

The 1st Broomfield Scout Group annual report and accounts for the financial year ended 31st December 2021



AGM
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Via Zoom 8pm

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- Exec Committee Member (Management of the Group and its buildings and fundraising) – particularly Beaver and Cubs parents/grandparents
- Skills instructor
- Section Leader, Assistant Section Leader or Sectional Assistants
- Activity Helper (e.g., on camps and walks)
- I T / Digital / social media
- Building & stores repair / maintenance

WELCOME - A word from the Group Scout Leader, Simon Webb

As it's my first AGM as Group Scout leader, I will firstly apologise for not using the correct scout phraseology before I get picked up on it!

From taking on the role in the latter part of last year, it's certainly been an experience not from doing the job, but getting to grips with the ins and outs of the scouting world. It really is a well-run organisation with management on all levels for which we are trained.....but it is still a charity run by volunteers who still have a day job to pay the bills. They have given up their own time and well-earned holidays to help.

The 1st Broomfield group has beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers – the latter not officially part of but with the same leaders from other sections.

From my initial perspective, sitting on both the Exec Committee and the scout leaders' group, it's clear that everyone, all being volunteers, have brought together a real need to engage with the kids with a view of giving a real push start into adult life and a commitment with a fantastic grounding into the big wide world.

The exec committee have a really important role to play, to meet the strict regulations of being a charity at the end of the day, to ensure money is spent correctly, to ensure peoples safety, guiding and looking forward to how best to deliver the real aim of scouting.

But the scout leaders, who run and organise events, camping, hikes, swimming galas, climbing walls, archery, fencing...the list goes on and on have really one goal -for the children to enjoy themselves safely and provide new experiences that some may not be fortunate to ever experience. We have real respect for their time, direction and desire to achieve this goal. So, everyone is under constant pressure to ensure that we as volunteers do the right thing.

We had a recent article in the Broomfield Times and with Roger's help – will be submitting a further update on what we have been doing as a group so please do have a read and it'll demonstrate what 1st Broomfield is up to,

As a parent with both kids having gone through the beavers and cubs – now in the scouts, hopefully onto explorers in the next couple of years, Duke of Edinburgh award possibly, the grounding is a fantastic start to adult life. A great start to a CV when looking for a job or future career. As I'm one of those people have that have to spend a lot of time going through CV's – it's the first thing I look for. A lot of people don't realise the impact and influence scouting has on the children going forward.

Although it's great to see a sort of "normality" return to our world, it does highlight the work pre, post and during the pandemic that the leaders and volunteers have and are doing.

But there is only so much they we can do. Please – if you can help out then please let me know.

As Malcolm indicated in his recent letter, the subs may have to be increased if we can't continue the recycling skip due to lack of support in "skip jumping" although there are ongoing discussions with the very generous skip provider about a second skip. The book sale is a real benefit from an income perspective – but we have the same gallant volunteers who spend a week setting the whole thing up, organising the books into sections and again their time.

So – in conclusion – I'd like to thank all the volunteers for their help and really ask if anyone else is prepared to join the team - in any role that they think they can help with – then please contact me.

Simon Webb swebb300125@gmail.com

AGM Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom - 15th June 2021

Chair Malcolm Taylor welcomed to the AGM on Zoom, Roger Cole as District Chair, Alun Powell as our Independent Auditor.

Malcolm thanked the leaders for carrying on the last year during the pandemic and sorting out the store cupboard, and TMA for overseeing the project management of the Activity Building and Traversing Wall. Roger and Sue were thanked for their online Booksale over the last year. Nigel and Carolyn were thanked for their support over the years as they both standing down from the Exec. Paul Fisher was thanked as he is standing down as Section Assistant for Scouts.

Moving forward to the business at hand Malcolm advised that, for Zoom ease, he would will assume consent to everything unless anyone says otherwise.

Apologies for absence were received from - Will Davis, Ellie Green, Andrea and Maya Robertson. Steff Smith & Suzanne Ball Co-DC

Minutes from last year's AGM, agreed as correct and true.

Booklet with the Annual Review sent out to all with a brief Group report due to most sections not running over the last year. Annual Review thanks to John for good finance management the last year along with the grants from Government from the Hospitality sector. Due to this we haven't charged Subs for the last year and we've maintained our reserves for future projects such as the Kitchen and Toilet updates.

Tara nominated Malcolm to continue as the Group Chair – Malcolm confirmed he was happy to continue.

Group Secretary – Monica McKie

Group Treasurer – John Wallis

Roger Cole nominated to the Group Exec.

Tara Watkins, SL and Ruth Reed, ESL approved as ex-officio members.

Election of members to the Group Executive Committee

Beaver Colony 1 -

Beaver Colony 2 – Martin Chapman

Cub –Will Davis

Scout – Sanjay Anderson & Kirstie Zanco

Linda MacInnes co-opted on to the Exec.

