



PITSFORD SCOUT GROUP 2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Annual General Meeting

08 July 2021



**Agenda for the Annual General Meeting
for Pitsford Scout Group 2021
Thursday 8th July 6.30pm at Pitsford Sports Field**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Minutes of 2020 AGM held on Zoom**
- 4. Approval of Group Scout Leaders Report**
- 5. Approval of Treasurer's Report and Accounts**
- 6. Approval of Group Scout Leader's nomination of Group Chair**
- 7. Approval of Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Executive Committee**
- 8. Election of Officers:**
 - a. Group Secretary**
 - b. Group Treasurer**
- 9. Appoint a Group Auditor**
- 10. Election of the Group Executive Committee as members of the Group Council**
- 11. Date of next AGM - TBA**

Chair's Report

Last year we met by Zoom to hold our AGM, and at that time we were looking forward to relaxation of restrictions and some form or resumption of Scouting activities. Thankfully, after a lot of detailed work by Georgina and the Section Leaders, we did manage to satisfy the numerous COVID controls, and had our risk assessments signed off to enable the resumption of some form of activities. It's been a very changing landscape since our initial risk assessment was completed back in September, and our leaders have done a remarkable job during the last 12 months in thinking on their feet, being creative and (as always) giving their all for our Young People. We all know that video meetings are not the best way to conduct Scouting activities, and it's great that we have been able to get all sections back to "proper" face to face activity – even with the inevitable safeguards.

The last year has been frustrating for everyone, and the Executive Committee are determined to be able to offer the usual rich and varied selection of activities to all sections, just as soon as we can. As we gather for the AGM, it is a time to reflect on what we have managed to achieve - despite restrictions, and on what we want to achieve – when we can. Your assistance, in whatever way you can, remains hugely valuable to the Scout Group. If you have time, skills or resources to offer, please do get in touch.

As ever, I would like to formally record the Group's appreciation and thanks to Georgina, to all of our section leaders, assistant leaders, Tony the Group's Treasurer, Meg our Group Secretary, and to everyone else who has freely given their time to support the Group's activities throughout the last 12 months. This will be my last AGM as Chair of the Group, and I would like to personally thank everyone who has contributed over the last 4 years. It has been a privilege to be able to work with such dedicated people who are so dedicated to the enrichment of the lives of our Young People.

Enjoy the summer, when it comes, and let's hope for some action packed Scouting activity in the autumn term.

Adrian Palmer, Group Chair

Group Scout Leaders Report 2021

On March 12th 2020 the Scout troop had a discussion with a nurse Lesley about infectious and tropical diseases. Coronavirus was already in the news and being talked about so the Scouts asked Lesley about it and the importance of hand washing was discussed.

None of us would have believed that we were going to be in a lockdown and that this would be our last face to face meeting for over twelve months. What then began was the most surreal life changing experience for us all. We learnt to appreciate life, family and friends. Our heroes, the key workers who kept us all going. We learnt to appreciate the quietness, the bird song and clear blue skies which were rid of the pollution. We had fun walking in the middle of the road knowing that there would be no traffic.

We learnt to be home-schooled, to value our teachers and for the adults to work from home. But what we missed was seeing all of you, we had a wonderful hot summer but could not be together to enjoy outdoor activities, hikes and camping.

During this time the Scout Headquarters prepared Scouts at home activities and gave us a free Zoom licence to keep us in touch with you all.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all the Leaders who thought through and prepared Zoom meetings which some of you enjoyed, such imaginative ideas and the photos show this. We were allowed to meet again in small groups outside in July 2020, but we decided to wait until September. We had to submit Risk Assessments for Covid Safety for all sections, these had to be approved by me, the Chair, and the District Commissioner before we could we had permission to restart.

Eventually the Cub section restarted in later October followed by the Beavers in November only to be thwarted again as Northamptonshire went into Tier 4 and then after Christmas we went into another National Lockdown from January to March 21. We were allowed to return again at the end of March face to face outside in small groups. The Cub section were the first to return with many outside face to face activities in March 2021.

Many Congratulations to the Chief Scouts Silver Awards recipients Oliver, James, Caleb and Kian and for the Gold Award, the highest award to the Scout section to Jessica Butcher, A lot of work goes into achieving these awards. Well done!

Unfortunately, we say thank you to Adrian who is stepping down as our Chair, thank you Adrian for all your support and patience.

A big THANK YOU to all the Executive committee, the Leaders and to you all for your support and for returning to the Scout Group.

