation 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 District 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. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with

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 section or the group then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section.

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 section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In 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.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**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.

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.

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.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Leaders are supported throughout the year in delivering a quality program that holds true to the scouting values.

The Scouting method helps shapes the program which is delivered to the youth members on Weekly Section nights and during weekend activities and camps.

Using these methods, we can guide the youth membership towards achieving the highest award for each relevant section. These awards are the Chief Scout Bronze award, Chief Scout Silver award and the Chief Scout Gold award. We also have had some explorers achieve their DofE award which was delivered through scouting.

The trustees through their support and engagement as the group executive, empower the leader team to deliver scouting to as wide a range of young people in Sheldon and the immediate area while following the Scout Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules and the long standing Values and ethos of the Scout Association.

The main fundraising activity organised this year by the executive was the popular Bonfire Night, once again this was a huge success and a tribute to the hard-working executive and group members who put in a huge amount of hard work.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

A "Thank You" is extended to all those volunteers within the Group who give up their time freely to provide such a great standard of Scouting! Especially this year, as we have been unable to meet for face to face meetings for a large portion of the year.

Huge thanks go to Steve Moore for his work with the group over the past 6 years, as he stands down to take a different role in the District.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- ☐ policy on grantmaking;
- ☐ policy programme related investment;
- ☐ contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Group has returned after lock down and started to regain strength with 70 children on board too.

Beavers

Last Year the beavers decorated biscuits for their creative badge, made a St Georges day junk model and created animal masks, as well as got gardening. They also had races and made posters to advertise healthy eating, along with a bowling night and making father's day cards. Just before the summer break, we went litter picking as well as doing work towards our safety badge, after also attending the first Beaver event back after lockdown, Damboree, which was a huge success. We had a party to celebrate the 35th year of Beavers and imagined what the world would be like in 100 years. We welcomed the beavers back with a game's night, then moved on to fire lighting and no cook cooking. We had an archery night ran by Dan and Steve Moore then moved onto our international badge alongside the global issues badge. We had a Halloween party, and due to bonfire night not going ahead was able to produce some bonfire craft with them. We worked towards our world badge on the lead up to Christmas, then worked hard to make some Christmas crafts to take home. After the Christmas, break, it was all hands-on deck as we invested 7 new beavers into the colony, then finished our safety badge and learnt about the Chinese New Year. On the topic of China, we held our own winter Olympics and worked towards the disability badge, as well as using Lego to make some models for the creative badge. We have made pancakes, gone on hikes and even visited St Edburgha's Church, we are working towards completing more of our challenge badges as the school year comes to a close, with the Outdoor Challenge badge being completed last week. We are going to have so much more fun for the rest of the year and can't wait to face the road ahead. This would all not have been possible without my fantastic leader team around me, as without them I don't know where I would be, so thank you to Elaine, Rachel, Toby and my two new leaders, Jim and Adam, who are both amazing people to have join the 298 family. As always, a massive thank you to Hannah, who has helped me in my transition from Assistant Beaver Leader to Leader seem smooth and seamless. I can't wait to see what the rest of the year will bring.

Cubs

Friday Scouts

The last year Friday Scouts has faced a number of challenges yet still a core of 6 young people turn up, have a good time and have progressed through their both their activity and challenge badges. After combing Thursday and Friday Scouts during

lockdown for remote meetings and the return of face-to-face, Friday Scouts have struggled to maintain numbers due to Scouts having other commitments on a Friday night. Our Scouts have been working towards the Outdoor, Personal, Skills and World Challenge Badges and towards the cook, navigator, first aid and other activity badges. Having a small number of Scouts has been both a blessing and challenge, games are harder with smaller numbers but we have been able to personalise the programme to the Scouts we have. In addition, Friday Scouts have been on join camps with Thursdays to Patshull in September 2021 (where Scouts took part in activities as wide-ranging as axe-throwing, bird-wrangling, treasure hunt and aerial activities) and more recently to Pikes Pool in March this year (where Scouts did more adventurous activities and also took part in a number of wide-games). We have welcomed a new leader in our team, Phil, and other leaders have moved to different sections to better meet the needs of the group and their work commitments. With our older Scouts moving to Explorers we are reviewing the current viability to Friday Scouts and whatever the outcome we are pleased that our Scouts have enjoyed the programme and have made friends for life.

