

## From the Group Scout Leader

The Group's accounting year started as the world adjusted to life with Covid 19 and the very many challenges, demands, sadness and restrictions this brought to us all. Some of our adult team had to shield, some were furloughed or worked from home, whilst others continued their vital roles as essential workers. Despite the restrictions and challenges faced, they continued to meet virtually to plan and offer various Scouting challenges to our youth members; maintaining contact and steering members to one our most successful badge awarding years ever through badges-at-home. Clearly, this wasn't ideal for any of us, but their actions were borne out of duty and I think they did their very best under unprecedented circumstances, and I for one would like to say thank you and salute their efforts.

We have been both delighted and grateful that the vast majority of member families have stuck with us; paying membership fees right through the lock-downs and restricted programme. For this we are enormously grateful. This has enabled us to cover all our annual operational costs.

Success with grant applications to Northumberland County Council, the Lord High Sheriff of Northumberland, Choppington Parish Council and the Bernard Sunley Trust have enabled our Trustees to approve plans to renovate the hall toilets and to relocate the kitchen during the forthcoming school summer holidays - a project that has been several years in the making.

Long-time supporter, Louise Johnson, joined the Beaver team as a Section Assistant along with Stacey Dodds, whilst Allison Morton took on the role of Assistant Beaver Scout Leader. Vikkie Everard completed the Cub Leader Wood Badge qualification. Assistant Scout Leader, Katie Smith, became an Assistant County Commissioner for Scouts and was awarded the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service. Our Treasurer, Tania Clark, received the Award of Merit for over 10 years of exceptional service, and Group Supporter (our former Scout and Explorer Leader), Stuart Dobson, passed the astonishing milestone of over 40 years voluntary service to the Movement. Finally, our Secretary, Marlene Railton, Scout Leader, Ian Smith, and Cub Leader, Graeme Shiel, received commendations from the Lord High Sheriff for services to the community. We are immensely proud of their achievements and with them, look forward to happier times ahead - enjoying the **Great Game of Scouting**.

## Tony Railton

### A message from the Group Executive Chairman

The last year has presented many new challenges for us all and I am pleased to say that our leader team has risen to those challenges; enabling young people to continue to enjoy Scouting under difficult circumstances.

As we approach our Annual General Meeting where I will be standing-down after four years as your Chairman, I have reflected on the changes that have occurred at Stakeford Scouts in recent times: we moved from weekly cash subs payments to bank standing orders which has provided a firm financial footing and enabled Leaders to give more time to Scouting by eliminating time spent as cashiers. The Scout Hall has had its inefficient oil-fired system replaced with a modern gas-fired combi-boiler; there has been a variety of painting and building works. Kitchen and toilet improvements are in the pipeline after several years of fund-raising, enabling our young people, leaders and helpers to enjoy Scouting activities in an improved, pleasant and comfortable environment.

Fundraising during the past year has been exceptional and I am pleased that the Group is in a much better financial position as I end my term as Chair than it was when I started, due, in large part, to the hard work and efforts of the Group Scout

Leader, leader team, Trustees and fundraisers; without whom none of this would have been possible.

In closing I would like to congratulate our GSL, Tony Railton, on being awarded the Scout Association's Bar to the Silver Acorn in recognition of consistently distinguished service to the Movement for almost 30 years.

**Dave Holmes**



## STAKEFORD SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2021

### TRUSTEES SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS AND REPORT YEAR ENDING 31 March 2021

<b>TRUSTEES</b>		
Group Chairman	Mr Dave Holmes	
Group Secretary	Mrs Marlene Railton	
Group Treasurer	Mrs Tania Clark	
Group Scout Leader	Mr Tony Railton	
Scout Leader	Mr Tim Chrisp	
Cub Scout Leader	Mr Graeme Shiel	
Beaver Scout Leader	Miss Kate Railton	
Supporter/Trustee	Mr Stuart Dobson	
Trustee	Mrs Jeanette Shiel	
Trustee (Parent)	Mrs Rebecca Marshal	
Nominated Trustee	Mr Chris Conroy	

### SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

Year	This year	Previous
	£	£
Total gross income for the year	40,299	19,004
Total gross expenditure for the year	14,034	
23,788		
Net income for the year	26,264	- 4,784
Unrestricted cash and bank funds carried forward	8,701	
10,050		
<b>Notes</b>		
6,990	Membership subscriptions to the Group	6,685
2,787	Membership payments to the Scout Association*	1,689
	In-year grant income (all sources)	27,354
	Reserved funds (Hall renovation project)	27,354

**\*The District Scout Council paid 45% (£ 1,325) of the total fee due (£ 2,945)**

**The scrutinised end-of-year account is available for inspection on request**

**GROUP MEMBERSHIP** (based on the Scout Association member census January 2021)

year		This year	Previous
	Beavers	24	24
	Cubs	21	24
	Scouts	<u>18</u>	<u>23</u>
	Group Youth membership	<u>63</u>	<u>71</u>
	Leaders/Sectional Assistants	11	11
	Executive Committee (excl. Leaders)	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
	Total Leaders/adult support	17	
<b>17</b>	<b><u>Total Group membership</u></b>	<b>80</b>	

**88**

*At the time of Report approval in June 2021 youth membership had risen to **81** making total Group membership **92***

## Beaver Scouts



Beaver Scouts made good progress with badge work despite the lockdown and there has been successful completion of Challenge Awards.

