



**Annual report  
and financial  
statements  
2020-21**



**Scouts**  
38th Rossendale



## From our Chair of Trustees

Well, it's that time of year again, I'm fully aware of the challenging year that all the Sections have had to face, and I can only state my admiration and appreciation for the Section Leaders and the Group members resilience and determination to continue Scouting.

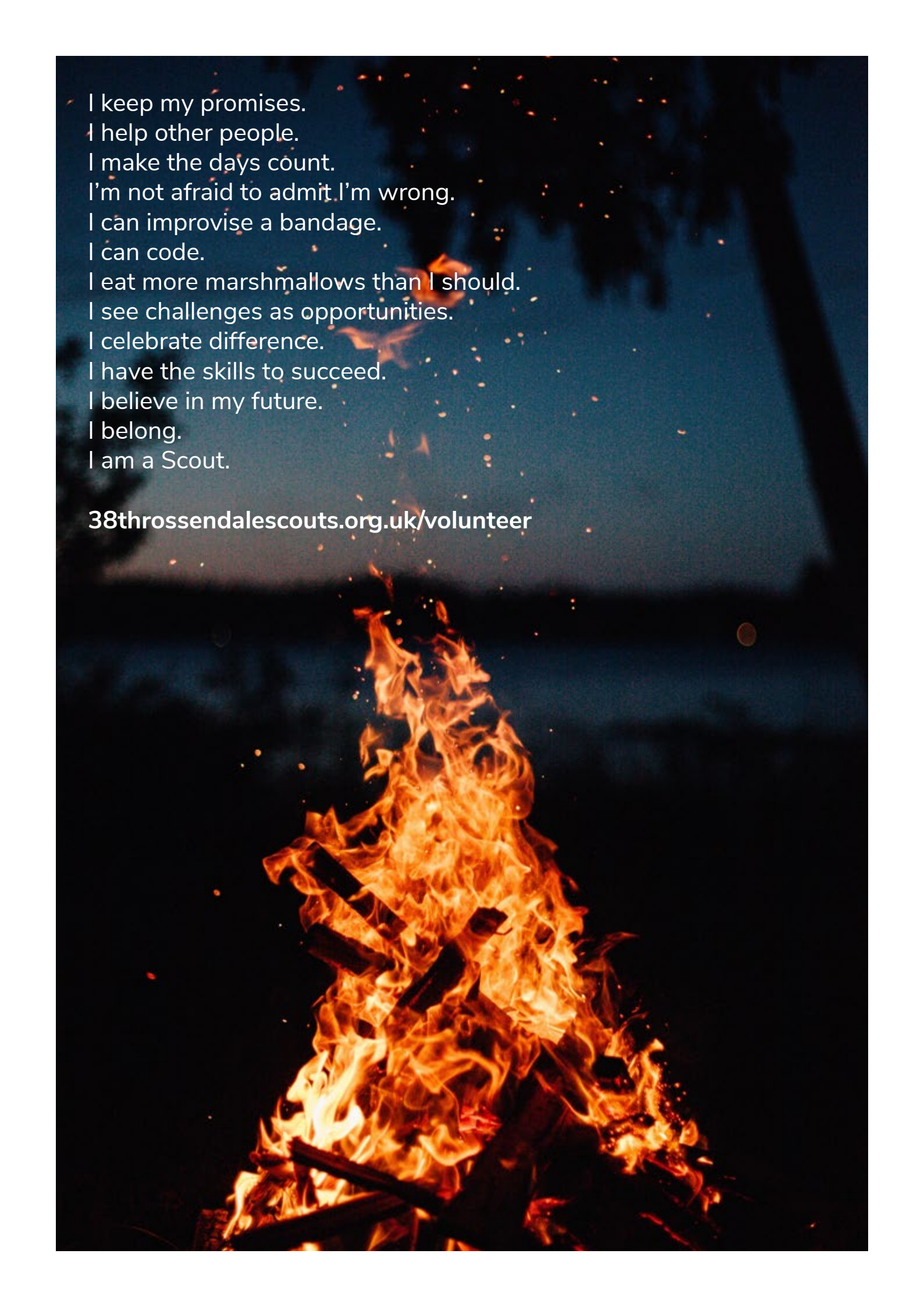
This is what we are all about. From the ashes comes the phoenix, and there are a few situations that may propel this Group to the next level. I have nothing to do with these developments, but I am so excited for the future of the Group.

I can't wait for the this and to be a part of it.

Thank you to all concerned.

**Michael Churnside**  
*Chair of Trustees*





I keep my promises.  
I help other people.  
I make the days count.  
I'm not afraid to admit I'm wrong.  
I can improvise a bandage.  
I can code.  
I eat more marshmallows than I should.  
I see challenges as opportunities.  
I celebrate difference.  
I have the skills to succeed.  
I believe in my future.  
I belong.  
I am a Scout.

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## From our Group Scout Leader

On the day I start to write this report, it has been announced by the Scout Association that our readiness level has returned to "Green".

This basically means all Scouting activities have returned to "normal" pre-pandemic level or at least as close as practically possible at this time. The Group will continue to have certain COVID processes in place for the time being.

This is fabulous news given that it was March 2020 when restrictions were first put in place. From that time, it was April 2021 before we were able to meet in person, the intervening period involved online Zoom meetings, virtual camps and a series of family activities that Members could in their own time participate in.

The Group did have its losses with a number of Young People deciding that Scouting was no longer for them - which is sad. Fortunately, we have more than made up the numbers with new Members.