Explorers

We have 2 Leaders and 2 Helpers (Dan and Georgia). There are currently 7 Explorers with 5 on link from scouts.

Among the successful activities over the last 12 months, there has been

Navigation skills
Tie Dying
Making stop start animation films
Shelter building
Orienteering
Night hike

We've had guests in to show us,
Origami
Ti Chi

We went to the flash climbing centre and we had a very successful Back to basic camp, where we camped at Rough Close in hammocks and tarps in -5 temperature. We cooked on open fires using different techniques and learnt knife and axe skills.

I would just like to add my thanks to Steve Moore for the help and support he gave the unit over the last 6 years and wish him well in his new role

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold enough 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 18 months running costs, circa £18,000. The Group held reserves of approximately £20,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- ☐ the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- ☐ how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- ☐ investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

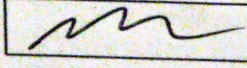
The Group is looking at giving the interior of the scout hut some modernisations We will be re modelling our toilets. We are also looking forwards to getting out camping again.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		A. Nolan
Full name(s)	M. Rowe	ANDREA NOLAN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	2-6-22	

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Receipts and payment

For the year from

Receipts and payments

Receipts

Donations, legacies and similar income
Membership subscriptions
Donations
Legacies
Gift Aid
Other similar income

Sub total

Grants
Maintenence grant
Other grants

Sub total

Fundraising events (gross)
Malta
Other fundraising activities

Sub total

Scout hut income
Hire of building
Hire of equipment
Other Scout hut income

Sub total

Investment income
Bank interest
Building Society interest
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service
Other investment income

Sub total

Total Gross Income

Asset and investment sales, etc.

Total receipts

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Receipts and payment

For the year from

Receipts and payments

Payments

Charitable Payments
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)
Youth programme and activities
Adult support and training
Rent
Water and Sewerage
Electricity and Gas
Insurance
Repairs and Renewals
Materials and equipment
Printing and photocopying
Contribution to camp costs
Uniforms
AGM and trustee expenses
Communications
Minibus costs
Malta
MPLC
Waste Removal
Camp refunds

Sub total

Fundraising expenses
Other fundraising costs

Sub total

Total Gross Expenditure

Asset and investment purchases, etc.

Total payments

Net of receipts/(payments)

Cash funds last year end

Cash funds this year end

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Receipts and payment

For the year
from

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end

Cash funds
Bank current account
Bank deposit account
Building society account
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service
Cash/Floats

Total cash funds

(agree balances with receipts and payments account)

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
Shop stock
Other stock
Land and buildings
Motor vehicles
Scouting equipment, furniture etc
Other

Sub total

Liabilities
Accounts not yet paid
Expenses incurred but not invoiced
Subscriptions not yet paid
Loan - detail
Other liabilities

Sub total

Total net assets

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities have been prepared by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the Executive Committee meeting) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

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Scout Group (525181)

ts account

Year start date

Year end date

01/01/2021	To	12/31/2021
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2021

2020

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds

£

£

8,700
269
-
-
-
8,970
-
23,487
23,487
579
2,724
3,302
204
-
-
204
0
-
-
-
0

6,335
-
-
-
-
6,335
-
10,000
10,000
7,888
2,190
10,078
110
-
-
110
4
-
-
-
4

35,964

26,528

-

-

35,964

26,528

Scout Group (525181)

ts account

Year start date

Year end date

01/01/2021	To	12/31/2021
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2021

2020

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds

£

£

4,094
2,867
69
60
269
2,670
1,753
2,020
-
-
748
277
-
-
600
190
762
2,432
18,809
410
410

4,218
96
-
26
214
1,050
886
730
-
-
28
319
-
444
805
6,621
184
916
158
16,695
-
-

19,219

16,695

-

-

19,219

16,695

16,745

9,833

34,498

24,665

51,243

34,498

Scout Group (525181)

ts account

Year start date

Year end date

01/01/2021	To	12/31/2021
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nd of the year

2021	2020
Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
£	£
48,391	24,708
2,677	9,615
-	-
-	-
175	175
51,243	34,498
ok	ok
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
1,000	1,482
-	-
-	-
42,839	52,839
1,583	3,167
1,500	3,000
-	-
46,922	60,488
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
98,165	94,985

Assets and liabilities were approved by the meeting that approved the accounts) and

Print Name

Chair

Treasurer

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the 298th Birmingham Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District'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/District'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.



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Date: 24th MAY 2022,