Alun Powell was nominated as Independent Auditor and confirmed he would do this for another year. Everyone was thanked for attending via zoom.

GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT 2021

We have, hopefully, left the “Covid Years” behind us and have returned to face-to-face Scouting. A great big thank you to all leaders, volunteers, supporters and Executive Members who have made this possible and also to parents/carers who have again placed their young people in our care.

The last two years have limited our ability to meet, but despite these limitations innovative methods were found to enable our sections to meet. Last year our new Beaver Colony and Cub Pack (Dinizulu) were able to meet face-to-face and we were able to put the finishing touches to our new multi-activity building. As soon as they were able to do so the sections have used the traversing wall within it.

We were able to continue to offer activities (albeit via Zoom and then in limited socially distanced numbers outside) throughout the pandemic as we continued to be able to collect wastepaper and card in the skip – a major source of income generation. Whilst we were unable to hold a book sale in 2021 Roger & Sue Cole were again able to ‘discover’ valuable literary gems from amongst the book stock and sell them via the internet – another source of income. Our thanks to Roger & Sue for continuing to support us in this way. John, I have no doubt will cover the Group Finances in greater detail but it is fair to say that without these sources of income we would have had difficulty in maintaining “services” and activities at the current subscription levels.

The paper skip remains a valuable source of income for the Group but its contents can get out of hand if left to their own devices (and the wind)!! We therefore need volunteers to come forward and help us keep the paper/card in the skip – levelling the contents or ‘stamping it down’; we need “skip jumpers”! If you can assist in this way once a month, please join the rota. Contact me or one of the leaders and we will give you a slot!!! Our own success, in activity provision, has increased members [2 x Beaver Colonies, 2 x Cub Packs and a Scout Troop (*which is bursting at the seams*)] means we need assistance with the sections. If you feel you could help us as a Scout Volunteer at the section meetings, please speak to a leader in the first instance. We can offer the appropriate support and training and what’s more it’s FUN!

At the end of 2021 we welcomed Simon Webb who volunteered to join us as Group Scout Leader (Volunteer Manager). Simon had been a Scout and currently has two children within the Group. I look forward to working with Simon over the coming months for the benefit of the Group.

Finally, but by no means least we need a few more parent members (particularly from the Beaver & Cub sections) to join us on the Group Executive. You will be able to bring an additional perspective to our meetings. We meet once a term in the HQ, in convivial surroundings. As with any role within Scouting training is given. If you are able to assist and support us in this way, please do contact me.

[Malcolm Taylor](#)

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Treasurers Report 2021

In summary we have a £5,092 surplus for 2021 which was higher than expected due to the additional Covid related grants of £16,993 received from Chelmsford City Council, resulting in a year-end bank balance of £57,987, which is around £10,000 higher than anticipated.

As a result of these extra grant monies, the Executive Committee agreed to donate £2,000 to Chelmsford District Scouts – to be allocated to other scout groups in Chelmsford District who were in financial need (e.g., losses caused by Covid)

Whilst the cash reserves have risen somewhat unexpectedly, these are exceptional times and we have significant expenditure in the pipeline for new / improved toilet facilities and a refitted kitchen.

Notes to the Accounts

- 1) Subs – Whilst the accounts show an increase from 2020, we only collected around half of a full year's total, due to many sections not operating a full face-to-face programme until Summer/Autumn 2021.
- 2) Donations Received – The majority of this total is the sum of £271 was kindly donated by Sunrise Online Retail to cover fire damage costs following an act of arson in the waste paper skip.
- 3) Gift Aid – This will be claimed in 2022 for the 2-year period
- 4) Activity Income & Expenditure naturally shows a further drop - simply due to lockdown and a lack of large events with uncertainty around Covid and many inexperienced young members who have not attended for 12-15 months. We typically spend £6-10,000 in a normal year
- 5) Building Grants – These relate to 2 grants, received as expected and as noted in last year's Annual Report from Essex Scouts County Grants Board £3,404 and Essex County Council Locality Fund £1,000.
- 6) Other Grant – Chelmsford City Council hospitality support / restart grants paid in four further amounts due to the additional Covid related lockdowns in early 2021.
- 7) Whilst we did not hold a face-to-face book sale in 2021, an incredible amount of work was done behind the scenes selling many books online instead, many thanks to those involved in the socially distanced sorting and selling, which naturally was not easy.
- 8) Our income from the waste paper skip (the value of paper and receipt of "recycling credits") is relatively consistent and has proved an excellent Covid-proof fund raiser.
- 9) Membership Fees were paid as normal to The Scout Association via Chelmsford District Scouts at £39 per child/young leader – this was paid irrespective of whether we collected subs, which were only re-started when each individual section met face to face again.
- 10) Payments for activities and events etc. dropped in line with the associated income from activities, this generally relates to the same events (e.g., a subsidised camp) (see note 4). The net value of these two amounts forms the net subsidy provided by the Group to parents.
- 11) Electricity & Gas costs dropped as the HQ was closed during the coldest period of Lockdown. We have a 3-year fixed contract running to July 2023 so we are protected for the time being against the current spike in energy prices.
- 12) Repairs & Renewals - significant items within this category were £343 for additional / replacement fire extinguishers and associated checks, £271 waste disposal costs for one tonne of non-recyclable / fire damaged paper in the wastepaper skip and £165 for a service for our equipment trailer.
- 13) Materials and Equipment - Purchases include £16,210 for the new adjustable freestanding climbing wall, £706 for 3 new tables and a new table trolley, £291 for a new gun cupboard for our air rifles and £128 for replacement climbing rope and pulleys
- 14) Donations Made - This includes the £2,000 mentioned above to cover scout groups in financial hardship
- 15) Expenses incurred but not invoiced: related to the Heating/lighting/electrical costs for the new building. At the time of this report all invoices relating to the new Garage have now been paid.

