

5th Dunstable (Methodist)

SCOUT GROUP/DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENTS

TRUSTEES:	<i>Ex-Officio</i>	- Appointment	Name
	Section Leaders - All Members of the Group Executive	GSL Beavers Cubs Scouts	Brian Calvert Paulette Tompkins Jenny Ryder-O'Regan Matthew Battersby

TRUSTEES:	<i>Elected</i>	- Appointment	Name
		Chairman Treasurer Secretary	Nick Porter Helen Charters Sue Gibson

TRUSTEES:	<i>Nominated</i>	- Appointment	Name
			Ian Ellis Russell Sage Jean Basham Dave Gibson Steve Clark

BANKERS [Barclays](#)

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES (if any)

OTHER ADVISERS

Group/District Registration Number with The Scout Association [22245](#)Charity Registration Number [306101](#)

Contact Name and Address

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended

31st December 2020

MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

The Trustees have continued their prudent management of the Group funds, while making allowances for the exceptional circumstances due to the pandemic. We were fortunate to be able to run our main fundraiser, the Jumble Sale, before the pandemic really took effect, but the rest of the year was not so easy.

While the section leaders have been very conscientious in providing activities for their young people, at home and/or over Zoom, the executive felt that the major benefits of Scouting were not being received by the members during the various lockdowns and restrictions. Combining this with the fact that some families would have been under increased financial strain, the executive decided to offer a subs holiday for the summer term of 2020, and again for the Winter term in 2021.

This has reduced our income for the year, alongside extra expenditure due to the increased need for protective equipment, but the executive feels that this was the right way to use our funds in the circumstances. Our overall financial position has remained healthy, in part due to receipt of several years' Gift Aid.

The 2021 Jumble Sale was cancelled due to Covid, which will put a major dent in our finances for 2021, but our reserves will enable us to continue to offer a full range of Scouting activities (as far as permitted) for the foreseeable future.

Apart from the Jumble Sale, the other major activities we would normally hold (Family Camp, Water Weekend, Cub and Scout Camps, and the barbecue with the AGM) were all cancelled, so there is little more to report here.

The executive has continued to give financial support to the sections for their activities, which have not ceased during the pandemic, but changed to provide materials for home based activities. The accounts show our normal contribution to the church.

The Group, and particularly the section leaders, have encouraged all young people to remain engaged with Scouting, by arranging meetings outside when permitted, providing at-home activities, and conducting virtual meetings over Zoom. This has proved difficult for some young people, and attendance has generally been well below the full membership levels. In addition, people on the waiting list have been reluctant to join while face to face activities have been suspended. However, at the time of writing in May 2021, we are glad to see that attendance and membership are rising again.

At the end of the year income reserves amounted to £ 24090.64

The Group's/District's policy on reserves is to hold an amount sufficient to cover 2 year's expenditure with little or no fundraising, and to cover the risks detailed below. This policy has been vital in allowing us to offer the subs holiday, and hence avoid losing members during the difficult periods.

The Trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the Group/District is exposed. They have reviewed these and established systems to mitigate them

Fire damage to the church halls - This would deprive us of our present rent-free meeting centre and equipment.
Severe decline in fundraising due to falling numbers of members, and a consequential fall in fundraising helpers.

The objects of the Group are

To provide Scouting to young people in accordance with the aims and policies of the Scout Association whilst having a great deal of fun and friendship.

The Group/District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Groups/Districts. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of The Scout Association.

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous year.

Approved by the trustees on
and signed on their behalf by



23 June, 2021
Nick Porter
Group Chairman

Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended

31st December 2020

	This Year General Fund £	Previous Year £
Total Receipts for the Year (See page C4)	7,162.30	12,333.95
Total Payments for the Year (See page C5)	4,202.48	12,406.88
Net Receipts (Payments) for the Year	2,959.82	(72.93)
Cash, Bank and Similar Funds brought forward	21,130.82	21,203.75
Cash, Bank and Similar Funds carried forward	24,090.64	21,130.82
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The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on

