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#### A message from our Chairman

It's lovely to start a report knowing that our young people got back to face to face meetings this year. As usual, I want to thank all the leaders, young leaders and parent helpers for everything they have done this year, especially during the various difficult months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This report will hopefully provide you with a reminder of what the Group has been up to during the year. As a Group, we had the firework celebrations in November and the annual outing to the panto at Wimbledon Theatre in the new year, with a few hundred of our closest friends, family and group members.

Souwest 2022 Gang Show also returned, and a number of our young people took part, together with several leaders who all sounded great.

I reported last year that we were making the most of the time while the young people had not been meeting at the HQ and updated the toilets. As you will have seen, we have now completed the kitchen, so we have excellent facilities for our young people and all those who use the HQ building and site. The response to the improvements has been welcomed and I wanted to congratulate all those who played any part in the projects. One of the many downsides to the pandemic was the loss in hall rentals, but we are confident that now the restrictions are being lifted, that the bookings will bounce back.

We are embarking on a year of celebrations as the 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group is 95 years old. The Group Executive has approved a special commemorative badge that can be worn on uniforms by all members of the Group.

We have the PGL activity weekend booked in September for all Group members and the Explorer Unit, but we are kicking off with the AGM and Group Picnic on 24th April 2022 from 12 noon until 4 pm. It promises to be a special day full of fun. We are holding the AGM a bit earlier this year as the programmes for the young people during the Summer and Autumn months are very busy.

At the AGM we elect the Executive Committee. It is the Executive Committees' role to support the Group and help raise funds to enable the young people to enjoy their time with the group. The funds are also used to maintain buildings and equipment. As you will read in the report, with the number of members and committed leaders we remain in a strong position to take the Group forward for the next 95 years.

And now for my usual plea for any volunteers to join the Executive Committee. There's always something to do, and no reasonable offer will be refused. We also only meet 4 or 5 times a year, and there's always tea/coffee and, if you're lucky, cake!!

One final thanks to the wonderful team of leaders, young leaders, helpers and parents who all put in the time so that the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have a great experience. We also have a great Explorer Unit that supports the Group in any way they can.

On behalf of the Group, I do hope you enjoy reading the report which is not only a report of the sections, but also a report of the Trustees which, together make up the 22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon Scout Group.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM and Group Picnic. I promise that the AGM will be short



**Ann Fellowes Group Chairman** 

#### **Group Report 2021-22**

The past year has been another interesting one with the changes to COVID-19 protocols. And we thank you for your patience and help throughout the year to ensure that we have been able to continue during the pandemic at the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We were pleased to be able to support the District Cyclocross towards the start of the year at Frylands Wood Campsite. We had members from all sections who tested out their cycling abilities on different terrains suitable for their age group. Great fun was had by all before Scout COVID guidelines meant that the District Beaver Camp, District Scout Camp and Cub Football competitions were all cancelled, much to the disappointment of the young people (and leaders!) – they are back in the diary for this year, so fingers crossed!

In July we were able to get out again and the Beavers had a fun trip to Go Ape in Chessington, whilst the Cubs enjoyed their annual watersports evening on Wimbledon Park Lake and the Cubs and Scouts took part in their respective District Paintballing days – it's good to see use being able to take part in District activities again.

The end of 2021 was looking promising for us as a group with nearly all of our Young People, joined with some members of the West Barnes Explorer Unit took over Sutton Trampoline Park for the evening having fun together once again. We also managed to hold an Exec and Leader meal out at Babylon in Raynes Park to thank everyone for their efforts over the last year. Unfortunately, we were unable to have our Celebration of Christmas event, but we hope to hold that again in December. The end of the year finished on a high though, with over 350 members (past and present) and their family and friends embarking on a trip to The New Wimbledon Theatre for the evening to watch Dick Whittington. Despite the mandatory face mask wearing, it was a much-needed good night out with lots of laughter. Unsurprisingly, we managed the loudest (and longest) cheer when they were giving the 'shout outs'!!

Congratulations to the Leaders and Young People from the Group who took part in this years Scout and Guide Gang Show during February half term – you were all a credit to the Group and we hope to have more people from the Group involved next year!

Unfortunately, at the start of the year, Oliver decided to stand down as Scout Leader and Webmaster for the Group and so we are currently looking to recruit more adults to help with the Scout Section with some planned social media targeting. If you would like to offer to help in any way, then please let me know – and we can find something to fit your skills! I am pleased that Gavin Hayhurst has offered to come forward and take over the running of the website.

Lizzie Strachan moved to the Cub Section as ACSL to fit in better to her work life. I am pleased that Keira Pearson has taken out an Assistant Scout Leader role. We also have 2 new Section Assistants join us – Daniel Paris in the Beaver section and Shannon Rawlins in the Scout section – it's great to have you on board!

I am also pleased to report that we had two awards in the last St Georges Day awards. Firstly, the Bar to the Award of Merit to Andrew Pearson, our Group Treasurer for his continued support with the Group and, slightly big-headedly, I was awarded the Silver Acorn for the continued and dedicated services to Scouting which was presented to me on stage during this year's Gang Show.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank those leaders from the Group who, not only do what they do with the 22<sup>nd</sup>, but they also have additional roles supporting Scouting in Wimbledon and Wandle and the County – Dominic Moore - District Beaver Leader, Alison Edwards – Asst. District Commissioner, Training, Tim Kerridge – Asst. District Commissioner, Scouts and Alan Maloney – District Store Manager and Training Advisor.

#### Group Report 2021-22 (cont.)

Once again, there have been a couple of changes to the headquarters over the last year – we have upgraded our kitchen facilities, replacing the old, wooden cabinets with stainless steel units, easy to clean walls and ceiling and new floor to give us a better, more hygienic kitchen. Thanks again to Declan Gleeson for overseeing the project for us (and for dealing with the snagging issues that crop up from these projects!)

