

26th St Helens Blackbrook Scout Group

Accounts 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

Income

Beavers	£594.65
Cubs	£488.00
Scouts	£395.00
Mojo Rent	£1761.00
COVID grants	£9431.00
Donations	£48.01
Gift Aid	£2282.85
Fundraising Co-op	£1309.93
Plant Money	£409.05
Amazon refunds	£26.79
Sundries	£17.50
Council Grant	£15000.00
Badges	£200.00
Wreath sales	£128.42

Total £32092.20

Expenditure

Capitation	£1400.00
Council Rent	£356.84
Gas & Electricity	£1893.71
Fire Protection	£136.68
To Grant Account	£18644.93
Hut Costs & Sundries	£145.94
Insurance	£785.93
Plant Money	£479.70
Water	£266.56
Scouts refunds	£80.00
Beavers refunds	£676.69
Cubs refunds	£109.24
Easter eggs	£20.00
GSL refund	£154.84
Cubs Gift Aid	£1116.85
Scouts Gift Aid	£800.00
Beavers Gift Aid	£336.00

Total £27403.91

Account Reconciliation

Opening Bank Account	£5525.45
Total Income	<u>£32092.20</u>
	£37617.65

Closing Bank Account	£10213.74
Total Outgoings	<u>£27403.91</u>
	£37617.65

The Group Accounts have been prepared from handwritten records and reconciliation with the bank statement for the account ending -2150. No examination of bank receipts or receipts to substantiate expenditure has been carried out. Assumptions have been made for normal transactions for an organisation of this nature.

Checked and certified by

David Briers

25th September 2021

Amalgamated accounts
2020 - 2021.

Group

Open 5525-45 out 27403-91
Income 32092-20 close 10213-74

Beavers

Open 1196-85 out 1415-04
Income 1726-16 close 1507-97

Cubs

Open 3357-35 out 1708-39
Income 1713-85 close 3362-81

Scouts

Open 1823-53 out 395-00
Income 1981-35 close 3410-78

Scout events account

Open 2565-12 out 105-00
Income 50-00 close 2510-12

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Treasurer 25/9/2021

Beaver Scout Report September 2020 to July 2021

This year has been like no other as we did not meet face to face except in the car park in December 2020 to hand out medals and certificates that should have been given out at the AGM in July 2020.

We have met every fortnight via zoom, and I would like to thank the few Beaver scouts and their parents for taking part, as the majority only wanted face to face meetings, A BIG THANK YOU.

During this time we took part in Remembrance Sunday, St Georges Day, and did a one night camp over zoom. We also managed to still complete plenty of badges.

I realize that this is a short report, but we were unable to do any trips out due to covid 19.

I would still like to thank the following people especially Shelley Tod our Group Scout Leader who sorted out the zoom connection for me. I would also like to thank, Michelle Littlemore, Kerry Mclellan, Liz Waine, Chloe Spencer, Karen Blantorne, and Lisa Spencer.

26th St Helens (Blackbrook) Beaver Scouts Statement of Accounts
11th April 2019 - 10th April 2020.

Incoming for 2019 – 2020

Subs	2,137.50
Gang Show 2020	72.00
Summer Trip 2019	90.00
Panto 2019	240.00
District Skills Afternoon 2019	65.00
Sponsored Sit Still & Silence 2019	78.50
Colomendy 2020	260.00
Cathedral Sleepover 2020	200.00
Refund Colomendy 2019	134.40
Investment	84.00
TOTAL	3,361.40

Outgoing for 2019 – 2020

Capitation	1,088.00
Up keep Of Hut	335.00
Gang Show 2019	105.00
District Skills Afternoon 2019	65.00
Summer Trip 2019	90.00
Panto 2019	240.00
Colomendy 2020	693.60
Cathedral Sleepover 2020	50.00
Refund Cathedral Sleepover 2020	150.00
Softplay @ Superbowl 2019	119.90
Liverpool University Jamboree 2019	36.00
Bowling 2019	101.80
Deposit Bowling 2020	32.64
Refund Gang Show 2020	72.00
Badges etc.	239.89
Investment	159.00
Misc/Crafts	844.84
Over payment 19/9/18 Returned To Treasurer	189.86
TOTAL	4,691.03

11th April 2019 - 10th April 2020.