Along the way, we also lost three Section Leaders who mainly due to work commitments could no longer give Scouting the time that it needed. We were able to find new Section Leaders for two of the three positions, but the search continues to find someone to take on the responsibility for one of our three Scout Troops.

One of the strongest assets of the 38th Rossendale is its Leadership. A team of 40+ adult volunteers week in and week out keep our Sections running for approaching 200 Young People.

Some of these Leaders are attending two or even up to three Section meetings per week and with this in mind, we are actively looking for more adult volunteers to ease their burden. Some of our recruitment activity should have been made clear prior to the AGM.

Despite regular meetings being disrupted due to COVID for a large percentage of this Scouting year this was something that we already had plans in place for, but what happened in February 2021 we were not expecting.

A phone call from a builder who had called on-site to inspect some work he had recently completed set in motion further disruption to the Group from our return to face-to-face meetings in April until our summer break. He called to report that the whole of the inside of the building was flooded, the cause being two burst pipes in the toilet area of the building.

What looked to be just an inconvenience at the time, resulted in a significant insurance claim, requiring walls to be removed and re-plastered, all the ceilings requiring new ceiling tiles and repairs to the lighting and other electrical items. All the toilet furniture was removed to allow for re-tiling and the laying of new flooring and the whole toilet area had to be re-painted.

Just when we thought we were heading in the right direction, further dampness was discovered in the main hall requiring the flooring to be replaced in there as well and re-painting of the lower half of the walls.

At the time of writing, just the re-painting of the activity lines in the hall needs to be completed which should bring to an end 7-months of work to bring things back to where they were, or if I am being honest better than they were.

Our planned 2020 international camp in France had been re-arranged to August 2021, but with UK travel restrictions in place and a further ruling of no international camps from the Scout Association this had to be re-arranged again. We are hoping third time lucky for August 2022 when we will be visiting a new site in the Dordogne

region of France with the luxury of hostel rather than tented accommodation. The highlight of a visit to Disneyland Paris will still be going ahead as planned.

In the meantime, and by the time this report is made available for the AGM, all Members will have had the opportunity of spending at least one night away at the Bowley Scout Campsite near Great Harwood. More camps across all Sections will take place next year prior to the international camp.

2021 has seen the Group celebrate its 70th (Platinum) anniversary and whilst the celebrations have been low-key partly due to COVID and partly due to the impending 75th anniversary in 5-years' time we have produced an anniversary badge to be worn on the uniform and special commemorative hoodies, polos and t-shirts for Members and former Members to purchase. These can be ordered on the Group website.

This has been the only fundraising activity since 2019, however I would like to take this opportunity to thank those that donated to the Group funds following on from our floor appeal in February.

We hope to resurrect some of our Group fundraising events in 2022. Do however remember you can join the 100 Club Draw at any time. Please contact me for details.

Thinking back to 70-years ago, Scouting was much different than today. For starters there was no Squirrel Scouts (more on that later), Beaver Scouts and certainly no girls.

Another significant factor was that most Scout Groups, as is the norm today, have links with churches.



It is told that one of our founding members, Ernie Bishop who at the time was a Leader at another Scout Group was driving through the Hall Carr estate when he saw a group of boys hanging around at a loose end. He asked them why they did not join the Scouts and he was told, "we can't mister, because we do not go to church". The result was the 38th Rossendale (Open) Scout Group. Being "Open" means we have no formal relationship with any other organisation, and we have a policy of unrestricted recruitment regardless of the ethnic or social background of our Members.

I am pretty sure that 70-years later the late Ernie and the co-founder Frank Hartley could not have imagined a Group with close to a 200-youth membership and seven Sections which includes three Scout Troops.

So, what about the next 70-years?

Well one thing is for sure, I will not be around, but if the dedication of todays volunteer Leaders is anything to go by, then hopefully the Group will be.

What can we expect in the near future?

Well, the most significant change announced recently by the Scout Association is the introduction of Squirrel Scouts. This is the first new Section in the Scouting movement since the formal introduction of Beavers Scouts 35-year ago. Squirrels is for young people aged 4 and 5-years old.

The 38th Rossendale has always moved with the times, not only were we running Beavers 35-years ago, but we had also been running Beavers for 2-years as a pilot for the Scout Association at that time. I was one of the original Beaver Leaders (is it really 37-years ago?).

In 1990 we were one of a few Groups nationally and certainly locally to introduce girls. Nearly 50% of our Group Membership today is made up of girls. Even today, 31-years later some people are still surprised that girls can become Scouts.

So, what about Squirrel Scouts? Well, a good question.

This is certainly not out of the question, and we are sure there will be no lack of interest in young people of Squirrel age wanting to start their Scouting journey two

years earlier than Beavers. We of course need to put the Leadership resources in place and at the moment we are trying to strengthen the number of Leaders in our existing Sections. All we can say for now is watch this space!

So exciting times ahead for the Group but of course none of this would be possible without our team of volunteer Leaders and behind the scenes the Group Executive Committee who are an important aspect of our charitable status.

A massive thank you to every single one of them. You are providing an invaluable service to your local community.

I would like to congratulate the Young People who have recently received their Chief Scout Awards. Also, to the Scouters of the Year from each Section and the overall winner who went on to win the "Jean Smith Award" for the outstanding Scouter of the year in memory of our former Group President.

We hope that in 2022 these presentations will take place in person at our next AGM & Celebration of Achievement Event.