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31st December 2021

Notes	2020		2021	
	Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds	
	£		£	
Receipts				
Donations, Legacies and similar Income				
1	Membership Subscriptions	£634	£1,960	
2	Donations Received	£1,710	£297	
3	Gift Aid	£881	£0	
4	Income for Youth programme and activities	£3,137	£1,738	
	Refunds Received on Activities	£8,781	£0	
	Sub Total	£15,142	£3,994	
Grants				
5	Building Grant	£15,450	£4,404	
6	Other Grant	£12,635	£16,993	
	Sub Total	£28,085	£21,397	
Fundraising events (Gross)				
7	Book Sale	£5,406	£5,000	
8	Waste Paper income & Recycling Credits	£7,176	£7,457	
	General Fundraising	£245	£0	
	Sub Total	£12,826	£12,457	
Scout Hut Income				
	Hire of Building	£35	£0	
	Sub Total	£35	£0	
Investment income				
	Bank Interest	£165	£104	
	Sub Total	£165	£104	
	Total Gross Income Receipts	£56,254	£37,951	
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
9	Membership Fees paid to District	-£3,478	-£3,822	
	Youth programme and activities	-£6,665	-£4,176	
	Refunds Issued on Activities	-£10,473	£0	
10	Adult Support & Training	-£180	-£198	
	Waste Disposal	-£379	-£379	
	Water & Sewerage	-£151	-£152	
11	Electricity & Gas	-£494	-£403	
	Insurance	-£1,359	-£1,420	
12	Repairs & Renewals	-£288	-£909	
13	Materials & Equipment	-£1,071	-£17,734	
	Printing & Photocopying	-£61	-£53	
	Uniforms	-£290	-£70	
	AGM & Trustee Expenses	-£132	-£119	
	OSM Bank Charges	-£271	-£271	
	Cleaning	-£459	-£396	
14	Donations made	-£19	-£2,000	
	Badges	-£751	-£472	
	Sub Total	-£26,520	-£32,574	
	Fund Raising Expenses	-£56	£0	
	Total Gross Expenditure	-£26,576	-£32,574	
Asset and investment purchases etc.				
	Major Building costs	-£25,301	-£285	
	Total payments	-£51,877	-£32,859	
	Net Receipts/(Payments)	£4,376	£5,092	
	Cash funds last year end	£48,519	£52,895	
	Cash funds this year end	£52,895	£57,987	

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

		31/12/2020		31/12/2021
		Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds
Notes		£		£
	Cash funds			
	Bank current account	£4,341	✓	£6,330
	Bank deposit accounts	£33,004	✓	£28,007
	Bank Notice Account	£15,550	✓	£23,650
	Total cash funds	£52,895		£57,987
	Non-Monetary assets for charity's own use			
	Badge stock	£450		£450
	Uniform Stock	£0	✓	£495
	Land and buildings	£389,000		£389,000
	Scouting equipment, furniture etc (depreciated at 5% Other	£26,939	✓	£42,440
	Sub total	£416,389		£432,385
	Liabilities			
15	Expenses incurred but not invoiced		✓	£4,074
	Sub total	£0		£4,074
	Total Group Assets	£469,284		£486,298

Reserves Policy of 1st Broomfield Scout Group

It is the policy of the Group to hold one year's expenditure in reserve to cover loss of our two large income streams namely the Book Sale and Waste Paper recycling (approximately £15,000 in total). These form an exceptionally large part of our fund raising. This reserve policy is reviewed regularly by the Group Executive (Trustees) who are satisfied that sufficient reserves remain to carry on the daily running of the Group.

Following the completion of the new activities/storage building alongside the HQ further reserves will be established to enable provision for a refurbished kitchen area and improved disabled access with improvements to WC facilities. Long term we will also need to build reserves for the rebuilding of the (pre-fab) concrete walls built in the 1970's which will not last for ever.

