

***1st Rodbourne Cheney Scout
Group***

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

for the year ending

31st March 2021

**Charity Number
305944**

Group

Trustees' Annual Report for the year to 31 March 2021

Section A Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity as set out in its governing document	The objectives of the group is as a unit of the Scout Association. 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.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	The Group main function is to support the sections in achieving the aims of the Scout Association. As a Group the main activities during the last twelve months have been <i>See attached Group Scout Leader's brief report</i> The Provision of Scouting within the Group is totally dependent on the contribution made by volunteers.
Public Benefit	The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit on deciding what activities the charity should undertake. Membership subscriptions are charged to cover the immediate running costs of the Group and these do not unduly restrict membership. The Group follows the principle that no one should be excluded because of their inability to pay membership subscriptions Two key principles demonstrate scouting's aims for the public benefit are that through the scout method young people develop towards their full potential and there is a clear link between the benefits for young people and the purpose of scouting. The safety of young people is taken very seriously and the benefits scouting activities provide far outweigh the risks. Any private benefits from scouting are incidental, other than to those as beneficiary.

Section B Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	<i>See attached Group Chairperson's report</i>
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Section C Financial review

Policy on Reserves	<p>The Group policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the district should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, approximately</p> <p>The Group held free reserves of approximately £4,000 against this at year-end</p>
Further financial review details	<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 D Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	<p>The Group governing documents are those of 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</p>
How the charity is constituted	<p>The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts</p>
Trustee selection methods	<p>The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association</p>
Additional governance issues	<p>The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the "Charity Trustees" of the Scout Group that 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 applicable</p>
	<p>The committee consist of 10 Independent members who meet 10 times a year</p> <p>Ex - officio Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Group Scout Leader</p> <p>Nominated 0 Elected Members 0</p>
	<p>This Group Executive Committee exists to support</p>

	<p>the Group Leaders in meeting the responsibilities of their appointments and is responsible for:</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>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</p>

Section E Reference and administration details

Charity Name	1 st Rodbourne Cheney Scout Group
Charity Number	305944
Charity's principal address	Moredon Road, Swindon, SN25 3DF,(behind St.Andrew's Church) Postal address- 9 Clover Park, Swindon SN253JJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year
	Ex Officio		
	Julian Dance	Chairperson	
	Lynn Mayeord	Secretary	
	Marlene Blackwell	Treasurer	
	Phil Ricketts	GSL	
	Joan Sims	Beaver Scout Leader	
	Keith Hooker	Cub Scout Leader	
7	Ian Appleby	Scout Leader	
8	Sarah French	Assistant scout Leader	
9	Athen Sims	Assistant scout Leader	
1	Jessie James	Assistant Beaver leader	
	Nominated		
	<i>Elected</i>		
		BeaversParent	
		Cubs Parent	
		Scouts Parent	

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Name and address of advisor

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Simon James	60 Tracy Close, Swindon, SN25 4YS

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature	
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Full name	
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Position held	Group Secretary
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Date	16th June 2021
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March **201** which are set out on pages ? to ?

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Date

Name

Qualification

Address