And finally, thank you the parents for your continued support. By being a member of the 38th Rossendale, you are giving your child the opportunity to develop personally, learn new skills and to become model citizens of the future.



**Andrew Cooper**  
Group Scout Leader

## Grey (Monday) Colony Beavers

It's been a challenging year for all and has involved lots of change from Leaders moving on to new ones joining, adapting to Zoom sessions online and camping at home. The Beavers have all done amazingly well and I am super proud of them all.

Just because we couldn't meet face to face during lockdown didn't mean we still couldn't have lots of fun and carry-on earning Badges. We Celebrated the Chinese New Year making lanterns and learning about their Customs and Culture, Celebrated Easter with an egg hunt, Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and we even had a visit to the Local Fire Station (thank you Simon and team for making this possible).

The fun didn't stop there though, we received the good news in April that we could return to the Warren. Finally, we were able to teach the Beavers some basic Scouting skills such as putting up tents, knot tying, water filters, learning about bugs and animals, fire building and we got to go on our first hike in a long time up to Seat Naze.

Now that we are back after the summer holidays and restrictions have been lifted, some of our Beavers are looking forward to their first real camp away from home. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Grey Colony Leaders: Brenda, Dave, Dan and Amy and our fantastic Young Leaders Freya and Keira.

I must give special thanks to Olly and Louise who stepped in when we were short and continue to be a great support and of course, our Group Scout Leader / chief photographer, Andrew who is always there for us Leaders with help and support (thank you for your patience).

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new team members Mark, Hannah and Clemmie who are settling in nicely and already proving to be an asset to the team.

**Tracey Dunn**  
Falcon, Grey Colony Beavers

## Purple (Wednesday) Colony Beavers

Just like every Section, our 2020 ended with more Zoom meetings and making the best of a bad situation. We had plenty of fun making chocolate reindeer apples and even had a special video from Father Christmas himself!

As we came into 2021 the Zooms continued, and we had a great virtual visit around Rawtenstall Fire Station to complete our World Challenge. We also had a good laugh making pancakes for pancake day. After finishing our Space Activity Badge, we finally had the good news... we were coming back.

In April we were lucky to start meeting face-to-face but with the challenge of social distancing. The Beavers did a fantastic job of keeping to the rules and we managed loads of brilliant badges. We completed the International Badge which including trying food from different countries - with mixed opinions from the Beavers

We got to do our first hike for a long-time up Seat Naze and we also finally started to teach the Beavers some basic Scouting skills such as putting up tents, fire building, knot tying and pioneering. All this went to us finishing our Adventure Challenge and Outdoor Activity Badges!



To finish off for the summer the Beavers had a chaotic water fight that didn't leave a single person dry. We are now back with no social distancing and plenty more Scouting to do, so I am very excited for the next year.

To run Beavers is a massive commitment, especially with my job and the unpredictability around that. There is no way I could do this without my amazing team.

I need to say a massive thank you to Hattie and Louise who were key to a lot of the planning and preparation for our Zoom meetings. Hattie has also taken on a lot of admin responsibilities which is a massive help. Pippa has been her usual bubbly self over the last year which has been crucial to keep the Beavers enthusiastic for the Zoom meetings. The same goes for Emily who has swapped a million shifts at work so she can come and help us so thank you both of you!

We have also been lucky to welcome Mark into our team who has been a massive asset, and of course Andrew is always there to lend his experience so thank you to both of them. I'd also like to say thank you to Annette and Grace who have stepped

in to help when we are short of Leaders. Bev is also back now which is great news. Finally, I want to say thank you to Abbie, Erin, Grace, Evie and Caitlin - our brilliant Young Leaders. Lots of isolating and exams has meant we haven't seen a lot of them, but they are all fantastic!

**Oliver Cooper**  
*Hawk, Purple Colony Beavers*

## Purple (Tuesday) Pack Cubs

The last year for Purple Pack has been anything but ordinary, but we have continued to have lots of adventures and keep the same crazy Cub Pack having fun!

Over the last year the Cubs have worked really hard towards their Challenge badges. We did many meetings over Zoom during lockdowns and took part in lots of challenges such as a virtual Escape Room. We also had fun making lots of treats such as Reindeer Chocolate Apples and Rocky Road. We also met Laura, a student paramedic, who joined us on Zoom to talk to us about her career and what it is like to be a paramedic.

When we got to return to face-to-face Scouting we got

stuck right into the outdoors adventures. We took part in not one, but two hikes before the summer holidays. One of which it absolutely poured it down the entire time, but it didn't stop us! We also practiced our tent pitching and fire lighting, of course enjoying s'mores too. We also helped the community by going out litter picking and tidied up the streets of Rawtenstall.

For our summer party we finally got to experience a big adventure as we took the Cubs to Bowley Scout Campsite, where the Cubs got to take part in crate stacking, splatterpults and activities on the pond. This was an amazing day and the first-time taking part in such adventurous activities for many of the Cubs.

We are looking forward to a busy year ahead with 2 camps planned to make up for lost time! Our first camp at the end of September at Bowley Tipi Village is sure to be a big milestone since our last camp in 2019.

Our team has remained strong throughout the challenges of the last 18 months, and we couldn't be more grateful for our amazing Leaders and Young Leaders. Our adult leader team still consists of myself, Michael, Dave, Tom, Anita and Elliott. Our young leader team has also remained the same with Kyle, Eponine, Thomas, Oscar and Bobby who are huge assets to the team. We are incredibly lucky to have had the same strong team for over 2 years now. I would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing team and the support from our GSL. Here is to a bigger and better year of Scouting with Purple Pack!

