

**21st WYRE FOREST (BRINTON PARK) SCOUT
GROUP FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31**

**Registered Charity No:
512706**

**21st WYRE FOREST (BRINTON PARK) SCOUT
GROUP ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WF21 SCOUT GROUP FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

I report on the accounts of 21st Wyre Forest (Brinton Park) Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 5-8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the act"). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 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 Commissioners (under section 145 (5)(b) of the 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 Commissioners. An independent 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 such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all evidence that would be required under an audit, and consequently no audit opinion is expressed on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and can confirm that, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Its, fair to say this last 12 months as been better than the previous 12 months from a covid point of view and hopefully now the worst is behind us, and we can go back to a little bit of scouting normality.

We've had periods where we've had conditions upon us to keep us safe from covid, we've had no camping or overnight experiences for what over 2 years, but we have survived and financially we are in a better place.

Our numbers are returning back to pre-covid numbers but it will take a while as transfers between sections aren't always possible at the right time. We have many connections and contacts so we will build upon what we have.

We've continued to be supported by the Government and the trustees fully understand that we need to use this financial gain wisely in areas such as the new HQ extension and supporting our members where we can and need too.

Again, we've not been able to do much fund raising but as last year we have done well from our members supporting the Wyre Forest Lottery.

The Heritage Lottery BID project is still being planned and sorted from a legal and administration point of view and work will not likely start until the autumn as WFDC struggle with various hold ups. It remains a fantastic opportunity for the group and one we are grasping with both hands despite its challenges.

Adult support is steady and something we are trying to build on and we have a group 5-year plan that is being updated regularly as some of us in the group want to step back in the coming years and take lesser roles or even relinquish our roles.

So, another different type of year but we remain upbeat for the future, and we can pat ourselves on the back on another successful year offering some excellent scouting.

Later this year we hope to start another generation in scouting with the 4-6-year old's known as Squirrels, so that is something to look forward to. We also plan to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with some tree planting and an event later in the year whilst all group members will receive the scouting commemorative badge.

So, thank you to everyone who has made this another memorable and successful year in whatever role they have played and let's continue to build upon we have we have for the rest of 2022 and beyond.

Funding Framework

Sections should review their programme for the forthcoming term or even year and ensure that all activities are fully costed and affordable within section income.

This income will include subscriptions @£1.50 per young person per week, Pledged Plod monies collected (although this also goes towards District Levy) and any other income raised directly by the section such as fund-raising activities, part or full charges to Young

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People for activities over and above normal section nights, donations and specific grants applied for successfully by the section.

Subscriptions are £3.50 for a face- to- face meeting and £1.50 for a virtual meeting. For virtual meetings,

transfer of funds to group has currently been

waived. There will be no automatic Section

Financial Support

Should sections struggle to achieve a balanced programme within the pocket of money they have within the section, then a request for extra funding should be made to the Executive Committee in a timely manner. Any request must be supported by a small business case.

Policy on Reserves

Current Account

Lloyd's current account balance is currently unrestricted. This position should be reviewed at such a time interest rates on savings accounts makes it a viable proposition. Any investments will be reviewed on a regular basis, to ensure funds are fully optimised.

Objectives of the policy

1. To maximise reserves we have by investing in accounts that provide the highest rates of interest, whilst keeping sufficient fluid resources for the financial needs of the group. This will not drop below £5,000, without being referred back to the Executive Committee.
2. The Group will maintain a high standard of both equipment and other necessary resources, provide funding for all training requirements to enable delivery and development of scouting across all sections, and will support planned activities within a transparent and equitable funding framework to enable its young people to experience all that scouting can reasonably offer.
3. The Group actively pursues grant applications for Group equipment, Group holdings and Group activities.
4. £10,000 of Group funds has been ring fenced for the new Headquarters project.
5. Grant applications for the financial year 2022/2023 will continue to focus on raising funds for new Headquarters project.
6. A Group indicative budget is proposed and reviewed at the annual finance meeting held in January for sign off by the Group Executive Committee prior to the start of the new

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financial year. The budget separates HQ and running costs for visibility of the two finance streams.

7. External grant money will be split out and recorded under its own budget sub section.

8. The group will at all times ensure 'value for money' and will continue to encourage all members in fund-raising so that reserves are not depleted unnecessarily.

Group Objectives

To promote the development of young people in achieving their full potential, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The group does this by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based on the Scout Promise and law, guided by adult leadership.

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL
REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

CONSTITUTION

The Group is a Trust established under its rules which are common to all Groups.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. In setting the Charity's policy and planning its activities, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous year.