We have also replaced the shed that lives down the field which had become rotten and dangerous. Thanks to Keith Elston for his help with sorting out the shed foundations, those who helped move a tonne bag of sand from the front of the HQ and to Keith, Chris Gagen and Tim Kerridge for their help constructing the new shed which can now be used for preparing food etc. when we are cooking outdoors.

We have also recently been awarded a grant to purchase a defibrillator for the group which will be a great asset for us and the local community.

With this being our 95<sup>th</sup> birthday year, we have much to look forward too – a badge design competition for the young people, a family picnic and the Group weekend at PGL in September – let's just hope that we will be able to do them all!

Finally, THANK YOU to all of our wonderful leadership teams who are able to offer the amazing Scouting Experience to the young people – we are so very fortunate to have them, and can always do with more help if you (or someone you know!) are interested!

### Graham Fairclough Group Scout Leader



## Do More. Share More. Be More. Beaver Colony Report



#### **Beaver Colony Report**

Well, we managed it! A whole year of being at Beavers in person and no more zoom! The Beavers have had a packed year of activities and fun, so let's take a journey all the way back to April 2021 to find out what has been going on.

Being allowed to have face to face meetings again we started the new term off with how to put up tents. In their lodges they each managed to successfully put up a tent. A skill which be very useful as they move through the Group, but also for our upcoming district event this June. (Although you will need to read next year's report for that one!)

The following two weeks saw the Colony split in two – with each half getting to do some mini pioneering and soft archery. The mini pioneering saw the Beavers attempting to build the tallest tower possible out of pasta and marshmallows, which despite the wind, worked really well! All the leaders were really impressed with those doing the soft archery, they all took it very seriously and there were some very impressive shots!

At the start of June, we were supposed to be holding our Wimbledon and Wandle District Beaver Camp, but despite all of our best plans, COVID yet again got in the way and it was postponed until 2022. But we didn't let that stop us and with thanks to Graham, we managed to arrange a packed day for the beavers at the HQ. We had John and Caroline from the Royal Kingston Archery Club down to teach the beavers archery. This was followed by a BBQ and given how hot the day was – water games and a water fight!

We finished the term off with the Beavers working on their sports badge through a variety of Olympic themed events. The last week of term saw another water fight and ice lollies which given the hot weather, went down really well!

Following the summer break, we started September off by working on the Beavers Team Challenge Badge. This had the Beavers working in their lodges to build the tallest possible tower, and a variety of team challenges set by Lizzie (Robin).

As part of the teamwork badge, we undertook a new challenge with the Beavers - The Trading Post. Each lodge were given the coveted "Beaver Pounds" and a variety of items they could buy from the shop to complete various challenges. For something new to all the Beavers, they really enjoyed this and did really well at it.

This year also saw the return of our Annual Halloween evening, run by our Young Leaders – Woodpecker (Gemma) and Badger (Dan). This year's costumes were very spooky. We also saw the return of the Beavers' Fireworks display. Although not as grand as the Group event, all the Beavers thoroughly enjoyed this – and the hot chocolate and cake.

As an end of term treat, all the Beavers together with the other sections, went to Sutton Trampoline Park. Although I could not make it, it sounds like everyone had a great evening!

The return of Beavers in January also saw the introduction of two new badges by the Scout Association. The Money Skills Badge and The You Shape Award. The You Shape award comes in 4 separate parts and involves the Beavers completing a leader-set challenge, leading, representing and planning. Over the course of the term all the Beavers have been completing this – from planning what they want to do at Beavers, learning how to tie their shoe laces, and running games at Beavers. Well done to all the Beavers for completing this – and for being the first Beaver Colony in Wimbledon and Wandle to earn this badge!

At our Pancake evening all the Beavers got their own mini pancakes to decorate – sorry about all the sugar parents. As we approached the end of term all the Beavers found out what they need to bring on camp. As part of this they all had to take a guess at what would and what wouldn't be needed for camp.

Looking ahead to the next year, we have our first Beaver Camp in April at Walton Firs, the Wimbledon and Wandle District Beaver Camp in June being organised by Tic Tac (Dominic) and the 22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon's

#### **Beaver Colony Report (cont)**

95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Camp at PGL in September. But that's getting ahead of ourselves and you will need to come back next year to find out all about those!

Finally thank you to the leadership team - Charlie, Lizzie, Elizabeth, Jack, the leaders across the group and our young leaders - Gemma and Dan.

### Dominic Moore Beaver Scout Leader















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Cub Pack Report



#### **Cub Pack Report**

After a long time on Zoom, we were finally allowed back to running Face to Face meetings.... If only it were that simple... we could only meet outdoors and in groups of no more than 15... in most Cub Packs, that would be fine, but not when we have over 50 Cubs!! So we ended up splitting the Pack into 4 groups with 2 groups meeting per week and each group working on a different badge so that they could meet 'separately'! Once we had worked around the logistics of that, we embarked on 2 badges – Backwoods Cooking which involved the Cubs learning how to light their own fires and then using them for cooking shmores and a form of quesadilla – always made more interesting when we had bursts of heavy showers during these evenings!

We also worked towards our Naturalist badge by learning about the Countryside code, making art out of natural materials and going on some minibeast hunts to see what we could find! Well done to all the Cubs (and their parents) for putting up with the slightly weird arrangements however at least it meant that we could be face to face again.

Throughout this, we also had 2 teams who were practising for the Cub Football Competition under the watchful eyes of Kaa and Shere Khan. Both teams were doing really well until we heard a couple of weeks beforehand that the event had to be cancelled due to new Scout Association restrictions – we actually think that it was because they had seen just how good our teams were!!