Incoming 3,361.40

Outgoing 4,691.03

Money in Beaver Scout Bank Account on 10th April 2020 714.13

Money in Petty Cash on 10th April 2020 294.29

TOTAL 1,008.42

Pack Report 2020-21

Summer Term 2020

As Covid restrictions continued to challenge our Scouting experiences, The Scout Association bought Zoom licences for all Groups so that we could offer an alternative way of delivering our Scouting programme. We embraced this new technology so that we could continue to offer Cub meetings to the Cubs. Some of the Cubs were already used to Zoom lessons for school, so were teaching the leaders some of the skills as we went along – you never stop learning!! Some Cubs did not want Zoom meetings, so did the activities at home instead. Some just wanted to wait until we were back face-to-face.

Whilst we were finding our feet on Zoom, we completed crafts and art projects – such as nature windows and a 3D hand. We had a transport theme for one of the evenings, culminating in making blow rockets, which once Cubs had worked out how to make them, were lots of fun to use! All links and activities continued to be published on the Facebook page for those wanting to complete them away from the screen.

One of the highlights was the evening completing Personal challenges. Cubs had to come and teach us a new skill and there were some fantastic skills on show, from Kata's to paper aeroplanes and making a cup of hot chocolate, making a cup of tea, making a milkshake and a piece of toast! Kind of get the feeling our Cubs like their food and drinks!!

We ended the term with a virtual Pirate Day. Cubs dressed up as pirates and made their own Pirate name. Then we had an evening of Pirate activities all completed over Zoom and again, receiving a lovely badge for their efforts.

Autumn Term 2020

During the Autumn term, our meetings were themed around books. We don't normally do the Book Reader badge as a Pack, but the technology enabled us to use different resources, particularly online games and activities to make the learning more interesting and fun. Of course, we had to include the obligatory food activity – becoming a tradition amongst our themed meetings now! The topic ended with a Zoom call from Con Burdekin, an author who worked with us to create a Pack poem and a very interesting and fun night was had by everyone.

Remembrance Day was held on our doorsteps as all parades were cancelled. Cubs made poppies and poppy wreaths in the zoom meeting and we looked at the meaning behind the different coloured poppies. Again, the use of online resources was invaluable for this session.

We wanted to continue our typical Scouting activities so we covered Country Code, knots and pioneering before Christmas. This was very challenging for us, as we are so used to demonstrating and being to help Cubs with the knots and pioneering particularly and being on Zoom, this proved to be much more difficult and frustrating for us.

For our Christmas activity, we reverted back to food! A pack was dropped off at each Cub's house and we made reindeer bark. Zoom call live into everyone's kitchens! Another edible activity going down a treat!

Due to some restrictions being lifted, we were able to plan a Face-to-Face activity day at the hut. It was fabulous to see the Cubs in person and we even managed to do some socially-distanced investitures. We spent a cold December day in the garden making fires and cooking, with a bit of a sing song and a small amount of normality for a couple of hours with each group.

We ended the term with another visiting speaker on Zoom, this time a Forensics Experience with Hayley Scott who used to work for the Metropolitan Police. It was very interesting and, again, good use of technology, which we would usually not have access to.

Spring Term 2021

We started the new term back on Zoom looking at Road Safety. We used online videos and games to look at safer places to cross the road and recognising road signs. We also researched different crossings and learned some new ones that we hadn't seen before.

We had a week looking at Chinese New Year then we moved onto a new theme of Astronomy. Of course we had to start with a food activity and none better than the 'full moon, half moon' activity with Oreo cookies! The Cubs couldn't believe it when we said they were getting 10 biscuits each!

