

Like so many, our return to normality following the pandemic was a little hesitant, but we soon got back into full swing and this has been a terrific Scouting year at Stakeford. Thanks to all our families and supporters for sticking with us. Our youth membership has risen yet again and demand for Beaver places has been at its highest ever. Retention and transition into Cubs and Scouts mean we have the greatest number of youth members in the Group's history. This is testament to the hard work and dedication of our Leader team, whom I salute once again, for the imaginative and selfless effort they put in to making our programme a great success.

We have been joined this year by new Assistant Cub Scout Leaders: youth member parents, Amy McDermott and Trevor McKay, and former youth member, Philippa Johnson, who are all now busy undertaking leader training. Also joining us as a Pack Assistant is former youth member, Ben Watson. The Executive Committee welcomed youth member parents, Daisy Tong and Laura Thompson, who will shortly take over in the roles of Treasurer and Secretary respectively. We warmly welcome them all and hope they will have many years of fun and contentment with us. Our former Chairman, Dave Holmes, stood down as a Trustee and we thanked him for the contribution he made to Group business over several years.

The Chief Scout, Bear Grylls, has awarded Marlene Railton the Association's **Silver Acorn** in recognition of over 25 years of exceptional service. Well done. This is richly deserved recognition after many years of dedicated fund-raising and volunteering to a consistently high standard.

Our accounts reveal more success in securing fund-bearing grants from a number of sources. These have included: Northumberland County Council's Community Chest, Covid Business Support Grants, the Ridley Family Charity and, once again, the Lord High Sheriff's fund. Our relationship with Stakeford Nurseries (part of Blyth Star Enterprises) continues to grow and we are grateful to the Nurseries' team for gardening maintenance at our Hall and also for several visits to trim and cut grass at Bellingburnhead.

Being an adult volunteer in Scouts is sometimes hard work and challenging, it takes up time and energy, can stretch family patience and occasionally interferes with work commitments. Yet, it is always fulfilling and often very entertaining and satisfying. Our volunteer team is made up of old and new, with most getting involved originally as parent helpers. Several have completed more than 15 years' service and one has exceeded 40 years. Some, including myself, have decided to retire or step-down during the

coming year. Therefore, we need new blood and fresh ideas in our leader team and Executive Committee, so we will be actively recruiting in coming months; stepping aside to give a new generation of volunteers the priceless experience of fun, joy and laughter, so freely given by our young charges.

Tony Railton
Group Scout Leader



STAKEFORD SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2022

TRUSTEES SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS AND REPORT YEAR ENDING 31 March 2022

<u>TRUSTEES</u>		
Group Chairman	<i>vacant</i>	
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

Year	<u>SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS</u>		
		This year	Previous
		£	£
Total gross income for the year		38,442	40,299
Total gross expenditure for the year		45,946	14,034
Net income for the year		-7,504	26,264
Unrestricted cash and bank funds carried forward		11,308	8,701
Notes			
Membership subscriptions to the Group		7,965	6,685
Membership payments to the Scout Association*		3,629	1,689
In-year grant income (all sources)		12,353	27,354
Reserved funds		12,353	27,354

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

GROUP MEMBERSHIP (based on the Scout Association member census January 2022)

year		This year	Previous
	Beavers	30	24
	Cubs	25	21
	Scouts	22	18
	Group Youth membership	77	63
	Leaders/Sectional Assistants	14	11
	Executive Committee (excl. Leaders)	8	6
	Total Leaders/adult support	22	
17	Total Group membership	99	
80			

At the time of Report approval in May 2022 youth membership was **81** making total Group membership **103**

Beaver Scouts

Highlights of the Beaver programme have included:

- Disabilities awareness sessions with Paralympian, Stephen Miller, and Heather, accompanied by Jess the Guide Dog
- Aladdin Panto trip that was enjoyed by all – Oh yes it was!
- Halloween Stoppy-Up night
- Terrific badge progress, including: cooking, international, road safety, gardening, navigator
- Beach-combing and sand-castle building
- Science badge and lots of fun at the Colony Fun Day
- Burn's Night Supper with songs, poems, haggis, neap's n tatties
- Plessey Woods quick quiz orienteering
- Curling without ice, team competitions
- Visit to Pegswood Fire Station – part of fire safety training

Grayson Marshall, Matthew Squires, Ethan Hughes, Ollie Bickerton, Jonjo Hood and Taylor Anderson gained the **Chief Scout's Bronze Award** - the highest award in Beavers
Very well done to you all!