Georgina Miles, Group Scout Leader

Group Treasurer's Report

Twelve months ago I predicted that I would be reporting this year on a very different financial position from 2020 and so it has proved. Any Treasurer would normally be concerned to be presenting a set of Accounts showing a loss for the year but this was something which we knew would happen as we entered the unprecedented times of the Covid Pandemic.

I also predicted that we could and would survive the crisis, that we had sufficient reserves to meet all our outgoings and more particularly our Capitation payment for 2021 and this has proved to be the case. Going forward as we hopefully approach the time when life, and Scouting, can return to something approaching normal our financial position as a Group remains sound albeit that our reserves are depleted when compared to previous years. We do however still have reserves and we will be looking in the coming months to build those reserves back up. The importance of having such reserves has been highlighted by the events of the last 12 months. Scouts should always "be prepared" and that applies to the Group's finances as well.

Looking ahead one topic for the Executive Committee to discuss will be subscriptions which have not been raised since the Group opened in 2007 and I think that the time may soon come when a small increase will need to be made. Fundraising in order to replenish our reserves will also need to be considered and I am sure that we can rely on the Group's supportive parents to step forward if any fundraising event is organised. We will not ask you to put your hands in your pockets more than is absolutely necessary.

As Treasurer this has been a far quieter year than normal with much less book-keeping to be done. I look forward to being busier in the next year as it will mean things are back to normal. James Bellamy has been as helpful as always in preparing and scrutinising the Accounts but he did remark that there was rather less to check through than normal with less subscriptions and few if any activities or camps to be paid for.

Tony Miles, Group Treasurer

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Pitsford Scout Group
Receipts and Payments Account
for the year from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2020 £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership Subscriptions	678	5,245
Less : Membership subscriptions paid on	2,516	2,952
Net membership subscriptions retained	<u>-1,838</u>	<u>2,293</u>
Donations, legacies and similar income	90	202
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	996	2,015
Other similar income	-	-
Sub total	<u><u>-752</u></u>	<u><u>4,510</u></u>
Grants		
Maintenance grant	-	-
Other grants	-	-
Sub total	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>
Fundraising (gross)		
Camp and activity fees	24	5,795
Other fundraising activities	480	3,747
Sub total	<u><u>504</u></u>	<u><u>9,542</u></u>
Investment Income		
Bank interest	4	14
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Property Rent Income	-	-
Other investment Income	-	-
Sub total	<u><u>4</u></u>	<u><u>14</u></u>
Total Gross Income	<u><u>-243</u></u>	<u><u>14,066</u></u>
Asset and investment sales etc	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>
Total receipts	<u><u>-243</u></u>	<u><u>14,066</u></u>

	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2020 £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	-	-
Adult support and training	-	-
Rent	-	-
Water and sewerage	-	-
Electricity and gas	-	-
Insurance	0	-
Repairs and renewals	-	-
Materials and equipment	112	182
Printing and photocopying	82	82
Contribution to camp costs	-	-
Uniforms and badges	96	1,043
AGM and trustee expenses	-	-
Scout Jamboree	-	-
Section Expenses	509	7,676
Contribution to New Pavilion	-	-
Sub total	798	8,983
Fundraising expenses		
Other fundraising costs	1,075	475
Sub total	1,075	475
Total Gross Expenditure	1,873	9,458
Asset and investment purchases etc	0	0
Total payments	1873	9458
Net of receipts/(payments)	-2117	4609
Cash funds last year end	10,125	5,516
Cash funds this year end	£8,006	£10,125

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the Pitsford Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 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 the independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 1993 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and 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 and 2.

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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10 April 2021

CHIEF SCOUT AWARD ROLL OF HONOUR 2020-2021



Bronze Award

Beaver section

Imogen Stanbridge
Beatrice Thorpe
Ethan Buckley
Oliver Cebak
Poppy Castle
James Bodily
Matilda Lendacka
Kian Hancock



Silver Award

Cub Section

Cameron Ault
Archie Corbett
Jack Farebrother
Jemima Hawkins
Charlie O'Neill
Samuel Palmer
Constance Pinnell
Lily Castle
Joe Jaggard
Fred Holland
Rowen Myles
Kian Hancock
Caleb Holmes
Oliver Cebak
James Bodily



Gold Award

Scout Section

Jessica Butcher
Libby Blackall
Tommy Burholt
Daniel Wilkins
Amelia Cebak
Isabel Ault

Photos from scout activity at home making a tin lamp.



Virtual Camp 2020





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