Once again, the use of the Internet and video clips proved to be invaluable, particularly as the week after we started, was the same week that the rover Perseverance was landing on Mars. We were able to discuss so much more with the Cubs when we could share images and videos onto their screens. This was accompanied by craft activities which had been dropped off at each house, so it wasn't all screen-based.

Another new activity which we tried was Step-by-step painting. We found a simple picture with video instructions and we followed along, each with our own set of equipment. We were able to pause the video whenever we needed to so that everyone could complete that step. A 30 minute instruction video actually took us 3 weeks to complete, but all the pictures were amazing at the end and all Cubs appeared to be proud of their work – Leaders were definitely proud of them!

In March, we went all-out for a Knights and Castle themed Camp-at-Home. Another round of equipment drops and a weekend full of challenges and activities – some online via Zoom and some offline. We had the most amazing time and, once again, the squires to our Cub Knights (aka parents) pulled out all the stops in their assistance. I am sure they slept well that weekend – it was a busy one!

The day after Camp was our final meeting before Easter and we couldn't let it pass without chocolate! We made Easter egg rocky road live via Zoom once again into all the Cub's kitchens!

The last activity of the term was St George's Day. This year, St Helens District posted activities and challenges via the District website for Cubs to access at home with their families. It culminated in a live campfire streamed from District Headquarters. We also met via Zoom as a Group to renew our promises. It was really lovely to see so many from the different sections on the screen together.

2020/21 has been a year like no other in Scouting. We have been able to embrace the Zoom meetings and use the technology to enhance what we normally do in the hut. We have been able to show video clips to illustrate what we are teaching and completed badges and activities that we wouldn't usually attempt. It has been an amazing opportunity to be able to continue developing Scouting activities and

showing how we can adapt, sometimes in very quick turnaround times, when situations have demanded it.

Once again, I need to express my huge thanks to Chloe for her continued support this year and particularly to Shelley who has been a constant ally as we navigated Zoom sessions together – sometimes single-handedly as my Internet wifi was so unstable! We have learned together and found new ways of teaching and presenting activities to the Cubs and I have really enjoyed this new way of working – although looking forward to seeing them all in person once more.

Finally, I need to thank the Cubs and their parents for their resilience and patience as we learned a whole new 'normal' way of working. As stated earlier, the parents have had to become Leaders in their own right at times, as they supported the Cubs through some tricky and challenging activities. Thank you so much.

Lindsay Lowe

26th St Helens (Blackbrook) Cubs
Accounts - 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020

Income

Subs	£1,934.20
Trips - Gang Show 19+20, Panto 20, St George's Day 19, Bowl	£385.00
Camp - Colomendy 19, District camp 19, Summer 20	£645.00
Fundraising/donation	£195.96
Neckerchieves/woggle	£22.75
Total	£3,182.91

Expenditure

Rent to Group	£597.50
Capitation to Group	£816.00
Badges	£88.78
Camp -	£510.00
Trips - Gang Show 19, Panto 20, St George's Day 19, Bowling	£249.83
Pack Night resources	£275.68
Donations to Charity	£275.68

Total £2,813.47

In bank as of 31/3/20	£2,592.78
Petty cash as of 31/3/20	£86.57
Total	£2,679.35

Scouts Report 2019-20

It is our 5th year of Scouting at Blackbrook and it has been another memorable and exciting year of scouting. This year our Scouts have enjoyed a varied programme, interesting camps and many District competitions and events. We took the decision this year to reduce the numbers of events we took part in as we focused on fundraising and planning for our upcoming trip to Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) in Switzerland.

In April we took part in the St Helens District St Georges Fun Day- it was a tad damp and windy but despite this our scouts did enjoy archery, tomahawk throwing and a rather wet, slippery slide. We also had several of our Scouts performing in the St Helens Gangshow at the Theatre Royal, so we went along to show our support, they were all brilliant and put on an excellent show again.

