

Fourth Enfield Scout Group



Annual Report 2020/2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

After a tremendously testing year for our leaders and young people alike, I am pleased to announce that our numbers are still healthy, and this is completely due to the tireless efforts of our amazingly dedicated leadership team.

Going forward it looks increasingly as if we will be able to return to a scouting model much closer to the one we enjoyed before covid struck.

As always, a massive thank you to Chris and Ian who do so much behind the scenes to ensure we are able to offer all the things we do.

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you that Jaivanti is retiring as Secretary to the 4th Enfield. She has been a tremendous asset to the exec and therefore the group. I cannot begin to imagine how hard it is to have to constantly nag our leaders, myself included, for reports and paperwork that is required to do the job, but she has managed it for many years, and not once have I seen her lose her temper!!!!

Thank you Jaivanti from the bottom of my heart, and when we finally hold our meetings face to face again you will be sorely missed. Thank you also for your help in welcoming Jo Eaton into the role and helping her with the transition.

Jo is a well-known face at the 4th and we are delighted to welcome her as secretary to the 4th Enfield Executive Committee.

Finally, congratulations to Tim Brooker, who has earned his Wood Badge. This involves undertaking courses and training that takes a lot of time, on top of the already time-consuming role of running the Beavers!

Well done Tim and well done to all the Leaders and helpers at the 4th.

John Rognaldsen (Group Scout Leader)

SECTION REPORTS & TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2020/21

4th Enfield Beaver report (2020/21)

Number of Beaver membership as at January 2020	18
Number of Beaver membership as at January 2021	10

Well, it has been a very different year in scouting this year; however, it's also been a very exciting one adapting to everything that has been happening.

Spring Term 2020:

With our typical Burns nights and pancake days programmed in, we also looked at completing our disability awareness badge and community impact stage 1 and also our faith badge.

As everyone is aware, the Spring term was cut short with the start of Lockdown at the end of march.

Summer Term 2020:

Typically Beavers spend their summer terms at Forty Hall, however due to covid Beavers were not meeting. Over the Easter break I made a badge booklet and sent that to parents so that even when we are not able to meet face to face, scouting can still be done. It was great having pictures sent over throughout the summer and summer holidays of beavers completing badge work.

Autumn Term 2020:

Another mixed term was Autumn, It wasn't many sessions before lockdown started again, our first few face to face meetings focused on building catapults writing letters and drawing pictures to send on to our local retirement home. But then lockdown happened again, but we did not stop, we continued on-line the following week. We did lots of different activities before Christmas. I think my favourite was getting all the beavers together in their kitchens and we all cooked pizzas together. We even managed to put badge work into our zoom meets looking at how scouting is different around the world.

Tim Brooker
Beaver Scout Leader

4th Enfield Cubs report (2018/19)

Number of Cubs membership as at January 2020	24
Number of Cubs membership as at January 2021	11

This year has been a strange one for all the sections at the 4th Enfield and the cubs was no exception.

All the leaders were challenged for time with the impact of the pandemic on their working lives, so the decision was made to not run any online sessions for the cubs until after Christmas 2020.

Chris Dey temporarily stood back from his role as Akela to complete his MBA and focus on his council commitments and Jenny Thorp (Rikki) had a baby, so the weekly programme was planned and delivered by Andy Eaton (Bagheera), Mark Horsnell (Baloo) and Jade Gavin (Kaa).

We had 22 cubs on the role and had an average of 6 cubs attending the online meetings. We ran quiz nights, a drawing workshop, an origami night, pizza making and bingo to try to keep the cubs engaged to prepare them for when we came back to face to face meetings.

We started face to face meetings again from the 21st April 2021 in line with the scout association guidelines and focussed on outdoor activities as the nights were longer and lighter. The numbers attending the sessions started to increase week by week. We started with a rounders match and had a couple of night hikes in Enfield finishing up at the scout hut. Our most popular event was the famous Chippy Hike where cubs visit a selection of chip shops and rate the chips on flavour and taste.

