



9th Aylesbury Scout Group

Annual General Meeting

2021

To be held on Monday 4th October 2021, from 6.30pm at our Scout HQ



Annual Report for period ending 31 March 2021

As a registered charity, we are required to present certain information, hold an Annual General Meeting and elect officers to the 9th Aylesbury Scout Group Executive Committee.

Young people are amazing. It's our role to help them realise this.

Help give our young people the skills they need to succeed in life and discover how being a part of the Scouting family can be as rewarding for you as it is for them!!

Put your skills to use, learn new ones, and contribute to an amazing life-experience for you and your local community.

Volunteering is easier than you think. With full support and training, you can volunteer in a way that suits you.

The only thing missing from our team is you.

Put your skills to use, learn new ones and play an active role in your local community.

Volunteering is easier than you think. With full support and training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis.

Give young people the skills they need to succeed in life and discover how being part of the Scouting family can be as rewarding for you as it is for them.

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9th Aylesbury Scout Group

2021 Annual General Meeting Information Booklet

For this year's Annual General Meeting, the following information is provided.

Should there be any questions concerning these, please kindly raise them at the AGM.

Minutes of last year's AGM held on 9th February 2021, via Zoom

Chair Person Report

Group Scout Leader Report

Treasurer's Report

Receipts & Payments Summary

Assets & Liabilities Summary

Scrutineers Report

Trustees Report

Minutes from the previous AGM

Minutes of 9th Aylesbury Scout Group Annual General Meeting held via Zoom video conference on Tuesday 9 February 2021 at 7.15pm

Present: Mel Quaile (Chair), Kelvin Leaver (GSL), Paul Biswell (Facilities Manager), Sue Biswell (Administrator), Paul Sypko (parent rep), Phil Minett (Quartermaster), Jackie Richards (Treasurer), Vicky Dodds, Ron Murray, plus a further 5 – 10 parents and young members.

Agenda Item

1.	<u>Welcome</u> Melanie Quaile (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.
2.	<u>Apologies for absence</u> Apologies received from Stuart Milward (parent rep), Darren Thompson (Cub Sectional Assistant), Mark Rutland (Deputy County Commissioner / District Commissioner), Jenny Staszewski and one parent.
3.	<u>Minutes from 2019 AGM</u> The minutes of the AGM held on 26 June 2019 were agreed as a true record. Item 7 of the minutes regarding the Quorum was being addressed until Item 7 at this meeting.
4.	<u>Any questions on the reports contained in the AGM booklet</u> No questions were raised.
5.	<u>Chair Address</u> Melanie advised the meeting that she was standing down as Chair. Melanie thanked Kelvin Leaver for his work in his role as GSL, Paul Biswell for continuing to look after the headquarters throughout the pandemic, Sue Biswell for all her assistance, and all the Executive Committee, particularly during the pandemic which has been a very trying time. Melanie thanked all the leaders, especially for continuing to provide activities and entertainment online. Melanie thanked the parents for their support of the group, and the young people for wanting to join and keep going. The existing Group Executive Committee officially 'stood down' from their roles and the running of the meeting was taken over by Kelvin Leaver (GSL).
6.	<u>Elections</u> Kelvin Leaver thanked Melanie on behalf of all the group, for all she had done over the last 2 – 3 years. <u>Group Chair:</u> Kelvin Leaver (GSL) stated that he nominated Phil Minett as Chair of the Executive Committee for the coming year. This was seconded by Allyson Leaver. There being no objections to this nomination, Phil was duly elected as Chair for the coming year. <u>Group Treasurer:</u> Jackie Richards said she was willing to stand again as Treasurer and this was proposed by Sue Biswell and seconded by Phil Minett. There being no other nominations, Jackie was duly elected as Group Treasurer for the coming year. <u>Group Secretary:</u> Vicky Dodds had agreed to stand as Group Secretary and this was proposed by Melanie Quaile and seconded by Paul Sypko. There being no other nominations, Vicky was duly elected as Group Secretary for the coming year. <u>Elected Executive Committee Members</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Quartermaster position is currently vacant. No nominations have been received. Kelvin Leaver enquired if anyone would like to volunteer for the role. As no one came forward at this time, the position remains vacant. • Paul Sypko said he was prepared to stand for re-election to the Committee as a parent rep. Paul was proposed by Sue Biswell and seconded by Melanie Quaile. • Stuart Milward had previously advised that he was prepared to stand for re-election to the Committee as a parent rep. Stuart was proposed by Phil Minett and seconded by Allyson Leaver. There were no other nominations and as there were no objections to the above named nominated people, Paul Sypko and Stuart Milward were duly elected as members of the Group Executive Committee for the coming year.