**Emma Cooper**  
*Akela, Purple Pack Cubs*

## Grey (Friday) Pack Cubs

This year has been a tough one for many of our Young People. I took over about this time last year, so we were all still on Zoom meetings which was a challenge in itself. Many Cubs have joined us over the last 12 months and taken part in the virtual camps organised by Pete West.

We started off with the scientist badge which involved some messy experiments to do at home with our parents. We decided to do some cooking next and made pizzas. We then decided to do some gardening work and grew some herbs and learnt about how to keep the plants healthy.

As it was lockdown, Steve Backshall decided to run a virtual tour of the London History Museum and set up a mystery challenge night. Grey Pack enjoyed the night thoroughly and did extremely well at solving all the clues he set out and we eventually worked out who had broken in and was stealing things from the museum.

Next up was the map reader badge so we decided to get a little help from Harry Potter. We used maps of Hogwarts to help teach us all about map co-ordinates and how to locate things. The Cubs managed to find Hogsmeade, Hogwarts and even the village where Harry was born. We also used invisible ink to write our own secret messages to each other which we then had to decode.

Countryside Code taught us all about the rules of the countryside and how to treat the land and animals whilst keeping ourselves safe too.

The Cubs did some artwork next, and we made Chinese lanterns

for the Chinese New Year.

Next, we decided to try our hand at an online escape room set in a castle. We were really good and managed to collect all the clues and escape in record time.

For Valentine's Day we made some origami flowers for our parents and loved ones.

We finished off our Zoom meetings with some games and teamwork challenges and Pete taught us all how to make a flagpole as part of our pioneering badge. Then for our final zoom meeting we learnt a bit of first aid including treating burns and scalds, so you know who to call in an emergency now!

Easter saw the return of face-to-face meetings. The cubs handled it all really well as it wasn't the normal meetings they were used to and involved a lot of new practises to try and keep covid away. The first meeting back a hike to top of Marl Pits and I finally got to meet all my Cubs, new and old, face to face.

As there was so many Cubs, we decided to split them into two the week after. Half of the Cubs did some skills badge work with James, our Young Leader, and the other half made some playdough models on Zoom. The week after we swapped, and the other group did the alternative activity.

The Cubs then learnt about nature and different plants and how to identify them. Whilst the Zoom group did some work on their animal carer badge including learning how to take care of any pets they had at home.

This week we put up some shelters ready for when we could finally camp and some of us learnt to build mini catapults just in case they ever come in handy.

For the disability badge the

Cubs learnt about celebrities and how not all disabilities are visible, so we need to be aware of this and keep it in mind. We played some games to help the Cubs understand how different disabilities affect your senses and the way it affects your day to day lives.

The Cubs made posters to show others what they liked about Cubs and how much fun they have week after week.

Akela was keen to learn how to make ice cream in a bag, so we all had a go. It was really easy and tasted amazing, so supper was all sorted. I wonder if they did share, I know I didn't!!!

Next up the Cubs learnt about faiths and cultures from around the World. We played some pairs games and learnt about whereabouts in the world different religions originate from. Then the Cubs brought in their collections including shells, teddies, dinosaurs, Hatchimals and pebbles and did a small presentation to all the Cubs and Leaders about them.

As the weather heated up, we decided to make bird feeders to hang at home in our gardens. Some of the Cubs even made 2 or 3.

This week we decided to learn the Hakka which was a lot of fun! We decided to for our penultimate meeting to do the athletics badge and tried a lot of different sports to see how good we were (or weren't).

For our final week we had fun and games and water fights. The Cubs insisted on being drowned so sorry if your cars ended up a bit wet!!

This year has been a lot of fun and seen me being invested along with a lot of new Cubs! I

can't wait to see what the next 12 months will bring but I know it will be amazing whatever we end up doing.

**Vanessa Feather**  
Akela, Grey Pack Cubs

## Purple (Wednesday) Troop Scouts

In this annual report we are going to look back at what badges, activities and games we took part in.

After last year's AGM we had a Taskmaster style night filled with fun activities for the Scouts. We then tried to make models out of recycling.

We took part in Remembrance Day on Zoom by learning the history and the reason why we remember.

Coming up to Christmas the Scouts tried making mince pies on zoom. There were some very funny looking pies but I'm sure they all tasted delicious.

After Christmas the Section Leader, Chris Taylor, felt he could no longer give enough time as Leader to make the Section keep going, so decided to step down. Pete and Tim who run the other two Scout Troops stepped in till a new Leader could be found. The Scouts still had to have their meetings on Zoom so we started by asking the Scouts what they would do if they were in charge of the Troop, and held elections to see who would get voted in.

The Scouts then learnt about the countryside code, how to be safe and how to protect the environment.

Camp planning came next as we hoped that camping would

soon return. Learning about the internet and how to use it responsibly and safely was next.

Junk modelling the week after gave some very funny models. We had an axe, giraffe and many other items.

After Easter we were able to return to face-to-face meetings, we started with a hike around Marl Pits, just to blow away the cobwebs.

The Scouts started their physical recreation badge the week after. There were some tired Scouts after that meeting.

One of the Young Leaders then ran a meeting and had the Scouts working together to make pictures in the dark to create images.

We then had the Scouts learning about disabilities working as a team to erect a tent.