We were fortunate enough to be able to end the term with a visit to Wimbledon Park Lake to have an hour of kayaking on the lake – again, this needed to be split into 2 groups to cater for our numbers, but nevertheless, the Cubs had an amazing time with many conquering their fears of going out on the water but all of them gaining another Time on the Water badge.

#### Raksha's Pack Holiday report 2021

#### Dear reader

When I last reported on the adventures of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon cub pack in Sussex in 2019, little did I think that it would be 2 years before I would report again on our adventures. The Coronavirus pandemic put paid to our plans in 2020. No camping or pack holidaying was allowed. In fact, not a lot was... So, when we discovered in late June 2021 that we would be allowed to undertake another pack holiday adventure in 2021, the cub leaders jumped at the chance. However, being the 22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon, short notice was no worry for us. We had a pack holiday 'up our sleeve' ready to go. Because that's just how we are... (or rather we HAD carried the booking over from 2020)

It wasn't quite like previous years. We were able to take fewer cubs. And we weren't able to go for as long. But Akela and the gang were not to be put off by this. And so, on the 9<sup>th</sup> August we headed south west to the glories of Hampshire.

A team of 8 of us headed off on a fairly sunny Monday morning. Tim - our ADC Scouts, Dominic, aka Tic Tac the Beaver Leader, Gemma, Bagheera, Kaa, Jacala, Akela and I along with Ann our Group Chairman driving the van with the kit in.

We arrived in a rain downpour. But the weather decided it was going to give us a bit of a break from the wet conditions of the previous week. So, we were able to set about allocating rooms and tents, putting what always seems like loads of games equipment into a hall, and setting up our kitchen in the sunshine. There is always a lot of food delivered to us at camp and if you looked at it you might wonder whether we really would get through over 120 bags of crisps, 40 pints of milk, about 10 loaves of white sliced bread, kilos of pasta and seemingly endless amounts of chocolate spread. But we do!

#### **Cub Pack Report (cont)**

The Monday was spent doing onsite activities and preparing the usual first night feast of chicken, sauce, rice and options for the veggies and non-rice eaters! As chefs the leaders are used to providing for alternative options. No matter how odd or seemingly un-nutritious!

Tuesday took us on a trip to the local brickworks museum. An informative lady guide took us round and showed us how to make bricks and build bridges properly. As well as a history of brick making and transportation through the ages. Brick making and bridge construction is not usually part of a cub badge activity... but if you ever need a brick maker, we have 29 of them. Then the afternoon activity was a spot of indoor climbing at 'Rock up' in Whiteley. It isn't quite my idea of a way to spend a Tuesday afternoon, so Bagheera and I took charge of making French bread pizzas and salads along with our able-bodied sous chefs Tic Tac and Kaa. There were some interesting combinations on the pizzas designed by the Cubs, but nonetheless they were enjoyed by all.

We then went crabbing on the River Hamble. No crabs are harmed in this activity I promise. They are caught, counted, and released again into the river. And I am sure they appreciated the bacon bait that they nibbled on!

On Wednesday, we went swimming at Romsey Rapids. This was an opportunity for a little safe swimming fun with some flumes and slides. This was followed by the annual crazy golf tournament. Groups of cubs played in teams as did the leaders. It would be immodest of me to say who won the leaders competition. But let's just say 'it was a surprise to me too but I take my victory gracefully'. Pasta and home-made meatballs for dinner plus deconstructed Eton mess!

On Thursday we spent the day at Paultons Park theme park. Lots of very scary rides (more than last time we went I think). There was a fair amount of getting drenched and being turned upside down and round and round. The day out at the theme park is always the last day highlight of the Pack Holiday. This was followed by a trip to the pub... no not for a restorative 'sherry' for the leaders. But a carvery meal for the whole pack. This is something also much enjoyed by the Cubs as they get to choose their vegetables and meat (or non-meat) options. I have to say they were all excellently behaved!

Friday meant we had to pack everything up and return home. Even though we had less food going back the van never seems any emptier than coming down. But rooms were cleaned, bathrooms sanitised and kitchens made spotless. And back up the A3 to home.

So, another successful adventure with the 'turquoise terrors'. Lovely turquoise t shirts this year (my favourite). I would like to thank all the Cubs who came with us for dealing with all the challenges of repeated sanitising of hands and following guidelines for Scouting in a pandemic. To the leaders for giving up their time to take the Cubs away. And to Sam who despite 'acquiring' a broken wrist on the Tuesday didn't really let that stop him. And 'kept calm and carried on Scouting'.

Next year... we are going to Hertfordshire. Covid permitting of course. But I'll be back next year with tales of more adventures and fun with the Pack. But till then, 'so long and thanks for the cakes'.

In September we were allowed to meet back altogether again.... Now that was strange – having all 56 Cubs in the same place at the same time!! So, having put in a few ground rules and sorting out sixers and the sixes, the Cubs came up with some thoughts about what they would like to do during the term.

#### **Cub Pack Report (cont)**

Over 50 of the Cub Pack took part in the District Cub Paintballing day at Campaign where they use a lower impact version which is always thoroughly enjoyed by the Cubs – of course, a few 'war wounds' and many tales to tell. A huge thankyou to the parents who came along to help supervise the Cubs (and take part!!)

We spent the first half term working on our Environmental Conservation badge – this started off with the Cubs (supervised of course!) going around the local streets, parks etc picking up litter – the Cubs were surprised by just how much was found in the short time that they were out. One group were lucky enough to be stopped by an ice cream van who gave them all an ice cream to thank them for the work that they were doing!

The Cubs learnt about recyclable and non-recyclable rubbish and made posters to help reduce energy use around the home and headquarters.

We had a visit from SSE Energy who gave the Cubs an engaging talk about water and how to help conserve it – unfortunately for the Cubs, she didn't suggest never washing!