23 June, 2021

and signed on their behalf by



Nick Porter
Group Chairman

Receipts for the year ended

31st December 2020

	This Year	Previous Year
	£	£
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	2,617.04	5,313.00
Less Paid	(2,838.00)	(2,560.00)
	(220.96)	2,753.00
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Bank interest	11.99	30.00
Building Society interest		
The Scout Assoc'n Short Term Investment Service		
Dividends and interest		
Property rents	11.99	30.00
DONATIONS/GRANTS		
District Capitation Refund	33.00	32.00
King Harold Lodge		
Uniform Donation		
Other	-	-
	33.00	32.00
ACTIVITIES		
Camps	-	4,683.76
Other		120.00
Sections	96.50	287.92
	96.50	5,091.68
FUND RAISING (gross) ~		
Jumble Sale	3,845.47	4,092.14
Coffee Mornings	118.75	309.05
Garden Project		
Easy Fundraising	81.60	26.08
Sundry		
	4,045.82	4,427.27
OTHER INCOME		
Income tax recovered -	3,195.95	-
on subscriptions and donations		
on dividends and interest		
SUNDRY RECEIPTS		
	3,195.95	-
Badge receipts	-	-
Loans received		
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	7,162.30	12,333.95

Payments for the year ended

31st December 2020

	This Year	Previous Year
	£	£
PREMISES		
Rent	649.20	630.00
Rates		
Light and Heat		
Insurance (Equipment:Marine:Helpers)	750.95	703.24
Repairs and Renewals		
	1,400.15	1,333.24
DONATIONS/GRANTS		
To Church	700.00	700.00
Macmillan		
Bromham Appeal	500.00	25.00
	1,200.00	725.00
ACTIVITIES		
Camps	-	4,431.82
Other		601.91
Sections	476.47	1,341.51
	476.47	6,375.24
FUND RAISING EXPENSES		
Jumble Sale	220.72	216.39
Garden	34.98	72.06
	255.70	288.45
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		
Stationary	208.02	275.62
	208.02	275.62
TRUSTEES EXPENSES		
OTHER EXPENSES		
Training	-	-
	-	-
PURCHASE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT		
New Tents	-	-
Other New Equipment	-	-
Maintenance	318.57	2,231.11
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PURCHASE OF BADGES (& Scarves, Uniform)	338.71	554.40
SUNDRY PAYMENTS	4.86	623.82
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Loans repaid		
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	4,202.48	12,406.88

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at

31st December 2020

	This Year	Previous Year
	£	£
MONETARY ASSETS		
Cash, bank and similar funds		
Bank Current Account(s)	7,700.39	5,129.80
Bank Deposit Account(s)	15,559.39	15,247.40
Bank Term Deposit(s)	-	-
Building Society Account(s)	705.12	705.12
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		
Cash in hand	125.74	48.50
	24,090.64	21,130.82
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax Claim for Year Ending		
Debts Due to Group/District (Refund on Capitations)	-	-
INVESTMENT ASSETS		
Government Stocks at market value		
Other quoted securities at market value		
Other investments		
Property held for investment purposes		
NON-MONETARY ASSETS		
Assets for Charity's own use		
Badge Secretary's stock	50.00	50.00
Group/District shop stock		
Land and buildings		
Motor vehicles		
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc.	10,000.00	10,000.00
LIABILITIES Those due within one year		
Accounts not yet paid		
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced		
Subscriptions not yet paid		
Other	-	-
LIABILITIES Those payable after one year		
Loan (with details)		
Hire Purchase owing		
Leasing payments outstanding		
Other long term liabilities	-	-
Contingent Liabilities and Future Obligations		

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the

5th Dunstable (Methodist)

SCOUT GROUP/DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended

31st December 2020

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/Districts trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor 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 to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineers 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 3 to 6

Scrutineers Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name:

Address:

Date:

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

5th Dunstable (Methodist)

SCOUT GROUP/DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended
which are set out on pages 3 to 6

31st December 2020

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 43) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 43(3) (a) of the 1993 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 43 (7) (b) of the 1993 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Acthave not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: _____

Name:

Qualification:

Address:

Date: _____