A trip to Nuttall Park came after where the Scouts started their Naturalist badge. They had to look around the forest and find some wildlife/plant to research. They then had to do a report on their findings.

The Scouts finished the physical recreation badge by trying to beat their times from the previous meeting.

After the half term we had the Scouts practice their knife, axe, and saw skills. They also learnt about accidents with this equipment.

We had the Scouts practising with Trangia stoves and erecting the new tents as we have planned a camp when we are able to camp.

To end the term all three Troops descended on Bowley Scout campsite to compete in some

water games. A lot of the Scouts got drenched that evening, but a lot had fun also.

The Scouts have enjoyed returning to meetings and the leadership team are looking forward to the next term. Thanks to all the Leaders and helpers that have helped the Scouts to have a good return to Scouting.

**Pete West and Tim Feather**  
Acting Section Leaders, Purple Troop



## Grey (Thursday) Troop Scouts

It's that time of the year again, where I describe what fun activities and adventures your Scouts have been up to. Unfortunately, due to you know what the year has been slightly different.

Since last AGM the Troop had to persist with Zoom meetings. So, we decided to roll up our sleeves and try and make wool poppies, we had some success

with this but the following week when we tried knots the result wasn't as good. Lesson learnt there.

A kind parent volunteered her time to show the Scouts over Zoom how to make mince pies. The Scouts really enjoyed this meeting, and I could tell they were going to enjoy eating the results.

We also had a meeting with the District Youth Team who had created a Taskmaster style meeting with tasks and games.

The following week we had a games night where we tested the Scouts memory then finished for the Xmas break.

On return to Scouts in the New Year we tasked the Troop to split into teams and make a joint presentation as to why they should be in charge of running the Section. There were some interesting ideas including bribing Tim the Section Leader. The Troop also worked together to create adverts/posters promoting Scouts and the benefits of becoming a Scout.

They also looked at the Countryside Code and what they interpret it to mean and if we should add to it.

Coming into February we made camp ovens and had an animal footprint quiz. Then we learnt about Chinese New Year followed by a quiz.

For the international side of the World Challenge Badge the Scouts tried their hands at Japanese Notan Art and learnt about the origins of this artform.

We then had a look at the Scouts hobbies that they take part in apart from Scouts. We had football, dog caring, origami, martial arts, drawing, fencing,

playing instruments and making slime.

Finally, we were able to return to face-to-face meetings. Being a large Section did pose it difficulties with controlling numbers, so we decided to split the Section onto alternating weeks, one face to face followed by a Zoom meeting. It wasn't ideal but allowed us to keep the Scouts safe whilst also getting some meetings.

We started back with a hike up Marl Pitts. Then we had games night.

After this we had a Zoom tour of Rawtenstall fire station. This was very popular with the Scouts, and they got to ask plenty of questions to the fire officer.

The Scouts had a go at making ice cream on Zoom and started their Naturalist Activity Badge at Nuttall Park, on a very wet evening, the Scouts got wet but really enjoyed being outside looking at what they were going to research with their friends.

At the end of May, Scouts from all three Troops came together to complete their expedition. Setting off on the Saturday morning the team had to navigate the route with equipment till they reached their destination, which was the Warren, where they cooked a meal. Then the Scouts had to go home as they weren't able to stay over. On the Sunday they arrived early and eager for the second leg of the expedition - unill they saw the route. After a very steep climb up above Waterfoot they proceeded to follow the route right until the end where they missed the one corner Tim and Pete had been waiting for them for over an hour. Thankfully it was only a tiny shortcut, and the Leaders were soon able to locate the Scouts. The Scouts then proceeded to the

finish where they were picked up by parents.

After the May half term holiday, the Section started to have the meetings all together at the Warren but outside. We divided them into teams, and they learnt how to use a knife, axe and saw, and accidents that could happen with this equipment.

They then had a go at tent building and cooking on a Trangia stove. The Leaders were hoping the Scouts can remember this for camp.

After that we had our end of year party where all three Scout Troops descended on Bowley Scout campsite for games. The Scouts got extremely wet that evening and so did some of the Leaders.

Even though it has been a challenging year, and sometimes frustrating, the Scouts have been brilliant. Our numbers remain healthy, and the Scouts have enjoyed returning to face-to-face meetings.

The Leadership team are looking forward to the year ahead where we already have an expedition and camp planned.

Many thanks to all the Leadership team for helping through the year despite all its difficulties.

**Tim Feather**  
Section Leader, Grey Troop

## **Red (Friday) Troop Scouts**

Since our last report Red Troop hasn't let the restrictions of COVID stop us Scouting.

**October-December**  
October to Christmas we continued holding regular weekly Zoom meetings covering

subjects such as Scouting history and traditions, we marked remembrance weekend, finished off our Air Activities Badge, completed our Photography Activity Badge, did four consecutive weeks of exercise videos to keep us moving, problem solving and code cracking, riddles and the Scouts favourite many, many Kahoot quizzes.

We held an online fancy dress Halloween party including a cake decoration competition, joined Grey Pack Cubs online for a night at the museum live escape room with Scout Ambassador, Steve Backshall.

We were joined by Rossendale District Youth Team who ran a Taskmaster evening, thank you gang.

The final online meeting of 2020 saw the Scouts bake Christmas cookies and we held a Christmas family fun night with a video quiz and Kahoot.