We recycled plastic bottles to make their own bird feeder which they were allowed to take home to feed the birds in their gardens or outdoor spaces.

After half term, we held a campfire with marshmallows which was one of the activities that the Cubs had requested to do. Thankyou to Raksha and Oo for helping to run some of the songs.

We then embarked on the Disability Awareness Badge which went down amazingly well...

We started off with an evening on deaf awareness and we invited along Megan and her dog Rowley. Megan is a Cub Leader in Tolworth and she told the Cubs about all the amazing things that Rowley has been taught to help her as an assistance dog. Megan has many blackouts during the day and Rowley has been trained to know the change of scent and to warn Megan so that she can find somewhere safe to lay down in preparation. The Cubs asked some very sensible questions and from the feedback from the parents, were inspired from what Megan had to say.

To follow this off, we then invited Toby who is Finns' dad and his sister Ella to give an insight to the deaf community. Toby is profoundly deaf and was able to communicate with the help of Finn and Ella via sign language to talk to the Cubs and to teach them some basic sign language and finger spelling so that the Cubs could all spell their name. Again, another very informative and engaging evening for the Cubs.

We then finally looked at some physical disabilities – Robin brought down some aids which help people with disabilities for the Cubs to try to guess what they would be used for. We also pretended that the Cubs only had one hand and then had to make themselves a sandwich using just one hand (including cutting the sandwich into triangles!) We also challenged them to do some colouring... unfortunately for them, they only had use of their feet to hold the pens!!

To finish off the term, the Pack joined the other members of the Group at Sutton Trampoline Park for an hour of bouncing and having fun which was certainly enjoyed by all the Cubs...and leaders!

The start of the New Year saw us doing the Emergency Aid Stage 2 badge which looked at what the Cubs would do in the event of an emergency and how to summon help. They also learnt about the recovery position, bleeding, burns and asthma to complete their badge.

We also took part in the Royal Kingston District Wobstacle event at the Malden Centre which involves spending half of their time seeing how many times they can complete the inflatable assault course and the other taking part in Float Carnage – the title of which sums up the event well!! The Cubs all had a great time and thanks to the leaders who came to help.

We have also started our chef badge with learning about safety and hygiene before we have our annual pancake night, where the Cubs make and cook their own pancakes before taking them to the toppings station (which is now manned by adults – something that we learnt some years ago.... Never trust a Cub with sauce toppings!!)

#### **Cub Pack Report (cont)**

Of course, in order to have a sauce, they also need some fruit to go with it... it's sort of healthy eating!!! Thanks to those parents who came down to oversee the cooking and to the toppings engineers!

Unfortuantely, we have come to the end of the year in the life of the Cub Pack! Before I do finish however, I would like to firstly thank the amazing Cub Leadership Team who help out at Cubs week in, week out, assist with weekend activities and give up their own time to come and help on camps. They have all helped us to adapt our Scouting with the changing times over the past year and I thank you all for everything that you have done. I would also like to thank the other leaders in the Group who have helped us out at various times and to the parents for all your support that you have given us – it is truly appreciated. Finally, thank you to our wonderful Cubs – your enthusiasm has once again meant that we have had another brilliant year in the Cub section.

## Graham Fairclough Acting Cub Scout Leader

















## More Fun. More Skills. More Marshmallows. Scout Troop Report

## SCOUTS

#### **Scout Troop Report**

And now for something completely different... Face to face Scouting! Around this time last year we were having our last Zoom meetings before the restrictions were lifted; and from the summer term when they were lifted, what a year it has been!

We started the term with archery and indoor curling at the HQ... just to break them back into Scouting gently. (And no, we were not trying to combine the two into a new sport.) We followed that by model making and painting to work towards their Creativity Badge.

We had Scouts zipping through Frylands Wood Campsite on their bikes (partly to come first, mainly to get muddy!) as they took part in the District Cyclocross at the end of May.

Then someone put a spanner in the works and some of the restrictions were back in place; meaning the proposed Summer Camp had to be cancelled.

Autumn term began with some restrictions lifted and the Scouts focusing on Team Building and the 'A Million Hands' project. A Million Hands is all about removing social barriers, connecting communities and improving lives; with the emphasis on us, as Scouts, always striving to leave the world a little better than we found it.

Our crafty Scouts then attempted to be the next 'Bob Ross' as we tried to follow along with one of his videos and try our hands at a spot of painting. This didn't quite go to plan as no one had the haircut, and the video wouldn't play. We improvised, and ended up with some wonderful results, (though none with Happy Little Trees!) and this is something we would like to do again...

Some of our Scouts were cooking up a storm as we entered a team into the District Cooking Competition - and we are pleased to say that they placed well. The practice sessions at the HQ were delightfully distracting for those of us not in the team, as the delicious smells of cooking wafted through the hall.

Despite us not attending the Remembrance Day Parade, the Scouts honoured the occasion by creating Paracord Poppies.

Our Scouts were quite literally bouncing off the walls along with the Cubs and Beavers from the 22nd and the West Barnes Explorer Unit as we bounced, flipped and flopped at the Indoor Trampoline Park in Sutton at the beginning of December.

The Group Celebration of Christmas was also cancelled due to those pesky restrictions.

2022 brought about some changes in the Troop. Oliver Pusey had stepped down as the Scout Leader at the end of December and it was now down to the Assistant Scout Leaders to take up the reins with the assistance of our GSL and ADC Scouts. We would like to thank Oliver for his hard work and time that he has put into running the Troop.

With many of our older Scouts moving off to Explorers, other parts of the world, or just away from Scouting, we had an opportunity to sit down with the Troop to find out what activities and badges they would like to focus on for the coming year, and to re-introduce Patrols. We're hoping that after a couple of years of online meetings, we can fully engage them with a hands-on programme they will truly enjoy.