	<p><u>Nominations of Executive Committee Members</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelvin Leaver (GSL) proposed that Paul Biswell (as Facilities Manager) be nominated to the Committee. This was seconded by Allyson Leaver. • Kelvin Leaver (GSL) also proposed that Sue Biswell (as Administrator) be nominated to the Committee. This was seconded by Claire Snowdon. <p>There being no other nominations and no objections to the above two named nominations, Paul Biswell and Sue Biswell were nominated as members of the Group Executive Committee for the coming year.</p> <p>Sue Biswell said if other parents are interested in joining the Committee to please come forward at any time.</p> <p><u>Appointment of independent examiner (Scrutineer) for the accounts</u></p> <p>Helen Calcutt had agreed to be Scrutineer for the accounts for the current financial year. As there were no objections to Helen carrying out this role, her appointment was agreed.</p>
7.	<p><u>Proposed amendment to the Group Scout Council Quorum's rule</u></p> <p>The meeting was asked to accept the following proposal: 'The definition of a Quorum for the meeting of the Group Scout Council of the 9th Aylesbury Scout Group should be 20 members.'</p> <p>Sue Biswell said the Group Scout Council is anyone involved in the group, so includes leaders, parents and young people. At the last held AGM on 26th June 2019, the figure of "50% + 1" was agreed but as it is difficult to justify (as the number can vary all the time) it was agreed we needed a set number rather than a percentage. The Quorum for the Executive Committee is set at 5.</p> <p>Ron Murray advised that District has a Quorum of 50% + 1 for the Executive Committee, but for Group all associated supporters are included so if you put a set number in your Quorum then it has to be met. Ron suggested taking an arbitrary number, not too high - about a quarter, otherwise meetings will not be valid.</p> <p>It was confirmed the current meeting will be valid as the Quorum is being clarified then decided.</p> <p>Paul Sytko queried whether it needs to be an odd or even number. Claire Snowdon suggested an odd number is better for voting. Sue Biswell added that the Chair does not have a casting vote.</p> <p>There was a suggestion of 11. Sue Biswell said there are 9 or 10 already with the Committee members and leaders. Melanie Quaille added that it is better to have a lower number that will be met.</p> <p>Phil Minett proposed the number of 15. This was agreed and adopted.</p>
8.	<p><u>Resolution to define the number of 'Elected Members' to the Group Executive Committee</u></p> <p>The meeting was asked to accept the following proposal: 'The number of Elected Members that can be voted in at the AGM should be no more than 5'.</p> <p>Ron Murray asked if this is solely for elected members. It was confirmed it is. Sue Biswell advised there cannot be more nominated members than elected members.</p> <p>Ron Murray asked if the proposal would give enough leeway for co-elected members. Sue Biswell confirmed there would be enough for the Quartermaster and two more parents as well as room for another three nominated members, therefore still allowing for co-elected members.</p> <p>Ron Murray advised that there was a push to include a nominated youth representative.</p> <p>It was resolved to adopt the proposal.</p>
9.	<p><u>Date of next year's AGM and any questions</u></p> <p>The proposal of holding next year's AGM in June 2021 to bring us back in line with our usual timeframe was agreed.</p> <p>Phil Minett wished to thank everyone and reiterate what Melanie Quaille had said.</p> <p>Ron Murray, on behalf of District, wished to thank all the leaders for all the zoom sessions held, and Paul Biswell and Sue Biswell for all their hard work. Ron said the Group was a credit to Scouting and was doing a fantastic job. Ron advised not to worry about attendance numbers or the consensus at this time. And on behalf of the Explorer Scouts (Matrix) Ron thanked the Group for their continued support.</p> <p>Kelvin Leaver thanked Ron Murray and Phil Minett, and thanked all for attending.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed 8.00pm</p>