### **January–March**

The New Year saw us return to online meetings on Zoom with more problem solving, fun challenges, we looked at what they believe makes a good Leader, the Patrol Leaders took more control of the online activities and games creating their own content. We made a milk bottle lunch box, delved into internet safety, had a crack at origami, looked at the complexities and costs of planning a camp. While looking at the challenges faced by many with disabilities the Scouts had a go at showing their artistic skills drawing only with their mouths, feet and wearing a blindfold. To finish off the term there was an Easter challenge with guess the number of eggs in the jar.

In January several the troop took part in the Scout Association

Virtual Winter Camp with many more taking part in our 70th Anniversary Virtual Camp tackling the activities set by our own hardworking volunteers in March. The Troop came second in the Group wide challenges set over the weekend coming in behind Grey Troop.

### **April-July**

The beginning of summer term saw us back face-to-face for the first time in over a year and for some of the Troop the first time meeting the team outside of the virtual world. For most of the Scouts it was a time to renew friendships and take on new roles within the Troop. With so much to catch up with organised chaos reigned for a few weeks and I considered the need for a sheep dog, but the Troop quickly shaped up as the Patrol Leaders took a leading role in supporting the newer Scouts in the activities. In what felt like a very short thirteen weeks we managed to fit in team leader command tasks, a short hike above Marl Pits (with relay races at the top), shelter building, using their pioneering skills making camp chairs and the naturalist activity badge.

Returning from half term it was straight into knife safety, using axes/saws and what to do in case of accidents. This was followed by cooking on Trangia camp cookers with the Scouts creating some interesting meals from the food selection we provided. They put up tents and packed them away, brushing up on those little used skills since lockdown and had a go at putting up hammocks in the trees behind the Warren.

The older Scouts joined some of their compatriots from the other two Scout Sections to complete a Scout expedition over two days in the hills above Rossendale. Using their map reading skills to navigate themselves from start to finish, working together

meeting Leaders at set check points along their route. COVID restrictions prevented the usual overnight camp, but they still cooked themselves a meal and it was great to see the cooperation between Scouts from the three Sections.

The second joint event involving Scouts from all three Troops was the final night of the summer term. Almost seventy Scouts met together at Bowley Scout campsite for a night of games and very wet fun. A fitting end to an interesting year.

As always, a big thank you to the team of volunteer Leaders who make the section so fantastic.

### **Pete West**

*Section Leader, Red Troop*



# Why volunteering at Scouts is

## #GOODFORYOU

### 1. It's good for your skills and your future

**84%**

of UK adults believe Scouts helps you develop skills useful in later life (YouGov 2020)

**71%**

of young people in the UK aged 14–18 believe Scouts helps you develop skills useful in later life (YouGov 2020)



Scouts score **18%** higher on courage, **15%** higher on independence and are **18%** more likely to be better problem solvers (Scout Experience Survey 2020)

### 2. It's good for your health and happiness



The most common benefits volunteers report are enjoyment (**93%**), a sense of personal achievement (**90%**) and feeling that they make a difference (**90%**). (Time Well Spent Survey NCVO 2019)



Scouts spend on average **1.1** more days a week being physically active (Scouts Experience Survey 2020)



Over three-quarters of volunteers (**77%**) agree it improves their mental health and wellbeing. (Time Well Spent Survey NCVO 2019)



People who've volunteered in the past year were more satisfied with their lives and rated their overall health as better. (Journal of Happiness Studies 2020)

### 3. It's good for your family, friends and community



Researchers found that participants ages 16–24 and 55–74 were especially likely to benefit from volunteering, perhaps because of the opportunity to build social connections. (Journal of Happiness 2020)



Over two-thirds (**68%**) of volunteers agree it helps them feel less isolated – this is even higher among younger volunteers (**77%**) for those aged 18–24 and **76%** for those aged 25–34). (Time Well Spent Survey NCVO 2019)

## Our Purpose and Method

Scouts actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. They learn by doing, by sharing in spiritual reflection and by taking responsibility. They make choices, undertake new and challenging activities, and they live their Scout Promise.

Scouts' Trustees have a duty to report on our public benefit in this Annual Report. We've assessed our aims, activities and charitable objectives, which are to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full potential as individuals, as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities.

We believe that we've met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria for both the advancement of education, and the advancement of citizenship and community development. Scouts follows two key principles set by the Commission with regard to public benefit:

### **Our vision for the future**

In our original Skills for Life strategy, we aimed to prepare more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme. We talked about growing, being more inclusive, being shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

Skills for life are more vital than ever for young people. It makes sense for us to maintain the core of this strategy for 2023–2025 with some changes, including us reviewing and resetting our Key Performance Indicators over the coming months.

More information is available at [scouts.org.uk/ourplan](https://scouts.org.uk/ourplan)

### **1. Identifiable benefit**

The way in which we help young people in their personal development and empowers them to make a positive contribution to society. This benefit is directly linked to the purpose of Scouts.

### **2. Public benefit**

Scouts is a national movement, open to young people aged 4–25 and adults who are willing to make the Scout Promise. People in areas of deprivation are able to benefit from our programme; while we charge a subscription to our members, access to our benefits aren't constrained by a member's ability to pay. As a Group, there are arrangements to waive subscriptions and other costs for those who face financial hardship. Nationally, there are funds available for uniform and the cost of activities so that young people aren't excluded from Scouts on purely financial grounds.

The benefits of Scouts are further demonstrated throughout this report.