#### **Scout Troop Report (cont.)**

Towards the end of January we saw some of our Troop at the District Paintballing in Cobham. With the assistance of our GSL and Scouts and Explorers from the 23rd Mitcham, we were one point from placing joint 3rd. One of our best efforts to date.

A week after paintballing 19 Scouts and 8 Leaders were camping in Walton Firs for the weekend. 2 nights in the luxury Pembroke Lodge; which may not be considered camping by everyone, but we had a great time, and you should've been there! We took part in many of the site activities: Rifle Shooting, Orienteering, High Ropes (the Traverse course) and Frisbee Golf, and our own activities: Tie Dye Mug Decorating, Pyrography, a couple of wide games and, of course, the Chocolate Fountain - something that every camp should include!

February has seen the Scouts working on their Air Activities Badge, which included learning parts of an aircraft, the phonetic alphabet, paper aeroplane making and under the instruction of the man who designed them, they built model aircraft powered by rubber bands.

They have also started learning map skills in readiness for the planned Night Hike that we will be having in March. This will also greatly benefit the two teams of Scouts that are entering the County Night Hike also in March.

We've had Scouts partaking in the Wobstacle Challenge - an inflatable assault course on a swimming pool - organised by another group from Royal Kingston District, and have taken part in the District 5 a side Football Competition and County Scout Night Hike with one team coming 10<sup>th</sup> out of 43 teams – well done all!

Looking forward, the Scouts have Scuba Diving, Backwoods Cooking, a weekend District Scout Activity Camp and the 95th Birthday PGL Weekend to look forward to... and who knows what else we can plan before the end of the year?

But none of this can be done without certain people, all of whom need to be thanked.

Firstly, the Scouts. Yes, without them, there wouldn't be anyone to plan for. Their participation and enthusiasm drives this movement.

Secondly, their parents/guardians who take time to get their Scout ready for these activities and events, and transport them to and from.

Next up, the Parent Helpers. We've been fortunate to gain a couple fantastic helpers, and there's always a need for more.

We thank those from other sections of our Group who help and support the Troop when it's crunch time. Our GSL and ADC Scouts should be blushing about now... but they are not the only ones... you know who you are! Then we have the Section Assistants and Occasional Helpers who support the Assistant Scout Leaders in every way possible. Without these people to drive the Troop forward, it would be chaos!

The plan was to keep the report short and include more pictures of Scouts involved in activities. Remember, these Scouts aren't being paid to have fun in these pictures, they are here, like the rest of us (Leaders, Occasional Helpers, and Parent Helpers) voluntarily, and you can be a part of it too. You could brush up on some forgotten skills, or learn some new ones. You can see what your Scout gets up to and make a real difference to their Scouting experience. All it costs is time, and only as much as you can spare.

On behalf of all of us in the Troop, thank you!

#### **The Scout Leadership Team**





















#### **Leadership Team**

#### Group Scout Leader Graham Fairclough

#### **Beaver Colony**

Beaver Scout Leader Dominic Moore
Assistant BSL Elizabeth Maloney
Assistant BSL Charlotte O'Shea
Assistant BSL Jack Sheffield
Section Assistant Daniel Paris

Young Leader Gemma Kerridge

#### **Byron Cub Pack**

Acting Cub Scout Leader Graham Fairclough
Assistant CSL Alison Edwards
Assistant CSL Keith Elston
Chris Gagen
Lizzie Strachan
Section Assistant Veronica Kerridge
Section Assistant Freddie Badham

Section Assistant Peter Brown

Young Leader Matthew Coverdale

#### **Scout Troop**

Scout Leader Position Vacant
Assistant SL Alice Sheffield
Assistant SL Keira Pearson
Section Assistant Tim Kerridge
Section Assistant Daniel Shaw
Section Assistant Oliver Foster

Section Assistant Shannon Rawlins

The leadership team as at 31 March 2022.

## Develop more Skills For Life

**Group Information** 



#### Minutes of the 2021 AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 30 June 2021 commencing at 8pm

In the Chair: Ann Fellowes, Group Chairman

Andrew Pearson, ( Group Treasurer ) Alan Maloney, (Group Secretary) Graham Fairclough (GSL), Dominic Moore, Elizabeth Maloney, Oliver Pusey, Chris Gagen, Jack Sheffield, Alison Edwards, Veronica Kerridge, Lizzie Strachan, Nicola Grant, Rory Travers-Drapes, Annie Gleeson, Dan Fellowes, Sally Pusey, Helen Sheffield, Naomi Scoffham, Illuska Beaton, Kathryn Curtis, Mark Cheetham, Avril Maloney, Clyde Lo Lam, Sonia Agraro-Tiedt, Suzanne Davis, Tim Segasby

Guest: Owen Purcell, GLSW County Commissioner (for Item 15)

#### Chair's opening remarks and welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the second on-line AGM. She said that the past 12 months had been a challenging time for everyone due to the global pandemic and the fact that there had been limited face to face scouting during the year. The Executive had taken the decision to hold the AGM on line so as to keep the business side of the Group up to date. However, she wanted to place on record congratulations to the section leadership teams who had held regular meetings on line in order to keep scouting alive and the young people engaged with their sections. She hoped that the Group would be able to hold a more celebratory event once the current restrictions had been removed.

She also gave her thanks to Oliver Pusey for his work on the annual report and to all those who had written sections of the report or assisted with the collation or proof reading of the finished document. In thanking Executive Committee members for their contributions during the year she also wanted to say a special thank you to Helen Sheffield, Fiona Segasby and Malcolm Beaton who had indicated that they wished to stand down this year as members of the Executive.