Chair Persons Report

My name is Phil Minett and I am Chair of the 9th Aylesbury Scout Group Executive committee. This is a new role for me having taken on the role after our previous Chair, Melanie Quaile stood down at the last AGM. I would like to thank her for all her support and hard work. I have been involved with the group for around 15 years as Beaver, Cub and Scout Leader and latterly as a member of the Exec committee so I know the group well. The current Executive Committee consists of:

- Myself – Chair
- Kelvin – Group Scout Leader
- Jackie Richards – Treasurer
- Vicky Dodds - Secretary
- Paul Biswell – Facilities Manager
- Sue Biswell – Administrator
- Paul Sypko – Parent representative
- Stuart Millward – Parent representative

I would like to thank them and their families for their time and support and for ensuring that 'behind the scenes' our group is run effortlessly, our finances are in order and that the premises are kept in good order and Covid friendly. However, we still have vacancies on the Executive Committee. Ideally we would like (at least) one parent representative from each section (Beavers, Cubs & Scouts). If you would like to be considered for election to the committee, please let Kelvin (or any committee member) know.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Kelvin and his team of leaders for all the work and effort that they have put in during the last year. They really have all gone above and beyond with the effort they have put in to keep the sections running using Zoom etc. All the Leader team and the Exec Committee are volunteers and they really do a fantastic job.

We are, however, in need of more Leaders so if you are able to offer any help please let myself, Kelvin or any other Committee member know. Anybody can help. If you are a painter and decorator or keen on DIY you could help with the DIY badge, if you work in IT there is a staged IT badge that you could help us with, Scientist, Chef the list goes on so please get in touch. It really is good fun and rewarding.

I look forward to meeting you at the AGM and to your continued support.

Phil Minett

Group Chair

Group Scout Leader's Report (Scouting has been different recently : part 2.)

The Beaver, Cub and Scout sections have adapted to the new way of Scouting over the last year – partly remote & partly face-to-face.

Remote Scouting has involved quizzes, playing games, escaping from places, learning about aspects of nature, recycling, global issues, a virtual tour of the local energy from waste factory, learning about disabilities, doing some problem solving & teamwork activities, making 'armpit rocky road', cooking, spending an evening with the Royal Navy + much more. Activity packs were also distributed to Beavers & Cubs, to support the program.

The Beavers had the opportunity to take part in a Super Hero virtual camp at home, presented by Bucks Scouts Radio, with a full program of activities.

The Cubs (+ our Cub friends from 1st Aylesbury) were able to take part in a virtual activity camp, building dens, building rafts, doing some tracking, learning some first aid, making & cooking their own dinner as well as meeting some reptiles & creepy-crawlies – via video link.



The return to face-to-face Scouting has been welcomed by Leaders, the Young People & their parents, as well as the general public [it is nice to hear positive comments about Young People].

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been 'out & about' wherever possible, for example: the Beavers have been on a trail around the area, the Cubs navigated a route from our HQ across public footpaths to Bedgrove Park, and two teams of Scouts set off on a hike from our HQ one evening, destined for the outskirts of Wendover. Over the next few weeks, Cubs and Scouts will do some kayak taster sessions and the Beavers will be at a local Scout activity centre using the low ropes and go karts. Challenges have been set – and accepted. Fires have been lit, food has been cooked & eaten, games have been played, badges and top awards have been earned.

Everyone has been working hard gaining 'Skills for Life'...