[John Wallis](#)

Group Treasurer – broomfieldtreasurer@gmail.com

Scout Troop

It's been a tough climb this year to gain some momentum back after Covid, we have managed to keep a steady number in Scouts with many joining us for the first time.

We restarted in May last summer term and got straight to get doing those activities we have much missed at Scouting which included paddle boarding, crate stacking, climbing, very muddy den building, golf at Rascal Bay, and of course fire lighting over Riffhams.

September back to usual with us baking up a storm to support Broomfield Football club for their Macmillan Coffee morning and raised £600. October saw us return to enter the plainsman/Wanderers' hike again after missing a couple of years, the route was set around Riffhams to give us some familiar grounds to getting back to hiking. Then after 103 weeks without camping we finally managed to get a small Troop camp over to Thriftwood for some activities and usually exploring in the woods and getting back into cooking on open fires.

We held a Christmas creative challenge day along with 26th Chelmsford, lots of craft activities were completed and challenge badge gained, and lotssssss of cooking, from our annual cooking competition, from pancakes to stir-fry and we finished with a fantastic effort for the official opening of the bouldering wall - afternoon tea for our donors and local councillors.

A great survival camp and hike was enjoyed by all and fab to be camping again, scouts hiked to camp and constructed their own bivvies to sleep in. Plainsman moved backed to its regular slot in May so again we entered a team in each, and what and marvellous effort they made. it was a long hike!

Lots of activities this term aimed to ticking off some tasks towards Chief Scout Gold awards and importantly we are looking forward once again to summer CAMP in Dorset! **We are looking for some additional adults to come join our leadership team**, if anyone wants to know more, please come and speak to any of us, you just need to be keen and willing. Thanks

Tara

Wednesday Beavers



Summer 2021

At the beginning of the pandemic in 2020 we ran a few sessions on zoom. Unfortunately, we had very little uptake so the decision was made to wait until f2f scouting could begin. We returned in May 2021 starting with a fish and chip hike. We hiked from the hut to Angel Park via the fields behind Berwick Avenue. Children were accompanied by parents and we had good support. The following week we ventured to Hylands Park for a scavenger hunt. Next, we had a night of archery, mini cross bows and codes followed by low ropes course at Skreens Park. We invested our new beavers at Riffhams after enjoying time in the woods. To end the term, we had a bike night on the field and a night of Olympic activity.

Our numbers have reduced significantly over the pandemic; we currently have 12 beavers. However, we have a strong leadership team. We have Sarah who is awaiting her appointment interview for Colony Assistant and Amy has just joined and wants to become a uniformed leader.

Autumn 2021

The autumn term has been a busy one for Beavers. We had 15 beavers regularly attending and have a strong team of 5 adults. We also have a young leader attending regularly for his D of E. Bronze award. Beavers have had the opportunity to attend a Saturday at Riffhams and Thriftwood. This provides opportunities for more adventurous activities including the cresta run, peddlerz and assault course. These were well supported by parents.

For our weekly meetings we have hiked to Little Waltham, stopping for a picnic on route, we've done archery, mini-crossbows, had a very informative talk from the foodbank, made a wreath for Remembrance Day and played lots of games. Beavers have earned their money skills badge (a new badge this year) and their builder badge. We had a great hike around the city centre admiring the Christmas lights and sampling some chips and enjoyed a game of bowling for our Christmas outing. Unfortunately, we had a couple of weeks where we could not meet due to

Covid affecting the leader's availability.

However, the space badge we should have worked on will now be earned in the Spring term

Winter 2021

This term has been very busy with lots of badge work being completed. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to Gemma who has moved out of the area. We are really going to miss her and it means that we are down to only one warranted leader. However, we do have 4 regular adults and also Alex Passfield is attending for his DofE Silver award.

The first session back was all about the promise. We looked at each part of the promise and also at the history of scouting. The following week we started work on one of the newer badges The Great Outdoors stage 1. We covered all the requirements for this badge, other than the at home sleepover, over the next few weeks. We covered the communicator badge with a spy night, deciphering codes and playing hide and seek using telephone and text communication. We cooked up a 'lovely' chow mein for Chinese New Year and managed to complete our space badge which we missed out on last year. We were lucky to have Amy's husband Andy to come in a talk to us about the James Webb telescope. Unfortunately, it was rather cloudy but we made use of technology and used apps to spot where constellations were behind the clouds! The second half of half term started with Pancake Day. Lots of delicious pancakes were consumed!!! Then it was World

Book Day. We all dressed up as a book character (Harry Potter was a favourite) and many beavers earned their book reader badge. We've been trying to teach the beavers some games as this is something most do not have experience of. We've had hungry hippos, hockey, who's missing and lots more. We've also tried to learn some knots and a special mention has to go to John and Alex for an incredible display of patience! For the last 2 sessions we have planned to use our climbing wall, with Anne-Marie leading small groups, some emergency aid, and an Easter Hike. We are also having a sleepover over for the first time since lockdown, joining with the other colony to have a basic skills camp.

