



8th Ealing Scout Group
Annual Report and Accounts
2020 - 2021



Group Scout Leader's Report

Like all walks of life, this last year's Scouting has been dominated by the Covid pandemic. And despite the enormous restrictions it placed on being able to deliver anything like a near-normal programme of activities, the group has done a fabulous job.

Zoom featured predominantly in our Sections been able to "meet". Online games, challenges and cookery were among the inventive ways we kept things running.

Whilst it was a godsend to be able to communicate, I think I speak for all our Leaders by saying we are thoroughly sick of Zoom now. But we did actually manage to meet face to face for a few months just before we broke up for our summer holidays!

In the brief spells we have been able to meet this year, we've generally done so over at Blondin Park or Gunnersbury Park.

As we emerge from restrictions now, we have pencilled in some activities Days for the autumn term in the hope that restrictions will lift fully by then. We really have our fingers crossed as last year saw all our camps cancelled.

To close this, I must commend our outstanding team of volunteer Leaders. They have really held this Group together this year and kept things running. Also, in the background, we have our Executive of volunteer trustees that provides support and governance to the Group. Thank you all.

Once again well done to every single member of the group, adults and young people alike, together you create a fantastically strong 8th Ealing Scout Group.

Yours in Scouting,

Mark Yates

Group Scout Leader



Beaver Scout Section Report

What a year: last September I recall everything being back on the way to normality before we all went back in and out of lockdowns like the hokey-cokey. term of outdoor meetings followed and I don't think it can be understated just how much everyone benefitted from this.

Eventually this April, 8th Ealing Beavers managed to meet in person for the first time in just over a year.

Due to the two year turnaround in Beavers, many of our membes are new and are yet to see the inside of the Scout hall even, but this hasn't stopped them from throwing themselves fully into the deep end with being a Beaver, completing badges including the Cyclist badge, Disability Awareness badge and the Adventure Challenge badge. Whilst doing activities over Zoom had their benefits (leading from your sofa, not having to do the washing up after etc...), it is undeniable the difference that weekly in person Beaver meetings can make.

For us as leaders, it is great to be outdoors with the Beavers - a day trip to Paccar last term showed just how adventurous our current batch of Beavers are with all who were there completing all of the activities including the 170 metre long zip wire without any fear whatsoever!

Whilst Scouting restrictions are still in place, it is clear that everyone is loving being back and I hope they're all excited for all the fun activities we have planned for this new term...

Yours in Scouting,

Rob Scoynes

Beaver Scout Leader



Cub Scout Section Report

We started off the year meeting on Zoom. During the autumn term we achieved the Astronomer and Digital Citizen badges. We then broke into smaller groups and the Cubs choose to work towards two of the three in smaller groups including Naturalist, Cyclist and Collector. In November we took part virtually in Remembrance Sunday.

In the Spring term we focused on the World Challenge Award. We gained the international badge by learning about both our local and international communities. We found out about our local area in Ealing, scouting in Australia and food from Thailand. We also achieved the World Faith badge, leaning about the Judaism and Hinduism.

In May, it was amazing to be able to restart face to face meeting. We split the pack into two and met on alternate weeks in Gunnersbury Park, where took the opportunity of being outside to worked towards our Outdoor Challenge Award and the Navigator badge. To gain these badges we completed a hike around the park, learnt about the countryside code, make tracks for other cubs to follow, make camp gadgets and playing a wide game. Thank you to Mark who took the Cubs through the Emergency Aid badge including learning CPR, a very important skill for life.

In July seven cubs from 8th Ealing took part in Camporee at Stoke Poges. The Cubs enjoyed two fun packed days of activities including, Air Rifle, Archery, Bouldering, Backwoods Cooking, Blind String Trail, Inflatable Assault Course, Mini Raft Building and Zorb Football. All the Cubs had a fantastic tim.

Finally, I'd like to say a big thank our Assistant Cub Scout Leader, William and Sectional Assistant, Greg, for all their support over the year.

Yours in Scouting,

Martin Truss

Cub Scout Leader

SCOUTS

Scout Section Report

This year we have mostly been using, surprise, surprise – Zoom! It's not quite been the year we imagined, or hoped for, but the Scouts have certainly embraced what we have offered them each week.

Since the beginning of Lockdown 1, we have taken part in many varying online activities, including Navigation Skills, Teambuilding, quizzes, Kahoots, Pictionary, map work, scavenger hunts, Learning about Tree ID, escape rooms and many others.

Online Scouting has been well supported by our members, with a core group logging on each week but it was amazing to finally meet our Scouts face to face in Gunnersbury Park for a few months before we broke up for the summer holidays.

We currently have 15 Scouts, 4 Young Leaders and 3 dedicated Leaders. We are making tentative plans for a Autumn Scouts Skills weekend at Stoke Poges Campsite at the beginning of October.

During the year we had new Scout Leaders join us and I would like to say welcome and a big thank you for joining 8TH Ealing Scout Group to Tony Brown and Sam Reidy.

I would just like to end this report by saying a MASSIVE Thank you to Aoife our Scout Leader, sadly Aoife stepped down as Scout Leader as she is expected her 1st baby any day soon as I type this report. We all here at 8th Ealing Wish you the best of luck with your newborn.

Thanks for all your support.