...you may have noticed that our section evenings still have the same number of young people attending [which is great, having so many people wanting to be part of Scouting], but we are having to split the sections up / deliver the program using multiple zones and adults, in order to comply with covid & social distancing guidelines. If you would like to become a leader / regular helper / occasional helper / share a skill or hobby that you have refined over lockdown, please do get in contact with any of the leader team or Group Executive.

THANK YOU to all the volunteers - the talented & resourceful team of Leaders (who run the Beaver, Cub & Scout sections) & the Group Exec Team (that look after our HQ, finances, administration and equipment etc.) – and their families (for allowing the time) ; as well as the Young People & their parents / carers, for adapting to and supporting, a different way of Scouting.

Kelvin Leaver

9th Aylesbury Treasurers Report 2020-2021



This financial year has seen many challenges with Covid-19 and uncertainty as to how we would progress financially and our Executive Committee made a decision to offer our members the opportunity to suspend their subscriptions for a period of time as many faced potential financial worries.

However, our Executive Committee has also worked hard at looking into and securing various Government Grants and this has been invaluable in order for us to remain in a very secure financial position going forward.

Fortunately we have not had a year of large expenses as we have in previous years, such as a new kitchen and heating system although we do have other financial expenses on the horizon which we will need in time, such as updating our toilet facilities. As always we also do still have every day running costs and utility bills to cover along with insurances, etc. and your membership subscriptions are still very much a crucial part of us running the HQ.

Each year we apply for HMRC Gift Aid against the subscriptions we receive for those of you who have signed up for Gift Aid (which is at no additional costs yourselves). So if you haven't signed a Gift Aid Declaration and you are able and willing to do so (you must be a UK income tax payer) we can claim back 25 pence for every £1 we receive from your subscriptions and this enables us to claim back on average an extra £1800 a year.

We are also still always looking for new supporters through the Vale Lottery which enables you to support us here at the 9th whilst being in with a chance of winning some funding for yourselves! If you would like more information please visit our page on their website: www.valelottery.co.uk/support/9th-aylesbury-scout-group .

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and prompt payments.

Kind regards

Jackie Richards

Jackie Richards - Group Treasurer

9th Aylesbury Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01-Apr-20	To	31-Mar-21
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Receipts and payments

	2019/20 Unrestricted funds £	2020/2021 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	10,305	7,642 ✓
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	4,012	3,422 ✓
Net membership subscriptions retained	6,294	4,220
Donations	258	✓ 50 ✓
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	1,864	✓ 2,097 ✓
Other similar income	-	-
Sub total	8,416	6,367
Grants		
Maintenance grant	-	-
Other grants	-	✓ 21,099 ✓
Sub total	-	21,099
Fundraising (gross)		
Misc Fundraising	90	✓ 131 ✓
Scouting Activities	4,982	✓ 84 ✓
Hall Hire	6,430	210 ✓
Badge/ Scarf Receipts	-	-
Sub total	11,502	425
Investment income		
Bank interest	11	8 ✓
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Property Rent income	-	-
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	11	8
Total Gross Income	19,928	27,899
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	19,928	27,899

9th Aylesbury Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

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For the year	01-Apr-20	To	31-Mar-21
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Receipts and payments

	2019/20 Unrestricted funds £	2020/2021 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities (incl. Section Payments)	5,780	146 ✓
Adult support and training	-	-
Rent	300	300 ✓
Water and Sewerage	298	364 ✓
Electricity and Gas	2,473	2,154 ✓
Insurance	1,964	2,051 ✓
Repairs and Renewals (incl. Maintenance Contracts)	891	929 ✓
Materials and equipment	1,918	✓ 596
Cleaning/Waste Removal	35	-
Printing and photocopying/admin supplies	-	-
Contribution to camp costs	-	-
Uniforms	26	-
AGM and trustee expenses	51	-
Other costs Badges/Scarfs etc	643	✓ 243 ✓
Other costs Group Exec Dinner	53	-
Other costs Donations	-	-
Other Costs Misc (Incl. Oakfield Rd Lease purchase fees) <i>(Admin items)</i>	-	1,835 ✓
Sub total	14,431	8,617
Fundraising expenses		
Detail 1	35	-
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	35	-
Total Gross Expenditure	14,466	8,617
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	14,466	8,617
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,462	19,282
Cash funds last year end	-	-
Cash funds this year end	5,462	19,282