SUMMER 2022

We have been very busy since the last report. In March we joined together with Thursday beavers to have our very first sleepover since Covid. We concentrated on scouting skills and beavers put up tents, cooked over a fire, roasted marshmallows, sewed badges on their camp blankets, used a compass to collect clues and much more.

To round off the term we had an Easter Bunny hunt, walking from Broads Green across the footpaths to Broomfield church. We were very lucky that the Easter Bunny had left us some goodies on the way for us to collect and enjoy!

We started the summer term with archery, learning the green cross code, fencing, and beginning to get ready for the Queen's jubilee.

We are looking forward to our next sleepover which is at Braintree Museum with a dinosaur theme!

We have also recruited another member of the team Jayne Pearson which is great. This means we have a great adult to child ratio at most sessions. However, we really need someone to come on board to be an assistant section leader so there is another person able to run the group when the leader is unavailable.

Charlotte and the BLT

Kantankye Cubs (Wednesday) Report

The Kantankye Cub pack have been as busy as ever this year!



We started off Summer last year with a packed term filled with badges and activities; the Cubs learnt how to communicate using semaphore and delivering messages across the length of the field, combined football and golf to design their own mini footgolf courses to complete, also many visits to Riffhams campsite to observe how seasons affect the nature and environment. This meant the Cubs completed their naturalist and athletics badge. This term they also braved the heights of high ropes, hit the targets in archery, duelled each other in fencing, paddled around in kayaking and tried not to fall in whilst paddleboarding. Phew!

Moving into the autumn and the Cubs had a heated debate for parliament week and pitched their own designs and ideas for new camp gadgets for a mock up "Dragons Den". The lazy bot and the peg remover sounded very enticing! They also tested their problem solving and cunning through attempting to build the strongest Lego bridges and playing games of giant battleships. The sixers and seconders took over for a week and designed their own evening to run. Some future leaders in the making, maybe! The Cubs had to brave the pirates during an activity weekend at Riffhams, rescuing their lunch from trees by lighting fires... Following the bloody (ketchup) trail of the missing Davis Grug... Battling an obstacle course... Tasting some unusual foods and working their way through Shere Khan's Lair.

Spring came along and didn't disappoint! Badges were earned left and right through learning about burns, scalds, asthma, slings, bandages and the recovery position. First aid achieved. Then jumping straight into map symbols, 6 figure grid references and a hike using maps and waypoints to find their own way around Broomfield. Map reading ticked off. Disability was next on the list as the Cubs were keen to learn about how people thrive with different conditions and some of the challenges they face. It isn't all about badges though as the Cubs participated in many district events; showing off their crafting skills and being awarded handsomely for their efforts in the craft competition. The flash mob in central Chelmsford was an engaging way to show scouting off to the public. A special mention must go to the swimmers who competed in the swimming gala, their points contributed to allow 1st Broomfield to place 2nd overall! Well Done!

This year we have finally been able to get back into the full groove of scouting and taken the cubs out to camp and given them nights away. For some this was their first time away from home and what a time they had. We

started off light with a sleepover at the hut filled with hikes, homemade pizzas with some unusual topping combinations, squishy biscuits over the fire and games. Stepping into May, the Cubs travelled to Belchamps to finally solve the mystery of "Where's Wally?". The Cubs hunted him down through Hockley woods to no avail. They also re-enacted many scenes where Wally had been spotted previously with his friends. The costumes themselves were entertaining enough! We were impressed with how well the Cubs conducted themselves and embraced new challenges.

This term so far, we have been taken over by May the 4th (be with you), how to pack for camp (Dennis can't come with us!), bouldering on the new wall, archery and plenty of craft. Preparations for the county ran Megacamp in June are in full swing. Watch out fellow swashbucklers, Kantankye are out to have the best time! All of this wouldn't be possible without the many voluntary hours behind the scenes that are given by the leadership team. Planning meetings, strange ideas that turn into activities, risk assessments and all the prep/packing and unpacking for camps. If you are reading this and would like to contribute in some way, please come and talk to us! Even if you can only contribute a small amount, or have an unusual skill we can feature, that would help us massively. Thank you.

Kantankye Leadership Team – Steff, Andrea, Jo, Maya, Megan, Cerian and Patrick. 😊

Thursday Beavers, 2nd Colony

Autumn Term:



We started welcoming some new Beavers into the colony - our first meeting back we focused on what being a Beaver meant and looked at the History of Scouting (as Beavers turned 35 in 2021).

We held a joint Activity Day at Riffhams with the Wednesday Colony with activities ranging from cooking camp pizzas on an open fire, to slack-lining, a blind trail through the woods and some trebuchet building, I think it was fair to say that all the Beavers (and some parents) had a wonderful time

Over the following weeks we hiked out to Little Waltham from the HQ, did Archery, climbing on the new climbing wall, Mini Crossbows and Circus skills (sadly not many of the Beavers could juggle).