We took the cubs to the Trampoline Park, Jump In, which is always a hugely popular cub activity. We organised water safety night which was ran by Bob Brooker which was the precursor to a night at ESSA where the cubs all took part in wobble boarding and had a fantastic time.

We are looking forward to planning our programme for the 21/22 year.

Andy Eaton

Cub Scout Leader

4th Enfield Scout report (2020/21)

Number of Scouts membership as at January 2020	34
Number of Scouts membership as at January 2021	11

Numbers have been unsurprisingly affected by the requirement for us to move to online only activities over the last year or so. Our numbers are however looking healthier now we are back to face to face meetings.

Normally at this time we would be reporting all the impressive activities we have taken part in and regaling you with tales of camping and other fun and games. We haven't had a night away yet as a scout group for approx. 2 years, but rest assured we intend to put that right as soon as possible now that we are allowed to.

We have however managed to undertake a few activities such as hiking, pedal carting and of course hiking.

Plans are afoot to get district events up and running again and we intend as a group to have an extremely fun packed year ahead of us.

John Rognaldsen

4th Enfield Scout Group Treasurer's Report (2020)

The financial position of the Group remains sound, with good reserves.

The Group General Fund recorded a surplus of £12486 against a smaller surplus of £1163 in 2019. This was mainly due to a £10000 government grant and a 2 year Gift Aid refund claim against the previous year.

Members' subscriptions paid from the Sections totalled £3360 which is at a much lower level than in 2019 (£6315) due to the decision to suspend charging during the periods that we were unable to run meetings. We were able to do this with the help of a government grant recognising the pandemic impact to our charity. In addition, there were section contributions of £3101, against the activities expenditure of £4266. This is in line with our policy of using subs, grants, investment income and reserves to meet the majority of the expenditure, and additional charging for some activities to meet costs.

The Group paid £3520 Capitation fees, calculated at £45 per member towards central costs of the Scout Association. The share contributed by the Sections was again held constant at £15 per head, with the balance being met by the General Fund income.

General Fund net income for Group purposes amounted to £23551 up £2251 from 2019 largely due to a gift aid reclaim of 2 years covering 2019 and 2020, and from a government grant relating to the pandemic impact on the charity finances. Our outgoings for the premises and supporting the sections were covered by this income, so meeting our financial policy.

Running costs for the premises was slightly improved compared with the previous year, mainly due to the premises not being used as much due to the restrictions during Covid - the Playgroup did continue to operate for much of the time as a Key Service. Our water bill is now more stable at a lower level than 2019, now as the supplier has recovered underpayments and reset the yearly run rate usage.

The Scout Troop Contingency Fund (Dixon Bequest) generated income of £537 due to the financial markets significant reduction in interest rates (down from £680 in 2019 and year on year increases over the last 5 years from investments). There was no expenditure from the fund and the balance increased to £91,700 at the year end.

Income and expenditure of the Fred Hearn Bequest Fund, reserved for any major expense in the upkeep and improvement of the Headquarters building, showed a surplus of £7,870 (a marginally lower yearly surplus than in 2019). We have avoided using the fund since 2011 refurbishments, using general funds for the lower outlays. The balance of £67744, up from

£59,874 on Income and Expenditure for this fund (mainly from investment dividends) was carried forward to 2021.

Ian Gibbs

TRUSTEES 2020

Charities Commission Reference	303649 - 4 th Enfield Scout Group
Chairperson	Mrs Beverly Rognaldsen
Secretary	Mrs Jaivanti Maisuria
Treasurer	Mr Ian Gibbs
Parent Representatives	Mrs Arianna Goodfellow Mrs Peggy Rowlands Mr Jonathan Watters Mrs Joanne Louise Eaton
St. Andrews Church Representative	John Tanner

END OF REPORT

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Fourth Enfield Scout Group for the year ended 31st December 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Fourth Enfield Scout Group for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Fourth Enfield 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 Fourth Enfield 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 Fourth Enfield 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:



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Date: 6th September 2021