Yours in Scouting,

Mark Yates

Group Scout Leader

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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 to end date

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	8th Ealing Scout Group				
Other names the charity is known by					
Registered charity number (if any)	3 0 3 6 2 5				
HQ registration number	1 7 4 7				
Charity's principal address	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">The Jack Girvan Hall</td></tr> <tr><td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Popes Lane</td></tr> <tr><td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">London</td></tr> <tr><td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">Postcode W 5 4 N T</td></tr> </table>	The Jack Girvan Hall	Popes Lane	London	Postcode W 5 4 N T
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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	Andre Nguyen	Treasurer	Resigned 01/02/2021
2	Mark Yates		
3	Martin Truss		
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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**

Description of the charity's trusts

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.

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.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

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.

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 Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every 4 months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

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.

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 comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment.

The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from hall rental and fund raising.

The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions, hall rental and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently and advertise more widely to find hall users.

Reduction or loss of leaders.

The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members.

The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Section C	Objectives and activities
<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values: Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others. Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and: - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.</p>
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects</p>	<p>Creating a varied and challenging programme for young people. Recruiting and developing volunteers to enable the group to thrive.</p>
<p>Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)</p>	
<p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy on grantmaking; • contribution made by volunteers; • policy on investments. 	<p>For contribution made by volunteers see separate reports of GSL and Section Leaders.</p>
<p>Public benefit statement</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>

Section D	Achievements and performance
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	See separate reports of GSL and Section Leaders
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Section E	Financial Review
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Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	<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.</p> <p>The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £15,000.</p> <p>The Group held reserves of approximately £75,000 against this at year end. This is above the level/below required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by the group saving up to replace the hall windows with double glazing, replacing the fire doors and other works to maintain the hall.</p>
Quantify and explain any designations	

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	
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Further financial review details (optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; investment policy and objectives; 	<p>Financial position at the end of the period</p> <p>The Group is financially sound at the end of the period. The Group raised net funds of £19,000 for the period. Funds are to be used for repair works and improvements to the hall.</p> <p>Principal Sources of Funds</p> <p>The Group derives its main source of its funds through renting its hall. The Group also raises funds through subscriptions fee applicable to its Scouts.</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>
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Section F	Other Optional Information
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Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

<p>Continued strengthening of the Group through recruitment of more parent volunteers, to help with the programme of activities and also behind the scenes.</p> <p>Continuing to invest in the hall building to make it more energy efficient and modern.</p>

Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Scott Illman	Mark Yates						
Full name(s)	Scott Illman	Mark Yates						
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Chair	Group Scout Leader						
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8th Ealing 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

	2020/2021 Unrestricted funds £	2019/2020 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	2,252	6,253
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	- 2,708	- 2,313
Net membership subscriptions retained	- 456	3,940
Donations	500	19
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-
Other similar income		-
Sub total	44	3,960
Grants		
Maintenence grant	-	-
Other grants	20,193	-
Sub total	20,193	-
Fundraising (gross)		
Camp Fees	-	2,377
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising activities	46	54
Sub total	46	2,432
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Property Rent income	15,236	27,046
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	15,236	27,046
Total Gross Income	35,519	33,437
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	35,519	33,437

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Receipts and payments

	2020/2021 Unrestricted funds £	2019/2020 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	115	943
Adult support and training	-	-
Rent	-	-
Water and Sewerage	591	1,046
Electricity and Gas	1,917	2,840
Insurance	2,387	2,289
Repairs and Renewals	9,634	2,901
Materials and equipment	84	177
Printing and photocopying	-	-
Contribution to camp costs	479	2,084
Uniforms	176	442
AGM and trustee expenses	-	-
Telephone and Internet	686	578
Alarm	-	110
Website	14	149
General Expenses/GoCardless Charges	-	-
Sub total	16,083	13,559
Fundraising expenses		
Detail 1	-	-
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	16,083	13,559
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	16,083	13,559
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,436	19,878
Cash funds last year end	55,818	35,940
Cash funds this year end	75,254	55,818

8th Ealing Scout Group

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2021	31st March 2020
	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account - 90344184	66,668	46,468
Bank current account - 50739324 - Troop A/C	8,587	9,350
Bank deposit account	-	-
Building society account	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	75,254	55,818
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
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	230,000	230,000
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	6,000	6,000
Other	-	-
Sub total	236,000	236,000
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 7 September 2021 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Scott Illman
Mark Yates

Print Name

Scott Illman - Chair
Mark Yates - Group Scout Leader

Notes

Hall Hires

This year was of course a tough year for all of our regular users of the hall. We would like to thank all of our hall hires that kept going wherever they could.

No levies for hires were applied during lockdowns, which explains the significant fall in revenue.

Treasurers Sum up

A lockdown year.

With the ownership of our hall we have benefited from Government grants alongside hall rentals.

Our subs have been diminished as to be expected but have remained constant at the reduced rate.

With the slow reopening that happened early into the new year hopefully our accounts will remain strong and allow the maintenance work to recommence.

Year Ahead Notes

We have had an issue with the account and have been bank rolled by Our chair throughout the first half of the year.

This has caused a stop on maintenance works being carried out, these will resume as soon as the situation is resolved.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 8th Ealing Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 8th Ealing Scout Group for the year ended 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 8th Ealing 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 8th Ealing 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 8th Ealing 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.

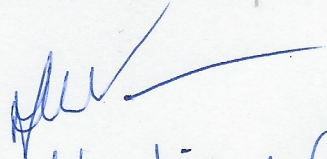
Signed:

Name:

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

Address:

Date:


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