John came in to discuss savings and values. Excitingly the Beavers all completed their Money Skills badges. We looked at endangered animals from around the world with all the Beavers making an animal mask.

For Halloween we had an evening of fun, the Beavers worked in teams to complete challenges.

We had a lady come in from Chelmsford Food Bank one evening - the Beavers had brought in some donations for her to take away with her

We walked up to the St Mary's Church and the War Memorial for Remembrance Day. The Beavers looked at all the names on the memorial and the different stained-glass windows in the Church and they enjoyed spotting all the different parts of the windows.

We had an evening looking at Space and the planets - we had different items of fruit to show the difference in the sizes of planets. We went on a hike through the city center to look at all the Christmas Lights and the children sang with the Salvation Army brass band.



Spring Term:

In this spring term we teamed up with the Wednesday Beavers and (finally) had our first Beaver Sleepover. We spread the sleepover across two nights to enable as many as possible to join in and to allow us to actually fit them in the HQ.

Most of our colony came over the two nights. With the exception of one child who had camped with family before, none of the Beavers had camped with Scouting or even spent a night away from home before! They all did amazingly well and had a wonderful time.

We covered a range of topics and activities this term, making plate bags ready for our sleepover, cooking a stir fry for Chinese New Year, planting some seeds both for Mother's Day and to watch how different plants grow across the seasons and celebrated World Book Day with some fun costumes.

It also wouldn't have been the spring term without pancake day. We looked at how other countries celebrate Pancake Day.

Our Colony took part in the District Swimming Gala. Our team came in 4th place. Considering none of them knew what to expect beforehand we were very proud of them.

With the conflict breaking out in Ukraine we took time to discuss the situation with the Beavers. Many of them had questions in relation to the refugees and what was happening with the conflict.

We looked at some notable refugees from history -some fictional who most of them knew such as Paddington Bear, the Children from the Narnia stories and some that they didn't know as refugees - Albert Einstein, Anne Frank, Rita Ora and Mo Farrah.



We looked at Global issues such as poverty and famine as well as looking at the different Beavers from around the world - Joey Scouts in Australia, the Grasshopper Scouts in Japan (the Beavers found this to be the funniest) and how the promise and the promise badge changes very slightly from country to country. We looked at our promise badge and what the different parts represent.

We had some first aid, mixed in with our communicator badges and how to make a phone call or how to send an email. We had the Javelins out on the field along with having another go on the climbing wall.

We did an Easter Hike out to Broads Green in the very changeable weather, as it started out sunny and ended in a snow flurry!

We also had our first Beaver of the colony achieve his bronze award this term.

Summer Term:



We have had another handful of new Beavers to welcome in this term so far with more due to start after the half term holidays. We have looked at all the different collections the Beavers have, from Feathers, to Stones, to Sea Shells and Shark Teeth and even the Lego cards that Sainsbury's have done over the last couple of years.

We have had an evening of Games - Jenga / Connect Four and even a mini escape room style challenge! The Beavers had to find the clues to unlock a surprise at the end of the meeting.

We have covered the Green Cross Code and safety aspect of different sports, such as Archery, Climbing and even Fencing.

Still to come this term we have a Jubilee party planned. We also have some Paddle Boarding and Abseiling over at Skreens planned and some science experiments to hopefully shock and awe the Beavers.

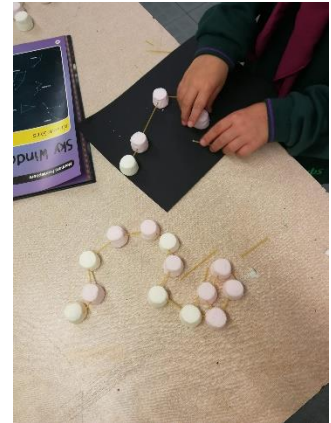
We have a joint sleepover planned with the Wednesday Beavers coming up for a night at Braintree Museum, along with the preparations firmly underway for the district 'Beavers In Tents' event happening in September.

Dinizulu Cub Pack Report (Thursdays)

The 2nd Cub Pack opened on the 9th Sept 21, as a trial section, we started with 5 Cubs, 2 that had moved up from the Thursday Beaver section and 3 children from both the previous waiting list or general enquires. Since then, we have slowly grown to now having 11 Cubs with Beavers moving up to us and some coming in via join enquires. Many of our Cubs attend different schools so they have had to learn to be part of a new 'team' and make new friends – which has been achieved brilliantly under the strange times we've been in. It has been great seeing the Cubs getting on so well and how they adapt to new members and making them all feel welcome.

