

**2nd Ifield (St Margaret's) Scout Group
Report for the year ending 31 December 2020**

Trustees: officers and nominees

Group Scout Leader	Kerry Pearson
President	Brian Eastman
Chairman	David Clipperton
Secretary	Sarah Yule
Treasurer	Sandon Ayres
Sponsoring Authority Nominee	Lisa Hull

Trustees: Nominated or Elected

Andrew Eastman (Leader)
Mark Eastman (Manager)
Craig Edwards (Leader)
Shona Graves (Leader)
Karen Pitt (Leader)
James Wright (Leader)
Michael Glasse (Leader)
Maja Jasko
Scott Wheeler
Chris Glenndinning-Smith
Andrea Roberts
Sarah Smith
Gemma Humphry (to Sept 2020)

Unless otherwise stated all trustees and officers were appointed for the whole of the period 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020

Bankers

Lloyds TSB Bank, Crawley Branch

Independent Financial Inspector

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Major activities and achievements during the 12-month period to 31st December 2020

The Group Executive Committee, the Leaders and the Supporters' and Fundraising Committee each met four times during the year. 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.

The Group was led by Kerry Pearson as Group Scout Leader.

The number of members in the Group on 31st January 2021 was (with 2019 numbers in brackets) Beaver Scouts 36 (45) Cub Scouts 56 (52), Scouts 42 (39), Active Support, 74 (43 also hold another role, inc leaders.) TOTAL 208. In addition, there are 24 (31) members and 6 (6) Leaders in the Drake Explorer Scout Unit, who are registered with Crawley District and linked by a Partnership Agreement to the Group. Youth sections have a reasonable balance of girls and boys.

Due to the Pandemic with Covid we found ourselves very limited in what we could undertake as a group. There were some events early in the year with Winter camps in January. However, we were unable to meet face to face for most of the year and when we could we met via Zoom (online). The Group held a number of @home events including St George's Day, VE Day, NHS Birthday, Harvest Festival. We also had two online services; Remembrance Sunday and our Carol Service. In the summer and up to November due to the strict controls required to meet, included reduced numbers, the Beavers, Cubs and Explorers managed to have some socially distanced face to face meetings. The group did manage to hold a number of Paddlesport sessions on Tilgate Lake and trips on local rivers.

Both Sycamore and Chestnut Beaver Colonies met throughout the year during term time, either face to face or virtually. Sycamore Beaver Leaders are Karen Pitt, Ruth Glasse, Diana Parisi and Alan Seymour (from November). Chestnut Beaver Leaders are Shona Graves, Marianne Corney and Amy Muller. Both Colonies were assisted by Young Leaders Alice Whelan (until July), Toby Russell-O'Reilly, Jasmine Richards, Millie Corney and Robert Hull. Both Colonies held their winter sleepovers at Cophorne Scout Hut in January. Sycamore Colony finished the year with 21 Beavers and attained 4 CSA Bronze awards and Chestnut finished with 15 Beavers and attained 3 CSA Bronze awards.

The Cub Scouts meet on Mondays (Tiger Pack) and Wednesdays (Lion Pack) in term time. The leader is Craig Edwards assisted by Nicole Le Monnier, Steve Corney, Dean Hamshaw, and Richard Oram for Tiger Pack and Dominic Smith, Michael Glasse, Tim Gusterson, Nick Eatwell, Matt Dudley and Geoff Body for Lion Pack. Tiger Pack is also assisted by young leaders Tilly and Molly Mitchell. Due to Covid and the Lockdown there was no Annual Cub Camp or Senior Camp but Tiger Cubs did get their first chance of a Winter Camp in Feb at Bentley Copse. Both Packs have managed to run Virtual meetings and where permitted Face to Face meetings throughout the year and also had weekly challenges and Hikes. Two Lion Cubs earned their Silver award during Lockdown, with many others obtaining badges. A major event in 2020 was 75 Anniversary of VE Day which saw some street parties with social distancing.

The Scout Troop met every Tuesday in term time. Due to Covid-19, from April this was via interactive online 'Zoom' meetings. The leaderships team consists of James Wright, Sinead Scott, Tom Wood, Laura Flannigan and Tom Corney. Whilst mainly online, the 2020 programme still included a good mix of activity types, including quizzes, gameshows, cooking, craft and comedy. We managed our annual 'Log Cabin Camp' at the start of the year, but the remainder of our trips (including the main summer camp) unfortunately had to be postponed pending lockdown.