In May we did a hike from the Scout hut up to Bispham Hall. The Scouts walked in small teams and navigated themselves for this event. We did have some strategically placed checkpoints and lots of challenges for them to complete en-route. Our accommodation for the evening was a Laavu, very peaceful and lovely to be able to see the stars while tucked up in sleeping bags.

We also enjoyed a weekend stay at Kingswood Colomendy where the Scouts had the opportunity to take part in many exciting and exhilarating activities. It was a brilliant weekend enjoyed by everyone (and we even had a sneaky Maccies for supper)

In June, we competed in the St Helens District Competition "Tastes of the World" our Countries this year were Germany & Mozambique. Our Scouts performed brilliantly winning both the cooking and presentation sections of the competition.

Throughout the year we had a lot of fundraising events for our KISC (Kandersteg) trip. Our Scouts showed dedication and motivation throughout- we enjoyed events such as Darkstar Laser Tag nights, Quiz nights as well as sponsored hikes and many, many bag packs

July saw the return of the much-loved 'Survival Camp' a camp that our scouts particularly enjoy. We held this event at Bowley Scout Activity Centre, a new site that we have never visited before and we weren't disappointed. The scouts had the opportunity to try out clay pigeon shooting which was a lot of fun along with sleeping in bivvi's and hammocks.

August was our much-anticipated Swiss trip to KISC. We had 16 young people and 4 leaders attend. I can't even start to tell you what an

amazing experience this was for everyone involved. We hiked to the most beautiful lakes, went river rafting, attended an International campfire, went to the local pool, had a ride in a cable car and even fitted in crazy golf. All the young people behaved exemplary as you can imagine trying to navigate 20 people through airports and Swizz train stations is no easy task. Thank you to everyone who came on the trip it was certainly a fabulous experience and the memories will certainly be treasured forever.

In September, we competed in District Lord Derby Competition, another fabulous performance by our teams despite torrential rain and freezing conditions.

In October we attended The Chariot Race, of course we went all out for the fancy dress part of the competition with our 'Grease Lightening' chariot and racers. All the effort was worthwhile with our team winning Chariot of Chariots- well done everyone involved.

In December we arranged for winter camp- we did stay in luxury at Park House Scout Centre (Lee's old Scouts HQ) it was a fab weekend. We took part in the local lantern parade and Christmas lights switch on, we visited Grizedale Forest, seen Llama's and had Christmas dinner. We also had lots of movies and games. The ice made the place look beautiful and Christmassy (but it was a tad chilly)

Our last event was in February, the Equinox competition, this combines orienteering with manhunt and our teams did extremely well securing 2nd and 3rd place.

Our scouting did come to an abrupt stop in March due to the pandemic but we are finding new ways to scout, stay in touch, provide great activities and still earn badges. (I can't wait to get back to our usual Wednesday nights)

It has been successful year and I feel extremely proud of everything our Troop has achieved. Thank you to Shelley, Lee, and Jane for all their help organising and running events and to our young leaders James, Katie and Kian. Finally, thank you to all our Scouts and for your continued passion for scouting, without you our Troop would not be the success that it is.

Here's to another year of adventure!!!

Sarah Pye
Scout Leader

Scout accounts 2020-21

Main Bank Account

Opening balance £1823.53

Paid in

Gift Aid £800.00

Subs £1181.25

Paid out

Hut Fees (Jan-March 2020): £140

Capitation (Jan-March 2020): £255.00

Closing balance 31.03.2021: £3409.78

Cash tin

Opening balance £374.60

Paid in

Badge payments: £110.00

Subs : £175.00

Donation : £14.00

Paid out

Equipment: £399.91

Badges : £252.62

Closing balance 31.03.2021- £21.07

Events Account

Opening balance- £2565.12

Paid in

Refund transport +£50.00

Paid out

Refund 1 place-£105

Closing balance 31.03.2021: £2510.12