Cub Scouts

Highlights of the Cub programme have included:

- Remote-controlled car challenge night
- Burn's Night celebration with the parade of the haggis and recital of poems and songs.
- Badge-work, including: bird feeders, first-aid, collections show and talk, world food tasting, road safety, cooking, backwoods cooking
- Visit to Stakeford Methodist Church to see it decorated for Easter
- Grass sledging, riverside walks, campfire singing and backwoods cooking
- Team ballista making and lots of fun at the Pack activity day
- World food tasting event: sampling food from around the world
- Surprise visit from the High Sheriff of Northumberland

Sofia Wilkinson, Tian Glenton, Emily McDermott James Edelson, Issac Redpath, Fred Thompson, Callan Lund, Archie Day, Jacob Cook-Sybourn, and Murray Gair all gained the **Chief Scout's Silver Award** - the highest award in Cubs

Very well

done to you too!

Scout Troop

Highlights of the Scout Troop programme have included:

- Attendance at a range of overnight activities including a summer camp, expedition challenge, and fundraising challenge; building #SkillsForLife.
- Attendance at a number of outdoor activities, including night hikes, wide games, and BBQs
- Excellent progress with badge work, despite Covid restrictions at the start of the period, recognising participation in many existing pursuits and new challenges taken on by Scouts within the troop/wider community
- Successful completion of Challenge Awards, achieved through a varied and balanced programme utilising some unique and creative ideas throughout the year
- A real team effort involving all of our youth members and Leader team

- Troop membership has grown above pre-lockdown levels, during difficult circumstances, demonstrating our/our programmes resilience!

Matthew Huntley, Elliott Brown, and Jay Pattison
achieved the **Chief Scout's Gold Award**, the
highest award in Scouts

Congratulations on this significant personal achievement

Executive Committee

Activities and achievements in the year 2021/22 have included:

- 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
- Recruitment of new Group Treasurer and Group Secretary
- Representation at District Meetings
- Scrutinised annual accounts have been approved by the Trustees
- Accounts and Group activities reported to the Charities Commission
- A variety of Hall improvements were undertaken
- Success with multiple grant applications to support ongoing costs and to complete Hall improvements

Major objectives of the Group Trustees for the period 2022/23

- Successor planning to replace the retiring GSL
- Recruitment of adult volunteers to sustain the youth programme
- Completion of planned Hall improvements
- Progress Bellingburnhead Cottage project decisions
- Recruitment of new Executive Committee members

Managing the Great Game of

Scouting!

Trustees Annual Report

For the period

From

1st April 2021

to

31st March 2022

Charity name

Stakeford Scout Group

Registered charity number (if any)

516448

Charity's operating address

The Scout Hall
East View
Choppington
Northumberland
NE62 5UF

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Names of the charity Trustees

Trustee Name	Office held
	Group Chairman
Mr A Railton	Group Scout Leader
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Stakeford Scout Group

Income and Expenditure

INCOME

	From To	1st April 2021 31st March 2022	5th April 2020 31st March 2021
		£	£
Donations, legacies and similar income		Unrestricted	Unrestricted
Membership subscriptions		7,965.00	6,685.00
Donations		14,909.08	1,253.49
Gift Aid		2,047.80	2,495.39
Donations (Hall use)		420.00	560.00
Marra refund			1,500.00
Other similar income Activities, Camps, Etc..		670.00	124.20
	Sub total	26,011.88	12,618.08
Fundraising		76.93	325.00
Bank interest		0.61	1.74
Grants		Reserves	Reserves
Covid Grants (NCC & WDSC)		11,601.00	21,603.71
Other grants		752.00	5,750.00
	Sub total	12,353.00	27,353.71
Total Gross Income		38,442.42	40,298.53

EXPENDITURE

	From To	1st April 2021 31st March 2022	5th April 2020 31st March 2021
		£	£
Youth programme and activities, inc Panto		1,517.48	
Water and Sewerage			445.69
Electricity & Gas		1,509.49	1,767.49
Insurance		841.40	2,188.72
Repairs and Renewals			4,524.58
Building works from reserved funds		31,882.96	
Forrestry England		1,200.00	600.00
Material and Equipment		819.60	
Badges/Neckerchiefs/Leader clothing		816.29	180.11
Leaders and Helpers expenses		2,671.27	1,133.49
Refund		60.00	
OSM		143.50	
Marra			1,505.00
Membership fees to the Association		3,629.00	1689.25*
Camps		840.00	
Bank charges		15.00	
	Sub total	45,945.99	14,034.33
Total Gross Expenditure		45,945.99	14,034.33
Balance		- 7,503.57	26,264.20

* 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 2021-2022

Cash funds	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	2021 - 2022	2020 - 2021
	£	£
Bank current account	1,233.01	5,226.48
Bank deposit account	9,814.57	3,213.96
Cash/Floats	260.56	260.56
Total cash	11,308.14	8,701.00

Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock		380.00
Others		
Sub total	480.00	380.00
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Independent Scrutineer's Report

Stakeford Scout Group

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

04 April 2022

Respective responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Independent Scrutineer

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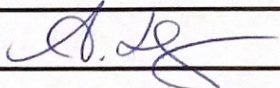
Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

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

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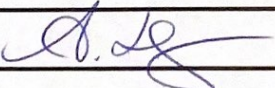
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