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	01-Apr-20 Unrestricted funds £	31-Mar-21 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	1,817	1,562 ✓
Bank deposit account	22,675	42,212 ✓
Building society account		
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	24,492	43,774 ✓
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim (Estimated)	1,800	1,200
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	1,800	1,200
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-
Other	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Grant to be received	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

Signature

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Print Name

Jackie Richards	Treasurer
Kelvin Leaver	GSL

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Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the

9th AYLESBURY SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31ST MARCH 2021

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

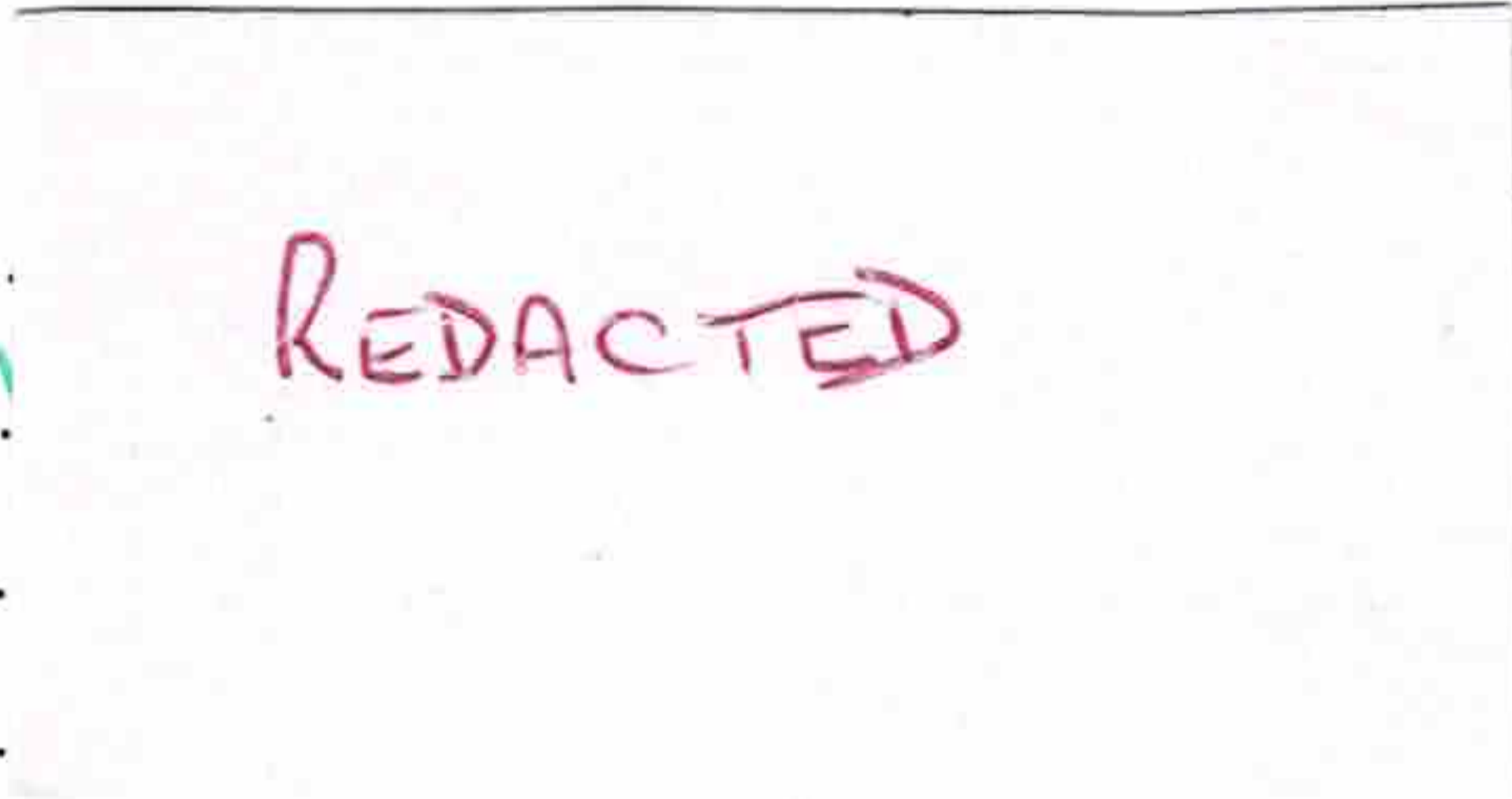
Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 1 to 4 documents