In addition, there are 24 members and 6 Leaders in Drake Explorer Scout Unit, who are registered with the District and linked by a Partnership Agreement to the Group. Explorer Scouts met every Thursday. The leader is Andrew Eastman, assisted by Luke Winstanley, Adam Jasko, Mark Haymes, Joe Fox, and Ania Jasko. Explorer Scout members give service to the younger sections as Young Leaders. Members have gained 4 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, 2 Silver and along with Chief Scout 9* Platinum and 1 Diamond Awards. Before the start of the first lockdown in March we had two camps both at Broadstone Warren our annual winter camp and The Great Escape. All other camps and activities had to be cancelled due to the pandemic this includes our summer camp to Germany. Cancelling only one Thursday meeting the unit started its first virtual/ Zoom on the 26th March, continue virtually until we could meet face to face over the summer. Due to the unique set of circumstances we ended the year having more Thursday meetings than in a typical year. The Explorer Scout financial accounts are not included as part of 2nd Ifield Group accounts.

The Scout Active Support Unit Manager is Mark Eastman assisted by Diana Parisi. There are 31 members plus 43 who also hold another role, totalling 74 SASU members. Prior to lockdown we held two meetings, our annual review and programming meeting in and a visit to Worth Abbey. During the summer when the sections were able to meet, our members support these along with running a number of paddle sport events. As we are adult only section we could not meet as we were restricted to 6. Members joined in the group events through last year including the hikes, Remembrance Sunday, VE day, etc.

At the beginning of the year Imogen Mason, Caitlyn Pitt and Tom Corney all became Queen's Scouts. At the time of finishing they were between Explorers and Network.



The Supporters' and fundraising Committee arranged several events but had to cancel due to the Pandemic.

The HQ is owned by the Group, on land in Friston Walk, Ifield, leased from Crawley Borough Council.

The Group is a trust established under its rules that are common to all Scout Groups. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the

Policy, Organisation & Rules of the Scout Association. The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis consistent with previous years.

Approved by the trustees on 9th March 2021 and signed on their behalf by David Clipperton (Chairman) and Kerry Pearson (GSL)

	2ND IFIELD (ST MARGARET'S) SCOUT GROUP		RCN305879		
	Receipts and Payments Accounts				
	For the period from	01/01/2020	to	31/12/2020	

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and grants	51	-	51	6,219
Gift Aid on donations	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	995	-	995	7,662
Interest on deposit account	-	-	-	13
Membership subscriptions	15,718	-	15,718	18,519
Gift Aid on subscriptions	-	-	-	-
Section activities/events	433	-	433	1,062
Group activities/events	699	-	699	2,772
Camps	1,063	-	1,063	12,466
Hire of HQ	1,070	-	1,070	715
Leader Training	-	-	-	325
Hire of equipment	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	20	-	20	221
HQ Running Expenses	966	-	966	-
Equipment sales	147	-	147	392
Total Receipts	21,161	-	21,161	50,365

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Payments				
Grants and donations paid		-	-	300
Fundraising events	1,215	-	1,215	4,630
Section activities/events	3,027	-	3,027	4,421
Group activities/events	1,080	-	1,080	3,978
Camps	2,435	-	2,435	11,155
Capitation	8,160	-	8,160	6,435
Electricity	505	-	505	743
Gas	846	-	846	518

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Lease	530	-	530	530
Water rates	248	-	248	261
HQ Running Expenses	1,802	-	1,802	991
Membership subscriptions	-	-	-	75
Insurance	4,742	-	4,742	3,324
Equipment purchases	3,404	-	3,404	5,184
Bank charges	-	-	-	8
HQ Hire	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	207
Leadership expenditure	365	-	365	628
Total Payments	28,359	-	28,359	43,389
Net of receipts/(payments)	(7,197)	-	(7,197)	6,976
Transfers between funds				
Cash funds last year end			-	-
Cash funds this year end	(7,197)	-	(7,197)	6,976

		Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £
Cash Funds	Bank	2,539	39,239
	Cash	137	-
Total Cash Funds		2,676	39,239

Signature	Name	Date of Approval
	David Clipperton	
	Sandon Ayres	