#### Apologies for absence

Apologies for non-attendance had been received from Tim Kerridge, Oliver Foster and Dominic Beecheno

#### 3. Minutes of the AGM held on 24 June 2020 (circulated in annual report booklet)

The minutes of the 2020 AGM held on 24 June 2020 were agreed.

#### 4. To receive and consider the 2020/2021 Annual report (circulated in annual report booklet)

The Group Scout Leader, Graham Fairclough, wished to place on record the excellent work carried out by the whole leadership team who had gone beyond what could be expected in probably the most difficult year anyone had known. Sections had gone from normal meetings and activities to virtual events at Group level, a short period of face to face, often in groups of young people, and back to virtual. A more detailed account of activity was contained in the Section reports included in the annual report. He believed Sections had achieved a lot as had the Group as a whole. Long hoped for renewal of the toilet facilities and kitchen refurbishment were in the final stages of completion, storage units had replaced the old internal garages, chairs had been replaced as a result of a grant and work had taken place inside the HQ., particularly the office and front foyer. Particular thanks were due to Declan Gleeson, who had project managed the whole kitchen and toilet projects.

He thanked Andy and Joan Pearson for their continued support particularly during a difficult and uncertain financial year. He also reminded the meeting that members of the 22<sup>nd</sup> also carried out duties on behalf of the District and County which are often not seen by parents and members but are equally important to the successful running of the Groups in the District.

As for the future, he noted that in October 2022 the Group would celebrate its 95<sup>th</sup> birthday and the leaders were discussing how best to celebrate this occasion and would be making proposals to the Executive after the Summer break.

#### Minutes of the 2021 AGM (cont)

He concluded by saying that the Group needed more adult volunteers at Section level and this would be a major priority in the next year.

He was pleased to commend the report to the meeting which was noted.

#### 5. Presentation and adoption of the accounts 2020/2021 (circulated in annual report booklet)

The Treasurer, Andy Pearson, moved the adoption of the accounts for 2020/2021. In doing so he reminded the meeting that the past 18 months had been a challenging year during the pandemic but we had ended the year with a small surplus of income over expenditure. No fundraising activity had taken place for a year but garage income had remained healthy and although hall income had collapsed income through the local Borough and various other grants had kept the Group in a strong position financially even though we had spent a significant sum on improving the HQ during this period. Gift Aid continued to contribute to funds and hall booking enquiries were on the increase now that the situation was looking a bit brighter. He was confident that the finances were in a good place.

There being no questions for the Treasurer the meeting adopted the financial statements and they would now be passed to the District and the Charity Commission.

#### Appointments and Elections for 2021/22

All nominees in the following paragraphs had indicated their willingness to stand for election

- Appointment of Independent examiner 2021/22. The Chairman and the Treasurer nominated Derek Holmes.
   Agreed
- To approve the GSL nomination of the Group Chairman 2021/22. The Group Scout Leader nominated Ann Fellowes. Approved.
- Election of Group Secretary 2021/2 The Chairman nominated Alan Maloney, seconded by Alison Edwards.
   Agreed.
- Election of Group Treasurer 2021/22 The Chairman nominated Andrew Pearson, seconded by Veronica Kerridge. Agreed. The meeting repeated its thanks to Andy for his stewardship of the funds.
- Nomination(s) by the GSL for members of the Group Executive Committee 2021/22 The GSL declined to make any nominations this year.
- 11. Election of other members of the Group Executive Committee 2021/22

The meeting noted we normally elected about 6/8 members to the executive. We had received a number of nominations which had been in response to the notice issued to prior to the AGM. These were Sally Pusey, Nicola Grant, Wayne Douglas, Annie Gleeson, Rory Travers-Drapes and Dominic Beecheno.

The Chair and Secretary formally nominated and seconded the above 6 members for the Executive. No further nominations were forthcoming and the above were elected.

12. Appointment of Section leaders to the Group Executive Committee 2021/22

Dominic Moore, Oliver Pusey and Graham Fairclough are members of the Executive by virtue of the office they hold.

13. Co-option of Explorer Scout Leader to the Group Executive Committee 2021/22

It was noted that the ESL should be co-opted to the Executive in line with the Partnership agreement. Dan Fellowes was co-opted.

14. Co-option of Assistant Cub Scout Leader to the Executive Committee 2021/22

It was recognised that as Graham was GSL the Cub Section should have a distinct voice at meetings of the Executive. It was agreed that Alison Edwards should fulfil that role.

15 Guest: Owen Purcell, GLSW County Commissioner

#### Minutes of the 2021 AGM (cont)

The Chairman announced that we had been joined on line by the new County Commissioner for Greater London South West, Mr Owen Purcell.

The Group Scout Leader informed the meeting that Owen had been with us in 2020 from within our own District as ADC (Beavers) but he was now only two weeks into the job as County Commissioner

Owen said how pleased he had been to receive a copy of the annual report which outlined the activities of the Group in what could only be described as a unique year. The report demonstrated why the 22<sup>nd</sup> was such an incredible Group and he congratulated everyone concerned for making it so and wished the Group well in the future.

However, the main reason for being at the meeting was to present Alan Maloney with the Silver Acorn, which was one of the highest awards the Scout Association made to those who had given specially distinguished service over many years. In looking up Alan's records he had discovered he had been an Assistant Scout Leader, Scout Leader, Group Scout Leader and a County and District Training Advisor at different times. Colleagues had told him how generous he had been over the years with his time and his willingness to pass on his accumulated knowledge to others.

So it was with much pleasure that he was able, on behalf of the Scout Association and the Chief Scout to present him with the Silver Acorn. He concluded by adding the thanks from the County, the District and from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon.

In response Alan said how humbled he was to receive the award. He recalled several of the dedicated men and women who had led Scout Groups in his early days as a scout and senior scout in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ivinghoe and Pitstone and a leader in the 1<sup>st</sup> Cheddington and 12<sup>th</sup> Hammersmith before taking a break for reasons of work commitments and subsequently joining 22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon in 2000.