**Aidan Mills, Theo Forest, Ievan Coulter, Matthew Coulter, Joshua Lewis, Thomas Gladwin, Taylor Anderson, Jack Morton, Brooke Dodds, Ethan Tate and Henry Tong**  
*All gained the **Chief Scout's Bronze Award** - the highest Beaver award*

**Very well done to**

**you all!**

## Cub Scouts

Well done to Cubs who joined-in with online and Facebook activities, achieving success through our badges-at-home initiative.



**Jessica Donaldson, Harriet Jobling, Harry Robson and Tom Robson**

*All gained the **Chief Scout's Silver Award** - the highest Cub award*

**Very well done**

**to you too!!**

# Scout Troop



Scouts took part in a mixture of online and outdoor activities and have made excellent progress with badge work and Challenge Awards.

## **Aaron Donaldson**

Completed the Expedition Challenge and gained the **Chief Scout's Gold Award** - *the highest Scout award*  
**Congratulations on this significant personal achievement!!**

# Executive Committee

## **Activities and achievements in the year 2020/21**

- Trustees maintained appropriate structures to manage the Group in accordance with the Association's Policies, Organisation and Rules.
- GSL/Leader and Executive Committee meetings have been held
- Representation at District Meetings
- Scrutinised annual accounts have been approved by the Trustees
- Accounts and Group activities reported to the Charities Commission
- Hall improvements were undertaken: additional handwashing facilities new windows at the front of the building, tree clearance.
- Success with multiple grant applications to support ongoing costs and to fund finally agreed Hall improvements: renovation of toilet facilities and relocation of the kitchen.

## **Major objectives of the Group Trustees for the period 2021/22**

- Recruitment of adult volunteers to sustain the youth programme
- Management of and completion of planned Hall improvements
- Progress Bellingburnhead Cottage project decisions
- Recruitment of new Executive Committee parent members

# Trustees Annual Report

For the period

From

5th April 2020

to

31st March 2021

Charity name

Stakeford Scout Group

Registered charity number (if any)

516448

Charity's operating address

The Scout Hall  
East View  
Choppington  
Northumberland  
NE62 5UF

Postal Address

Mr A Railton  
20 Shire Farm Grove  
Ashington  
Northumberland  
NE63 8XP

## Names of the charity Trustees

Trustee Name	Office held
Mr D Holmes	Group Chairman
Mr A Railton	Group Scout Leader
Mrs M Railton	Group Secretary
Mrs T Clark	Group Treasurer
Miss K Railton	Beaver Scout Leader
Mr G Shiel	Cub Scout Leader
Mr T Chrisp	Scout Leader
Mrs J Shiel	Trustee
Mr S Dobson	Group Supporter/Trustee
Mrs R Marshall	Parent Trustee
Mr C Conroy	Trustee

# Stakeford Scout Group

## Income and Expenditure

### INCOME

	From To	5th April 2020 31st March 2021	5th April 2019 4th April 2020
		£	£
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>
Membership subscriptions		6,685.00	6,990.00
Donations		1,253.49	3,811.00
Gift Aid		2,495.39	2,765.85
Donations (Hall use)		560.00	
Marra refund		1,500.00	
Other similar income Activities, Camps, Etc..		124.20	3,066.20
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>12,618.08</b>	<b>18,038.05</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>		<b>325.00</b>	<b>954.90</b>
<b>Bank interest</b>		<b>1.74</b>	<b>11.45</b>
<b>Grants</b>		<b>Reserves</b>	<b>Reserves</b>
Covid Grants (NCC & WDSC)		21,603.71	-
Other grants		5,750.00	-
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>27,353.71</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>		<b>40,298.53</b>	<b>19,004.40</b>

### EXPENDITURE

	From To	5th April 2020 31st March 2021	5th April 2019 4th April 2020
		£	£
Youth programme and activities, inc Panto			848.20
Water and Sewerage		445.69	579.53
Electricity & Gas		1,767.49	695.68
Insurance		2,188.72	-
Repairs and Renewals		4,524.58	270.71
Gas installation			8,938.84
Forrestry England		600.00	1,200.00
Material and Equipment			191.00
Badges/Neckerchiefs/Leader clothing		180.11	1,090.66
Leaders and Helpers expenses		1,133.49	2,830.68
Training			60.00
OSM			188.00
Marra		1,505.00	1,500.00
Membership fees to the Association*		1,689.25	2,786.75
Camps			2,608.00
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>14,034.33</b>	<b>23,788.05</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>		<b>14,034.33</b>	<b>23,788.05</b>
<b>Balance</b>		<b>26,264.20</b>	<b>- 4,783.65</b>

\* Gross fee £3071.25 2020-2021 - District Scout Council paid  
45% of membership fees amount to Association (£1382.00)

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of year 2019-2020

Cash funds	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	2020 - 2021	2019 - 2020
	£	£
Bank current account	5,226.48	6,577.33
Bank deposit account	3,213.96	3,212.22
Cash/Floats	260.56	260.56
<b>Total cash</b>	<b>8,701.00</b>	<b>10,050.11</b>

Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock		380.00
Others		290.00
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TANIA CLARK Treasurer

# Independent Scrutineer's Report

## Stakeford Scout Group

Independent Scrutineers report on the accounts of the Group for year ending

04 April 2021

### Respective responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Independent Scrutineer

Group Charity Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the annual accounts and, having concluded that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charity Act 1993 apply to this reporting period, Trustees have appointed an Independent Scrutineer to examine the account statements.

It is the duty of the Independent Scrutineer to undertake without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to the Charity Trustees.

### Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's Constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts for the period **5 April 2020 to 31 March 2021**

### Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are accurate in accordance with the records presented to me and comply with the Constitution of Stakeford Scout Group.

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