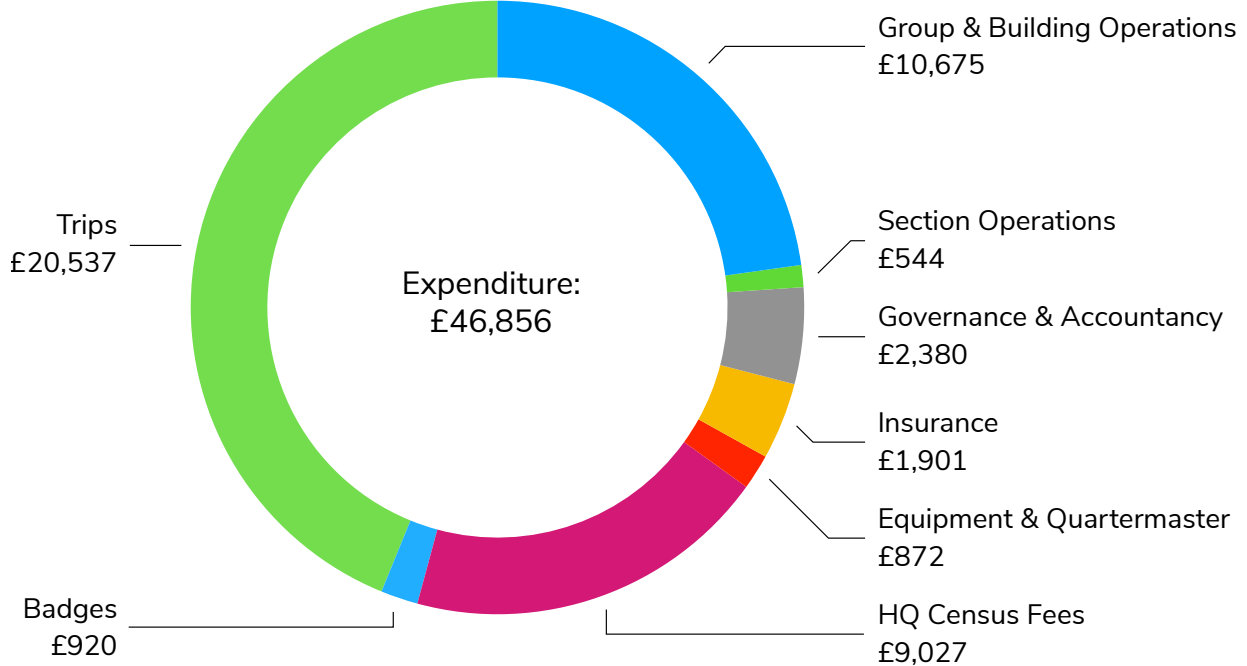
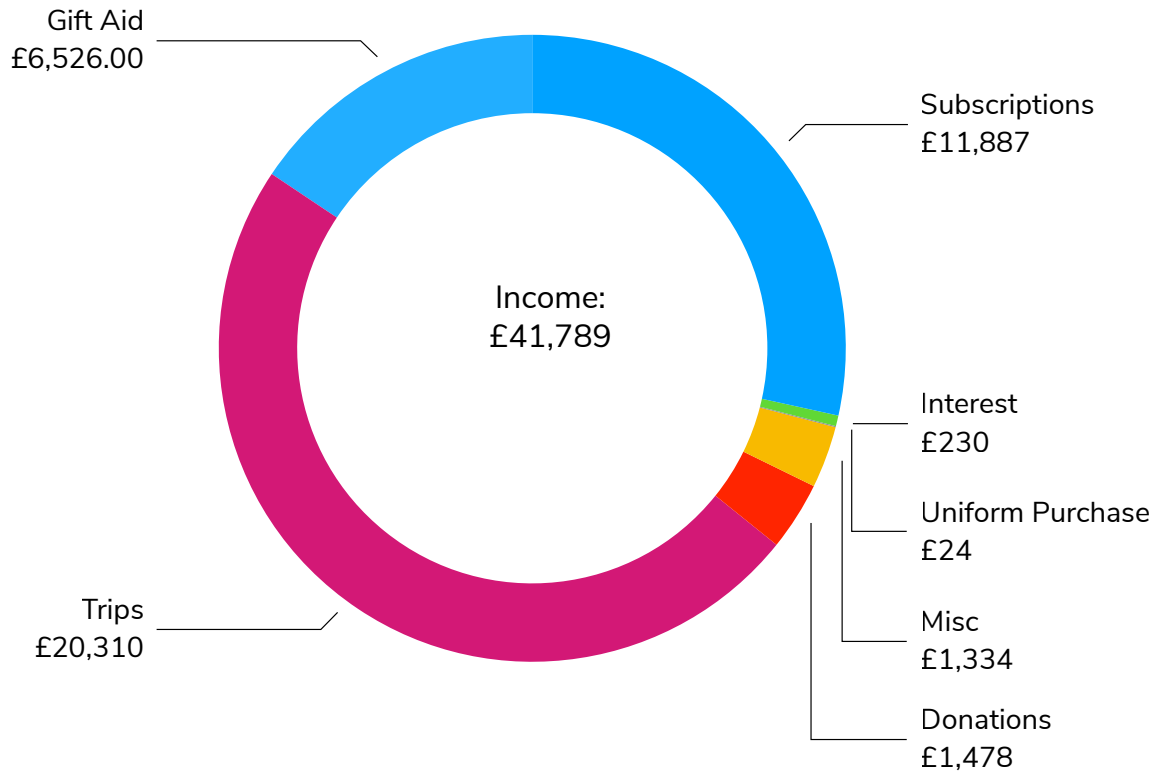
## Vision and strategic objectives

# Our Finances

The Group's finances are managed by the Group's Trustees and overseen by the Group Treasurer and Group Administrator.