But foremost in his mind must be those individuals who were by his side for the whole of the 21 years at the 22<sup>nd</sup>. He wanted to thank Tim Kerridge (who persuaded him to return to active scouting), to Graham Fairclough who had always been generous with his support and to Alison Edwards who had been of enormous help in the training adviser role he took on some years ago. They had become true friends and he thanked them for that. But there were many others who had been supportive and encouraging on so many occasions. He hoped that his ongoing roles in Scouting meant he could continue to make a contribution for some time to come.

Alan wanted to record his deep appreciation of his wife and daughters who without their support the task would have been difficult. Finally, he thanked the young people who made the whole thing worthwhile. So, his concluding words on the matter were "Thank you to the 22<sup>nd</sup> and to Owen for presenting the award to him."

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30p.m.

#### **Trustees**

Trustees: (as of 31 March 2022)

Group Chairman Ann Fellowes
Group Secretary Alan Maloney

Group Treasurer Andrew Pearson

Trustees: Ex Officio

Group Scout Leader Graham Fairclough

Beaver Scout Leader Dominic Moore

Cub Scout representative Alison Edwards (from June 2021)

Scout Leader Oliver Pusey (to December 2021)

Trustees: Elected Malcolm Beaton (to June 2021)

Dominic Beecheno (from June 2021)

Nicola Tracey-Grant

Sally Pusey (to December 2021)

Fiona Segasby (to June 2021)

Rory Travers - Drapes

Annie Gleeson

Wayne Douglas (from June 2021)

Trustees: Nominated Helen Sheffield (to June 2021)

Wayne Douglas (to June 2021)

Trustees: Co-opted West Barnes Explorer Scout Leader

Dan Fellowes (to January 2022)

Liam Washford-Bent (from January 2022)

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Bankers: Lloyds TSB Plc, London Road, East Grinstead, RH19 1AH

Custodian Trustee: The Scout Trust Corporation Ltd

Independent Examiner Derek Holmes

Scout Association Registration No.: 6076

Charity Registration Number: 303795

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Groups

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association

The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis

Contact: Alan Maloney 5 Aragon Road Morden Surrey SM4 4QF Tel: 0208 337 5364

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee:

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## **Group Finances**



#### **Group Assets**

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
Current Assets		
Lloyds Bank Current Account	14395	18743
HSBC 3 Month Fixed	100020	101129
HSBC/Lloyds Bank Deposit Account	40715	28071
HSBC/Lloyds Deposit Account	13152	27241
Treasurer cash in hand	880	741
Sub Total	169162	175925
Beavers Bank Account	1451	1385
Byron Pack Bank Account	6520	5280
Scout Troop Bank Account	2874	3334
Sub Total	10845	9999
Total	180007	185924
Fixed Assets		
Garages at Cost	50500	50500
Depreciation	-30000	-24250
Net Book Value	20500	26250
Total	200507	212174
Total	200307	212174
Liabilities		
Garage Deposits	-375	375
Total liabilities	375	375
Total Net Assets	200132	211799

#### **Group Payments**

Budget 2022/23	2021/22	2020/21
£	£	£
Grant Payments		
0 Merton BC (Gala Tent)	398	602
0 London Comm	0	914
0 Arnold Clark (Gala Tent)	750	0
0 Sutton & SE Water	123	0
0 LBM (Defibrillator)	1769	0
0 Wates	0	500
0 Total	3040	2016
5 7044	3010	2010
Headquarters Costs		
100 Water Charges	35	55
7500 Light & Heat	6771	2343
3000 Insurance	2955	2862
2000 Hall Expenses	1795	1745
3000 Hall Maintenance	1038	1495
2000 Toilets	0	49554
2000 Kitchen	24611	550
0 Containers	0	6894
0 Chair replacement	0	3252
200 Website/ OSM	61	174
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50 Garage Expenses 19850 Total	<u>75</u> 37341	<u>25</u> 68949
19850 Total	3/341	00949
3500 Membership Fees	3585	3392
500 Explorers	497	544
4000 Total	4082	3936
4000 Total	4002	3330
PGL	2616	0
Scouting Activities		
20000 Section Activities	10549	1898
Camps and Outings	3175	975
500 Leaders Training	0	12
20500 Total	13724	2885
Fund Raising expenses		
50 Group AGM	0	0
2000 Firework night	1184	0
2050 Total	1184	0
2000 Camp/Activity Van Hire	277	0
1000 Miscellaneous(Inc stationery)	668	67
300 Uniform	764	182
0 Trampoline	990	0
2000 Equipment	1909	118
600 Jack Petchey Award	240	0
3900 Total	4571	367
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51800 Total Payments	66835	78153

### **Group Receipts**

Budget 2022/23		2021/22	2020/21
£		£	£
8000	Membership Subscriptions	6949	7756
1500	Gift Aid 2021	1066	4365
9500	Total	8015	12121
12500	HQ Rents	9611	405
13000	Garage Rents	12435	9475
0	Hall Chair Sale	0	690
25500	Total	22046	10570
0	Donations	1	100
75	Bank Interest	43	740
0	<b>HSBC Compensation</b>	0	100
75	Total	44	940
15000	Section Camps/Activities	12317	2066
8000	PGL	2490	0
23000		14807	2066
	Fund Raising		
3000	Firework Night	3669	0
0	Tomahawk Activity	80	0
0	Arnold Clark(Gala Tents)	750	0
0	Groundwork(95th Birthday)	500	0
0	Local Giving(95th Birthday)	500	0
0	Rank	0	1500
0	RHF	0	1000
0	Petchey(95th Birthday)	500	0
0	Merton BC(Gala Tents)	1000	0
0	Merton BC	4000	40743
0	Merton BC(Defibrillator)	2000	0
0	CO-OP Trust(95th Birthday)	1280	1926
0	Sutton & SE Water	200	0
0	National Lottery-Kitchen	0	10000
0	National Lottery- Chairs	0	2495
0	London Comm	0	1000
0	Wates	0	500
0	Just Giving	704	634
0	Bell	0	617
3000	Total	15183	60415
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1000	Uniform Sales	709	230
200	Scout shop	52	181
0	Misc	62	171
0	Jack Petchey Award	0	250
1200	Total	823	832
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62275	Total Receipts	60918	86944
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#### **Section Accounts**

