

	<p>67th KINGSWOOD (1ST MANGOTSFIELD) SCOUT GROUP</p>	<p>CHARITY NUMBER 295866</p>
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**Trustees Annual Report
for the year ending 31st August 2021**

At the Annual General meeting in September 2021, Simon Budd (Group Scout Leader) thanked the leaders and executive members for all their help in running the scout group during difficult times.

The number of young people attending each week is beginning to return to normal following a drop off due to covid.

The new hard-standing and patio area in the rear garden has been completed and it is hoped that this will create a better games area for the future and give the potential for more outdoor activities.

Beavers

Like everyone, the last 12 months has been challenging for Beavers. Apart from several zoom meetings, our first face to face meetings took place after the Easter holidays. 15 months since our last physical meeting. After meticulous planning (which had initially been completed for a December return, prior to the third lockdown) we were all very anxious about how Beavers would cope with the restrictions and reduced numbers, whilst still making friends and having fun.



However, our fears were thankfully quickly eased, the children were absolutely amazing and parents very supportive and appreciative of our efforts. Initially, we did not replace the children who had moved up to Cubs - so both colonies had single numbers of children attending - but this felt safe and helped us all to adapt.

After May half term, we took on some new children and it was great to see how the existing beavers helped them join in. There is definitely something to be said about a smaller colony - we all felt that both the children and leaders enjoyed it more.



During the summer term, both colonies managed to complete our Explore and our Health and Fitness badge. Activities included exploring Pomphrey Hill, making healthy snacks, completing obstacle courses and drawing maps - with of course adapted socially distanced games like chair football and stinger played and enjoyed.

We had a number of Beavers move up to cubs at the end of the summer and as a combined leadership team, we decided we would continue to reduce the numbers of children within each colony to a maximum of 16 children (pre covid this was 24). This decision was supported by the fact our waiting list, that has always been in excess of 50 children has reduced dramatically due to many children missing Beavers due to covid and being placed directly on the cub list or finding places at other Beaver units.

Both beaver colonies are incredibly grateful for the amazing support of our volunteers who turn up every week with a smile on their faces (even if it is behind their masks). They all make such a difference but a few more would still be very welcome.

We are all looking forward to a year that will hopefully be more normal. Our autumn programme is action packed as we take on the outdoor adventure badge and look at activities to get our Blue Peter badges.

Cubs

Over the last year, Cubs have had a mixture of online and in-person meetings, all held in line with the COVID regulations.

Whilst in-person, we managed to get out and about in our local community, playing outdoor games like ultimate frisbee and rounders, as well as being able to explore and help out in the local community a bit more - we've done some litter picking, some wildflower planting, and explored some new hiking routes.

Our online meetings were a fun variety of different activities that we wouldn't normally get to do at Cubs; we managed to plant some herb gardens, created out of everyday household recyclable items. We took part in a virtual drum workshop, where we learned that we could use anything in the kitchen or around our home to make different rhythms and beats. And we managed to make some homemade ice cream, and mug cakes using really simple ingredients.





As part of our online meetings across the summer, we also took part in #campathome, the largest camp in the world, joining over 95,000 other scout and guide members from 68 countries to participate in the world record attempt, and before that, a month-long indoor camp. We had several of our Cubs complete all 30 days!

Whilst covid was a difficult and challenging time for all, we tried to keep moving forward and learning new ways to deliver scouting to our Cubs. Certainly, we all, including the leaders learned some new Skills for Life.

Scouts

Scouts were able to resume towards the end of the year covered by the report. They managed to fit in a number of activities including model making, a games night, skittles, archery, emergency aid, mapping, a wide game and a local hike.

They are also planning a weekend camp in the Quantocks in September.



Treasurer's Report

The accounts at the end of the year are shown on the next page. Despite virtually no income from subs during the year, we were lucky enough to secure various covid support grants to help maintain the group, which has meant that we can keep subs at their pre covid levels for now. Troop expenses have been low due to the lack of scouting activities, and our capitation payment to central scouting was lower due to reduced numbers of young people registered as members. We did spend part of a grant previously allocated to make improvements to the hardstanding in the back garden, to enable more outdoor activities if needed.

67th Kingswood / 1st Mangotsfield Scout Group			
Statements of Account			
Receipts & Payment Account	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Receipts			
Subs	60.00	5,130.00	8,010.00
HMRC for Gift Aid	0.00	735.07	2,988.57
Trips	130.00	974.50	1,050.00
Festival Income	0.00	0.00	1,836.55
Grants	11,155.21	10,600.00	2,300.00
Grants - Extension / Refurbishment	0.00	8,216.20	43,986.10
Rents	48.00	1,246.33	1,873.05
Other Income	423.58	231.00	794.09
Total Receipts	11,816.79	27,133.10	62,838.36
Expenditure			
Premises (inc Insurance)	3,583.78	3,657.42	2,115.89
Capitation	2,835.00	4,725.00	4,785.00
Trips	264.00	1,724.43	1,234.61
Training	0.00	98.00	31.00
Festival Expenses	0.00	0.00	1,030.03
Badges	0.00	691.80	542.46
Subs Collection	0.00	0.00	0.89
Troop Expenses	537.54	552.81	1,051.24
Other	561.11	3,315.44	2,240.81
Hall Extension and Refurbishment	10,008.00	3,660.36	81,683.36
Total Payments	17,789.43	18,425.26	94,715.29
Net Receipts / (Payments)	(5,972.64)	8,707.84	(31,876.93)
Funds at Last Year End	26,795.65	18,087.81	49,964.74
Funds at This Year end	20,823.01	26,795.65	18,087.81
Statement of Assets & Liabilities	31/08/2021	31/08/2020	31/08/2019
Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank - Nat West	6,531.36	26,951.12	18,221.70
Bank - CAF Bank	14,291.65		
Income not paid in / cleared	0.00	20.82	0.00
Cheques not presented	0.00	(176.29)	(133.89)
Total Funds	20,823.01	26,795.65	18,087.81