Approved by the trustees on 5th May 2022 and signed on their behalf by Stephanie Searl (Group Treasurer)

Signed.....

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Trustees Elected:

Mr Mark Searl	Group Scout Leader and Cub Leader part year
Mr Darren Vander	Chair
Mrs Sandra Davies	Secretary part year
Mr Rob Greenfield	Scout Leader
Mrs Stephanie Searl	Treasurer
Mrs Jane Sharpe	Committee Member
Mrs Laura Such	Secretary (part year)
Ms Kelly Mayall	Cub Leader (part year)
Mrs Jayne Vander	Beaver Leader

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Kidderminster

Scout Association Registration

Number: 04765 Charity Registration

Number: 512706

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2022**

	2022 Designated £	2022 Un restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Income Receipts				
Committee				
General				
Capitation		2455	2455	0
Interest scout investment account				
Hut income		2261	2261	925
Uniform		284	284	79
Council covid grants		10667	10667	19431
				including
				10000
				ringfenced
Ringfenced for new hut	10000			
Fundraising				
Barbecue		0	0	0
Easy Fundraising, Amazon Smile, WF lottery		792	792	236
Christmas Post		547	547	0
Bag Packing		0	0	0
Gift Aid		0	0	0
Bingo		0	0	0
Gigs (BL)		0	0	0
Donation/grants		0	0	225
Other		24	24	0
Sections				
Subscriptions		6097	6097	1181
Other		576	576	42
Pledged Plod raised by Members		948	948	0
Activities		452	452	0
Support (internal and external)		360	360	0
Total Income Receipts	10000	<u>15463</u>	<u>25463</u>	<u>2211</u>
			2022 total	<u>9</u>
				2021 Total

**The notes on page 8 form part of the
accounts**

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	2022 Desig nated	2022 Un- restrict ed	2022 TOTAL	2021 TOTAL
		£	£	£
Expenditure Payments				
Committee				
Support to Sections		100	100	0
District Levy		297	297	365
Insurance		1473	1473	1386
Rhydd Fees		396	396	-
Training & Education		0	0	-
Stationery and Postage		30	30	-
Capitation		2092	2092	2065
Equipment/ activities		399	399	225
Other Expenses including fundraising		567	567	174
Rewards and Presentations		108	108	73
Badges & Uniform		1067	1067	55
Hut expenditure		2321	2321	2186
Grant expenditure		0	0	673
Sections				
Capitation and District Levy		2029	2029	0
Activities		4158	4158	364
Neckers, Badges and Books etc		617	617	230
Gifts		-	-	-
Other Expenses		95	95	313
Stationery		352	352	37
Hut Levy		<u>1468</u>	<u>1468</u>	<u>256</u>
		<u>8719</u>	<u>17569</u>	<u>8402</u>
Surplus/(deficit) of Income over Expenditure	10000	(2106)	<u>7894</u>	<u>1371</u> <u>7</u>

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accumulated fund at 1 April 2021	36561	22842
Surplus/(deficit) of receipts and payments	<u>7894</u>	<u>13719</u>
Accumulated fund at 31 March 2022	<u>44 4555</u>	<u>36 561</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
Cash and bank balances		28165
Committee	36448	
Scouts	491	472
Cubs	916	842
Beavers	<u>604</u>	<u>986</u>
	<u>38459</u>	<u>30465</u>
Investment balances		
Scout Association	<u>6047</u>	<u>5980</u>
	44506	<u>36501</u>
Individual fund		
movements		
Committee		
At 1 April 2021	28165	14524
Surplus	<u>8283</u>	<u>13636</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>36448</u>	<u>28165</u>
Scouts		
At 1 April 2021	472	490
Deficit	19	<u>(18)</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>491</u>	<u>472</u>
Cubs		
At 1 April 2021	842	744
Surplus	<u>74</u>	<u>98</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>916</u>	<u>842</u>
Beavers		
At 1 April 2021	986	1043
deficit	<u>(382)</u>	<u>(57)</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>604</u>	<u>986</u>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

1. The accounts incorporate the recorded receipts and payments of the Executive Committee and each of the Sections. Certain items reflect the movement of funds between the Executive Committee and the Sections and so have been netted off within the accounts.
2. The accounts do not incorporate assets owned by the Group as follows:
 - Equipment purchased by the Group for use in Scouting and fundraising activities. The inventory of Equipment puts current value of all equipment and stocks at £21,180
 - Stock of polo shirts and neckers which stands at £951
3. For the purpose of presenting these accounts to the Charities Commission, they will be examined by an external accountant who bears no relationship to any member of the Group.