	Beavers	Byron Pack	Scout Troop	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash in Bank 31.03.2021	1385	5280	3334	9999
Receipts				
Subscriptions	2840	5457	2512	10809
Scarves/T Shirts/Uniform	178	400	218	796
Interest				
Donations				
Camp & Outings fees	1639	8153	2525	12317
Miscellaneous			70	70
Total	4657	14010	5325	23992
Payments				
Badges and equipment		180	236	416
Uniform	227	432		659
Activities	2422	5443	2664	10549
Camps and outings		3175		3175
Contributions to HQ costs	1893	3525	1900	7318
Stationery		15		
Miscellaneous	49		65	114
Total	4591	12770	4865	22231
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Net	66	1240	-460	846
Cash in Bank 31.03.2022	1451	6520	2874	10845

#### **Independent Examiners Report**

#### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

22<sup>nd</sup> WIMBLEDON SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of the Group/District/County/Area for the year ended 31st MARCH 2022

which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages 1-3

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

#### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's/District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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 needed.

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 Commissioners (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 report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group/District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any 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.
- \* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply

Name: Derek Holmes
Qualification: F.C.A

Address: 3 Larks Close, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9TF

Date: April 8 2022

#### Tributes to past members of the Group.

It is with regret that we have had three long serving members of the Group who have passed away over the last year.

#### **Robert Conrad** 31/3/1949 - 13/10/2021

Robert was involved with the Scout Troop in a variety of roles from 1968 to 1997 including Scout Leader and Assistant Scout Leader and was responsible for the Troop finances throughout that time. He was involved in all of the Group fundraising activities which, for a few years included being the stage manager for the annual concerts that the Group used to hold. He also acted as an Assistant Leader with the Venture Unit (now called Explorers) and helped to run their annual Easter boating and barge holidays.

In 1986 he was awarded the Award for Merit in recognition of his outstanding service to Scouting.

#### Arnold Ramshaw 16/8/1928 - 30/11/2021

Arnold was Scout Leader from 1971 to 1977 and then again from 1976 to 1981. He was enormously liked and respected for his extensive knowledge of map reading and many other outdoor skills. He specialised in devising activities that were fun to do but also provided knowledge and learning. As well as working with the Troop, he was also present at all of the various fundraising events that the Group relied upon over the same period of time. He was awarded the Award for Merit in recognition of his outstanding service to Scouting.

As a talented artist, he exhibited his watercolour paintings at local venues on a regular basis.

#### Gordon Butt 30/3/1939 - 4/12/2021

Gordon was a quiet man who worked behind the scenes on behalf of the Scout Group for nearly 40 years in various capacities. He demonstrated his loyalty to the Group in many ways over the years. Although he never became a warranted leader, he supported the Group, and particularly the Cub Section by his regular attendance at meetings of the Pack and was always prepared to carry out tasks which he was asked to do.

His loyalty to the Group also saw him serve for a number of years on the Group Executive. In years gone by a major fundraiser for the Group were the regular Jumble Sales held in our Headquarters. Gordon was at the forefront of these ventures preparing the donations for sale and the massive task of clearing up after each event. In this he was always assisted by his wife Ruth who also worked hard for the Group.

Gordon was recognised for his contribution to the Group by the presentation of a silver Thanks Badge in 1996 and a Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service in 2017, shortly before he stood down from an active role. However, Gordon was often seen at other fundraising events and it was good to keep in touch with such a loyal supporter of the Group.

The Group has paid special tributes to Arnold, Robert and Gordon as they join a list of distinguished members of the Group inscribed on the memorial bench sited in our grounds. May they rest in peace.



## We'd like to say Thank You!

The 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group wishes to record it's thanks to the following for everything that they have done over the past year to help the Group continue to succeed....

The entire section leadership teams for their enthusiasm and commitment to the young people and for their amazing programme of activities that they put together.

The Group Executive Committee for their continued support throughout the year, especially to Andrew Pearson, Group Treasurer for everything that he does looking after the group finances, including the garage rentals.

Special thanks are also recorded to Joan Pearson (Hall Bookings Manager), Gavin Hayhurst (Webmaster) and Vici Hoban, (emergency HQ key holder) for their vital work in support of the Group.

Thanks to Graham Fairclough for everything that he does to keep the HQ looking it's best... co-ordination of the new shed, sweeping up leaves, keeping the grass trimmed and for his work with the refurbishment projects and successful grant applications.

Thankyou to our project manager, Declan Gleeson for everything that he has done with the refurbishment projects.

The Wimbledon and Wandle District Team and the GLSW County Support and Training Teams for their advice and support during the year.

We acknowledge the following companies for their grant donations over the past year, towards various projects... The National Lottery, The Co-Op Community Fund, Merton Council, Arnold Clark, Magic Little Grants, Tesco, SES Water, Merton Giving Renewal Fund and The Jack Petchey Foundation

....finally, to the parents and to the young people themselves who make Scouting so enjoyable!



"What Scouting says to people is: Every child has a right to have an adventure. Life is about grabbing opportunities." Bear Grylls



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