We have tried to ease the Cubs into 'Scouting' activities so we started in September with how Scouting started, so they understood what was happening when they got invested. We have explored local maps and they planned out a local hike

We had a night doing the 'Space badge', marshmallow constellations! we have learnt about the Chelmsford Foodbank and how we need to live our scout promise 'to help other people', we were shocked to learn that there are over 2500 children in Chelmsford relying on the Foodbank each week. We went on a Christmas Lights night hike round the city, finishing at McDonald for chips! And had a Christmas Film and Activity night with the Thursday Beavers to end the term, some even took their Gingerbread masterpieces home.....



January started with the exciting news that Cubs Mega camp would be happening this year! 2 days of fun activities all geared at Cubs at Skreens Park, the downside? - all our Cubs had virtually no experience of sleepovers or camping, and after the last two chaotic years we've had, our adults equally had no idea what was expected of 'camp' let alone the Cubs not being with their 'adult'. We invited the adults in to a PowerPoint presentation on what Mega Camp was about, we arranged a Sleepover at the HQ to test the water.... we had 8 Cubs attend the sleepover. They had a fabulous time, we did Archery, stitched a badge on a camp blanket, played wide games, they put up tents and we did some Youth Shaped Scouting – they tell us what they'd like to do at Cubs – when one Cub said 'can we go to McDonalds?' it was funny when the others said 'we've done that already!' (I guess we're on for another hike finishing at McDonalds again then...)

We started last term with a campfire and marshmallows and campfire songs, great Scouting activities that were all new to our Cubs, one Cub declared that night 'the best night ever!!'. In preparation for Mega camp and camping in general Cubs decorated their own Crockery bags –so all their camp crockery and cutlery are stored safely ready for the next camp and can be easily found at camp. Cubs got stuck in with prepping and cooking stir-fries for Chinese New Year – yes, they do eat veg!

And later on, they made pancakes and learnt about Shrove Tuesday around the world. For World book week we looked at Refugees, some are very famous now. This was high-lighted with the Ukraine crisis going on, we looked at how we might react to having to leave our homes, possessions and friends behind and we found this very difficult. We tried to build a model of an emergency 'home' what we would need most for a family that were Refugees, it was interesting finding out what some Cubs felt were necessities and how they wanted it to be as near as a home from home as could be.

Cubs have learnt the basics for their Emergency Aid level 1 badge, they have learnt about fairness towards their Global Badge, tried out the Climbing Wall, and went out for a freezing cold Easter Hike – the adults were the ones that missed seeing the ‘Easter bunny’ hop off as it left us some treats!

This term Cubs learnt more about scouting and the first Scout camp at Brownsea Island, and made armpit fudge – delicious but quite sickly! They have also had a go at Fencing – that was more tiring than they anticipated.

We have just had a great weekend camp at Riffhams sleeping in tents outdoors and enjoying campfires, wide games, building bivvies and putting up tents and taking them down of course.

Thanks to our parent helpers for coming along and joining in to make sure we all have great Scouting fun!
We can't wait for our next big adventures!!
Bagheera and King Louis

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1st Broomfield Scout Group Reg. Charity 1016433

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31st December 2021

and payments

Notes	2020		2021	
	Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds	
	£		£	
Receipts				
Donations, Legacies and similar Income				
1	Membership Subscriptions	£634	£1,960	
2	Donations Received	£1,710	£297	
3	Gift Aid	£881	£0	
4	Income for Youth programme and activities	£3,137	£1,738	
	Refunds Received on Activities	£8,781	£0	
	Sub Total	15,142	3,994	
Grants				
5	Building Grant	£15,450	£4,404	
6	Other Grant	£12,635	£16,993	
	Sub Total	28,085	21,397	
Fundraising events (Gross)				
7	Book Sale	£5,406	£5,000	
8	Waste Paper income & Recycling Credits	£7,176	£7,457	
	General Fundraising	£245	£0	
	Sub Total	12,826	12,457	
Scout Hut Income				
	Hire of Building	£35	£0	
	Sub Total	35	-	
Investment income				
	Bank Interest	£165	£104	
	Sub Total	165	104	
Total Gross Income		56,254	37,951	
Asset and investment sales, etc.		£0	£0	
Total receipts		56,254	37,951	

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For the year ended 31st December 2021

and payments		2020	2021
Notes	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£	£
Payments			
Charitable Payments			
9	Membership Fees paid to District	-£3,478	-£3,822
	Youth programme and activities	-£6,665	-£4,176
	Refunds Issued on Activities	-£10,473	£0
10	Adult Support & Training	-£180	-£198
	Waste Disposal	-£379	-£379
	Water & Sewerage	-£151	-£152
11	Electricity & Gas	-£494	-£403
	Insurance	-£1,359	-£1,420
12	Repairs & Renewals	-£288	-£909
13	Materials & Equipment	-£1,071	-£17,734
	Printing & Photocopying	-£61	-£53
	Uniforms	-£290	-£70
	AGM & Trustee Expenses	-£132	-£119
	OSM Bank Charges	-£271	-£271
	Cleaning	-£459	-£396
14	Donations made	-£19	-£2,000
	Badges	-£751	-£472
	Sub Total	- 26,520	- 32,574
	Fund Raising Expenses		
	Fund Raising Expenses	-£56	£0
	Total Gross Expenditure	- 26,576	- 32,574
	Asset and investment purchases etc.		
	Major Building costs	-£25,301	-£285
	Total payments	- 51,877	- 32,859
	Net Receipts/(Payments)	£4,376	£5,092
	Cash funds last year end	£48,519	£52,895
	Cash funds this year end	52,895	57,987