Scrutineer's Statement

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

Name: HELEN CALCUTT
Address: 13 GOOSEN GREEN
AYLESBURY
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Date: 26-5-2021

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	NINTH AYLESBURY SCOUT GROUP											
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Philip Allen Minett	Chair	09 February 2021
2	Kelvin Charles Leaver	Group Scout Leader	
3	Jackie Richards	Treasurer	
4	Susan Jane Biswell	Administrator	
5	Paul Terence Biswell	Facilities Manager	
6	Paul James Sypko	Parent Representative	
7	Stuart Millward	Parent Representative	
8	Vicky Dodds	Secretary	09 February 2021
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B	Structure, governance and management
Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. We also have a 'Terms of Reference' document
How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about: Policies and procedures adopted for: a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them	The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.
	The Committee consists of a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, parent's representation and other nominated members and meets on a regular basis. This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for: The maintenance of Group property; The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance; The insurance of persons, property and equipment; Group public occasions; Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; Appointing any sub committees that may be required; Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.
Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	Risk and Internal Control The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.
Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	The objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association. The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Public benefit statement	<p>2020 has been a very difficult year for everyone and the Leaders have worked very hard to offer Scouting to all sections of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts via Zoom or otherwise.</p> <p>The Group kindly acknowledges the contribution of all those that give their time, especially the leaders. Many parents and others have contributed to the Group in some form or other and their support is much appreciated.</p> <p>The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Section D Achievements and performance</p>	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	<p>The Group has fulfilled its obligations within Scouting as outlined in the objectives of the Scout Association. It has a strong financial base, good headquarters and equipment and an enthusiastic leadership team and executive, However, we are always actively looking for additional support for the Group, either as a Leader in one of the sections or for the Executive Committee. This help is crucial to our goals of continuous improvement for the group for the benefit of our members. The Trustees would like to thank all the Leaders for their efforts during this very difficult year and for the parents for helping their children with Zoom meetings, etc. The Executive Committee has agreed to pursue the opportunity to try to purchase the freehold of the land on which the HQ stands. Currently, we lease the land and obtaining the freehold would secure the future of scouting in our community. Negotiations are continuing. Due to the pandemic, income has been reduced but we have taken advantage of the offer of business grants which have been made available to us. We are very grateful for these.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Section E Financial Review</p>	
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	<p>Reserves Policy</p> <p>The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12-18 months running costs, circa £12000.00. .</p> <p>The Group operates a Gift Aid Scheme and during this financial year applied for and received a total of £2097.05 for the previous financial year</p> <p>Investment Policy</p> <p>The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.</p>

Section F	Other Optional Information
Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)	Any organisation which is supported by volunteers needs to constantly 'renew' its voluntary resource. Although we have a strong leadership team, we are pleased to receive any offers of assistance from prospective additional leaders and helpers. We are always willing to listen to new ideas from our young people, parents/guardians etc. and believe that everyone has something to offer however great or small.
Section G	Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	REDACTED	REDACTED						
Full name(s)	Philip Minett	Kelvin Charles Leaver						
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Chair	Group Scout Leader						
Date	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>4</td> <td>0</td> <td>6</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </table>		1	4	0	6	2	1
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