

## **14<sup>TH</sup> Tonbridge Sea Scout Group 2021-22 Annual Report**

Our Group continues to gain members and flourish following an 18 months gap in Scouting due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. We now have over 140 young people across Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Sea Explorers. We are supported by over forty committed leaders and other regular helpers who make it possible to run nearly every day of the week during the boating season. We have regular meetings on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, along with Sunday sailing for Scouts and Explorers at Bough Beech - which is also continuing to grow in popularity.

Our Beaver Colony started from zero following the pandemic, it is now at 23 members. The Beavers take part in wide range of fun and games at the Weir View Hut on a Monday evening, and also get to enjoy going out on the water during the boating season, this includes a waterfight and ice-cream trips to the Country park.

The Cub Pack enjoyed boating activities including kayaking, motorboating, Stand up paddleboarding and pulling during the summer months, an Autumn Fancy dress party, and a Christmas party at the end of term. They made pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, and created lighted boats for Diwali, and also completed their First Aid badge. Cub Camp was held at Hope Hill for the first time in 2 years, including backwoods cooking, Air Rifle shooting, Archery and a trip to the Windmill.

The Sea Scout Troop have been engaged in the usual wide range of activities over the winter, including a weekly Task-master challenge, a weekly knot tying contest, an Ice-skating evening for both Scouts & Explorers, and wide games. As well as the Nautical Skills badgework, they have been enjoying kayaking, rafting, stand up paddle boarding and pulling on the river.

The Explorers completed spring term badge work including First Aid, Lifesaving and Survival Skills, as well as the typical Nautical Skills badge work. 12 Explorers attended a weekend Camp in April and other activities included model making. 2 of our Explorers will be attending the World Jamboree in South Korea next year, and fund-raising is in full flow. The Group will also be contributing to the cost of attending.

Summer Camp for Sea Scouts and Explorers was held at Lymington Sea Scout HQ for the first time in 2 years. The weather was excellent but could have offered some more wind on certain sailing days! Our Scouts and Explorers enjoyed a programme of kayaking, powerboating and sailing, together with a range of land-based activities including tower building, camp fires, cooking and hiking. We took 50 young people and 25 helpers - the plan is the same for 2023.

Our May Sailing Course was a change to the timetable to help with training before summer camp. Scouts and Explorers and 8 Instructors from our own leadership team took part. A great four days, learning to sail or improving their

skills with the Scouts and Explorers who attended achieving a range of RYA qualifications.

I am pleased to report that the Group's financial position remains healthy. Our cash position was over £67,000 at 31 December 2021 compared to £55,000 at 31 December 2020. We would like to thank the generosity of a number of donors, and we continue to generate other income through fund-raising activities such as the Water Fundays that we organise for Cubs, Scouts and Guides in the District; and also from Gift Aid received on the subs and other donations. Gift Aid remains an important source of income for the Group.

Since we set up the Assistance Fund with the financial support of a benefactor, we have had a number of requests for financial assistance for recurring subs or activities such as Summer Camp that have been approved, and this Fund continues to be available to support Young People and Leaders to participate in all of our activities.

The 14<sup>th</sup> Tonbridge manage the Weir View Hut for the District as well as using it for our own activities. During the year, we have replaced kitchen units, installed a new water fountain, upgraded the lighting and installed a washing machine.

Once again this year, on behalf of the Group Executive, I would like to thank all of the Leaders, helpers, parents and other volunteers who give so much of their free time, and so much energy to make the 14<sup>th</sup> Tonbridge Sea Scout Group such a wonderful experience for all our Young People.

Our priorities for 2023 are to continue to reinforce the leadership team with new volunteers so that we can continue to deliver the large number of activities that we currently do for the 140 or so Young People in our Group, and to purchase new equipment, including a giant paddle board to replace our ageing raft!

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# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 14<sup>th</sup> Tonbridge Sea Scout Group

Charity Number 308284

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

## 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;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to 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 Act have 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.

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Profit and Loss for the year ended 31st December 2021

	31/12/2021	31/12/2020
<b>Profit &amp; Loss</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
101 Assistance Fund Receipts	£ 3,600.00	£ 3,600.00
102 Other Income	£ -	£ 834.26
105 Explorer Subs	£ 1,193.40	£ 1,075.00
106 Beaver Subs	£ 378.00	£ 630.00
107 Cub Subs	£ 756.00	£ 980.00
114 Scout Subs	£ 1,043.40	£ 3,182.00
109 Grants and Gift Aid	£ 23,136.12	£ 10,000.00
111 Fund Raising and Donations	£ 226.74	£ 97.26
112 Mooring Fees	£ 60.00	£ 1,750.00
113 Weir View Hut Management Fee	£ 859.00	£ 1,340.00
115 Activities	£ 719.00	£ -
116 Camp	£ -	£ 27.31
117 Uniform	£ 210.00	£ -
13000 Bank Interest Received	£ 4.99	£ 32.94
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<b>Gross profit</b>	£ 32,186.65	£ 23,548.77

**Expenditure**

2700 Uniform	£ 355.26	£ -
2701 Transfer to Explorers	£ 1,500.00	£ -
2709 Troop/Beavers Activities	£ 1,269.83	£ 412.46
2714 Assist Subs	£ -	£ 129.00
2716 Administration	£ 788.82	£ 753.14
2717 Capitation	£ 4,914.00	£ 5,848.00
2719 Badges	£ 470.35	£ 219.25
2720 Training	£ 255.00	£ 326.58
2721 Misc Expenses	£ 13.00	£ 465.25
2724 Fees	£ 1,392.50	£ 2,826.62
22700 Rent	£ 730.13	£ 720.00
23301 Electricity	£ 408.14	£ 690.10
26702 Insurance	£ 3,793.31	£ 3,576.39
27200 Maintenance & Repairs	£ 2,832.47	£ 6,440.42
37800 Bank Charges	£ 432.95	£ 110.00
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	£ 19,155.76	£ 22,517.21

<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>£ 13,030.89</b>	<b>£ 1,031.56</b>
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Balance sheet for the year ended 31st December 2021

	31/12/2021	31/12/2020
<b>Current assets</b>		
69200 Group Bank Account	£ 5,293.31	£ 4,282.89
69300 Deposit Account	£ 60,434.08	£ 44,485.97
69400 Scout and Beavers	£ 1,750.30	£ 5,219.09
69500 Cubs	£ 588.38	£ 699.38
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>£ 68,066.07</b>	<b>£ 54,687.33</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
2703 Go Cardless payments	£ 347.85	£ -
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>£ 347.85</b>	<b>£ -</b>
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<b>Total Assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>£ 67,718.22</b>	<b>£ 54,687.33</b>
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96801 Retained profit/loss B/FWD	£ 54,687.33	£ 53,655.77
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