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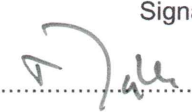

Liabilities at the end of the year

Notes	31/12/2020		31/12/2021	
	Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds	
	£		£	
Cash funds				
Bank current account	£4,341		£6,330	
Bank deposit accounts	£33,004		£28,007	
Bank Notice Account	£15,550		£23,650	
Total cash funds	52,895		57,987	
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	ok		ok	
Non-Monetary assets for charity's own use				
Badge stock	£450		£450	
Uniform Stock	£0		£495	
Land and buildings	£389,000		£389,000	
Scouting equipment, furniture etc (depreciated at 5% p.a.)	£26,939		£42,440	
Other				
Sub total	416,389		432,385	
Liabilities				
15 Expenses incurred but not invoiced			£4,074	
Sub total	£0		£4,074	
Total Group Assets	469,284		486,298	

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on

11th JANUARY 2022

(the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

	Signature	Name
Chair.....		MALCOLM TAYLOR
Treasurer.....		JOHN WALLIS

Treasurers Report 2021

In summary we have a £5,092 surplus for 2021 which was higher than expected due to the continued of Covid related grants of £16,993 from Chelmsford City Council.

We therefore have a year-end bank balance of £57,987, which is around £10,000 higher than anticipated.

As a result of the extra grant monies received, the Exec Committee agreed to donate £2,000 to Chelmsford District Scouts – to be allocated to other scout groups in financial need at that difficult time for many.

We also received the remaining 2 building grants as expected and in last year's Report being Essex Scouts County Grants Board £3,404 and Essex County Council Locality Fund £1,000.

Whilst the cash reserves have risen somewhat, these are exceptional times and we have significant expenditure in the pipeline for new toilet facilities and a refitted kitchen.

Notes to the Accounts

- 1) Subs – Whilst an increase on 2021, we only collected around half of a full year's total, due to many sections not operating a full face-to-face programme until Summer/Autumn 2021.
- 2) Donations Received – The majority of this total is the sum of £271 kindly donated by Sunrise Online Retail to cover fire damage costs following an act of arson in the waste paper skip.
- 3) Gift Aid – This will be claimed in 2022
- 4) Activity Income & Expenditure naturally shows a further drop - simply due to lockdown and a lack of large events with uncertainty around Covid and many inexperienced young members who have not attended for 12-15 months. We typically we spend £6-10,000 in a normal year
- 5) Building Grants – as commented above
- 6) Other Grant – Chelmsford City Council hospitality support /restart grants paid in four further amounts due to the additional Lockdowns in early 2021.
- 7) Whilst we did not hold a face-to-face book sale in 2021, an incredible amount of work was done behind the scenes selling some of the books online, many thanks to all involved in the socially distanced sorting and selling, which was not easy.
- 8) Our income from the waste paper skip (value of paper and Recycling Credits) is relatively consistent and has proved an excellent Covid proof fund raiser.
- 9) Membership Fees were paid as normal to district at £39 per child/young leader
- 10) Payments for activities and events etc. dropped in line with the associated income (see note 4)
- 11) Electricity & Gas costs dropped as the HQ was closed during the coldest period of Lockdown. We have a 3-year fixed contract running to July 2023 so we are somewhat protected from the current spike in energy prices
- 12) Repairs & Renewals - significant items within this category were £343 for additional (new building) and replacement fire extinguishers and associated checks, £271 for fire damage costs to disposal of 1 tonne of non-recyclable paper waste by Essex Reclamation Ltd (a sum kindly covered – see note (2) and £165 for a service for the trailer.
- 13) Materials and Equipment Purchases include £16,210 for the new climbing wall (Dream Climbing Walls Ltd), £706 for 3 new tables and a new table trolley (heavily used in our book sales), £291 for a new gun cupboard for the air rifles, and £128 for new ropes and pulleys – a lot of our old rope is very old and unusable
- 14) This includes £2,000 as mentioned above to cover scout groups in financial hardship as a result of Lockdown and the need to pay membership fees and other fixed costs
- 15) Expenses incurred but not invoiced is the Heating/lighting/electrical costs for the new building

John Wallis
Group Treasurer
10.01.2021

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Broomfield Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **1st Broomfield Scout Group** for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the **1st Broomfield Scout Group** you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the **1st Broomfield Scout Group** accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the **1st Broomfield Scout Group** as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Alun Powell

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): Economist

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Date: 6 April 2022