Our finances continue to be in a strong position and while income has reduced, mainly due to lack of fundraising opportunities, rental income and subscriptions, the Group's unrestricted funds has provided the opportunity to continue investing in our assets throughout the pandemic, without needing to draw on our reserves policy - which still remains at roughly twelve months of unrestricted spend.

We would like to thank Peter Whittaker and Louise Cooper for their continual hard work in looking after our finances.



**Please note**

These illustrations are for informational purposes only and only cover the Group's primary operations. A full and audited version of the Group's accounts can be obtained, free of charge, from the Charity Commission's website.



# Our Team 2020-21

## **President**

Jean Smith (dec. Aug 2014)

## **Chair of Trustees**

Michael Churnside

## **Group Scout Leader**

Andrew J Cooper

## **Trustees**

Alison Hoyle  
Andrew Cooper  
Chris Taylor  
Emma Cooper  
John Boys  
Michael Churnside  
Michael Hoyle  
Oliver Cooper  
Peter West  
Peter Whittaker  
Tim Teather  
Tracey Dunn  
Vanessa Feather

## **Section Leaders**

Chris Taylor (until Dec-20)  
Emma Cooper  
Oliver Cooper  
Pete West  
Tim Feather  
Tracey Dunn  
Vanessa Feather

## **Group Administrator**

Louise Cooper BEM

## **With thanks to**

Chris Smith  
Claire Greenwood  
Elli Watts  
Elizabeth Watts  
Harry Ward  
Janet Wilmot  
Olly White

## **Programme Volunteers**

Adam Hanson  
Amy Robinson  
Andrew Mitchell  
Anita Mason  
Bev Ashworth  
Brenda Ward  
Caroline Smith  
Charles White  
Cheryl Law  
Chris Taylor  
Claire Sanderson  
Dan Robinson  
Dave Haworth  
Di West  
Diana White  
Eleanor Ellis  
Elliot Shuttleworth  
Elliott Collier  
Emily Holt  
Emma Cooper  
Grace Berry  
Harriet Bell  
Helen Cornfoot  
Jade West  
Josh Bend  
Katie Hoyle  
Logan Law  
Lottie Lowe  
Louise Cooper BEM  
Lynn Hancock  
Matthew Hides  
Mark Guest  
Michael Hoyle  
Natasha Ready  
Nathan Ashworth  
Nick Lowe  
Oliver Cooper  
Peter West  
Pippa Holland  
Richard Guest  
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# Scouts

## 38th Rossendale

38th Rossendale (Open) Scout Group

**Address:**

The Warren, Peel Street, Rawtenstall, Lancashire, BB4 7LJ

**Registered Charity Number:**

512657

**Website Address:**

[www.38throssendalescouts.org.uk](http://www.38throssendalescouts.org.uk)

**Contact Email Address:**

[group@38throssendalescouts.org.uk](mailto:group@38throssendalescouts.org.uk)



# THE 38TH ROSSENDALE (OPEN) SCOUT GROUP

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 1ST APRIL 2020 - 31ST MARCH 2021

EXPENDITURE	£	£
<b>Warren H.Q.</b>		
Water	144	
Electricity	663	
Gas	313	
Telephone	168	
Internet	199	
Accountancy Fees	2,380	
Charity Insurance	1,901	
Equipment Hire	315	
Cleaning	135	
Web Hosting & Domain Costs	135	
Repairs & Renewals	557	
Clothing Costs	1,712	
	<u>8,622</u>	<u>8,622</u>
Group Bonfire	14	
Sub-Contractors	2,029	
Group Expenses	5,163	
Census Fee	9,027	
Badges	920	
	<u>17,153</u>	<u>17,153</u>
<b>Section Expenses</b>		
Monday Beavers	137	
Tuesday Cubs	211	
Wednesday Beavers	160	
Wednesday Scouts	11	
Thursday Scouts	0	
Friday Cubs	25	
Friday Scouts	0	
	<u>544</u>	<u>544</u>
Trip Account	<u>20,537</u>	<u>20,537</u>
<b>Balances held at Year End.</b>		
Cash	39	
Trade Debtors	0	
Creditors	-3,874	
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## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

1ST APRIL 2020 - 31ST MARCH 2021

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Cash	39	
Trade Debtors	107	
Creditors	-3,376	
Fixed Assets	845	
Current Account	29,232	
Business Rate Tracker Account	0	
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Group Trip Account	20,484	
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Tuesday Cubs	1,763	
Wednesday Beavers	1,635	
Wednesday Scouts	1,132	
Thursday Scouts	2,137	
Friday Cubs	1,795	
Friday Scouts	1,715	
	<u>11,747</u>	<u>11,747</u>
Intrest received	230	
Section Uniforms	24	
Miscalaneous	1,334	
YL	140	
Donations	8,004	
	<u>9,732</u>	<u>9,732</u>
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Hon. Scrutineer.....*Elizabeth Watts*

Hon. Treasurer.....*[Signature]*



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

THE 38th ROSSENDALE (OPEN) SCOUT GROUP

On accounts for the year ended

31/03/21

Charity no (if any)

512657

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's 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

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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signed:

Elizabeth Watts

Date:

4.10.2021

Name:

ELIZABETH WATTS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address:

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