

Just Look What We've Achieved Together

1st Consett Scout Group
Annual Report & Accounts 2020-21



Scouts 

1st Consett Scouts
Charity number: 520349

THE GROUP

This was a year of many challenges.

We witnessed a once in a lifetime pandemic, and saw our usual vibrant and exciting face to face to program grind to a halt as we transitioned to online Scouting. Something I think everyone can agree we did with great success. Despite the challenges both the young people and our adult volunteers had many new adventures, whether that be the Camp from Homes or the slow return to our building, we all rose to these and took them in our stride.

I am very proud to consider myself a member of 1st Consett Scouts and I am sure you are also!!

Jennifer Wright GSL



THE TRUSTEES

1st Consett Scout Group 31 March 2021

Trustees

Chair	Michael Varley
Treasurers	Carole Smith (Resigned Dec20) Tina Townson Jackie Haggan (From Dec20)
Secretary	Letitia Chapman-Ward
Beaver leader Rep	Rosie Crolla Jennifer Wright (Resigned Mar21)
Cub leader Rep	Chantelle Robertson Sue Smith
Scout leader Rep	Paul Robertson
Parent Rep	Neil Jukes Mary McCainley Judith Liddle
GSL	Keith Slater (Resigned Oct20) Gavin Heckles (From Oct20)
Deputy GSL	Gavin Heckles (Resigned Oct20) Jennifer Wright (From Mar21)

Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc
Independent examiner	Mrs C McCormick
Charity Registration Number	520349

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THE CHARITY

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021.

The legal and administrative details of the Group are shown elsewhere in this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association (POR), and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2005).

Structure, governance and management

The Group was registered with the charity commission on the 9 April 1965 under the Scout Association Trust Deed 1955. The Group is managed by the Group Executive committee the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees.' Trustees are appointed in accordance with POR. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping of proper accounting records and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate. The committee comprises both nominated and elected representatives as required by POR.

Aim and objectives

The Group's aim, in common with that of the Scout Association, is the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people.

Public benefit

The objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

Scouting exists to actively engage and support 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.

The Trustees have complied with the duty under Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission and the trustees have paid due regard to this guidance in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Investment policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore

adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks.

Review of activities and future developments

It has been another remarkably busy year for the group with lots of activities and overnights

Overall, our accounts remain healthy, and we can subsidise many of the activities within the sections.

We have been able to restart HQ and minibus bookings which does generate a small income.

We need to claim the last three years gift aid which we are in the process of doing and restart fundraising within the sections as well as apply for funding/grants where we are eligible and able to do so.

Clearly problems such as the rise in both cost of living and the energy crisis means that we need to monitor our finances carefully over the next year and a slight increase in membership fees may have to be considered.

Policy on reserves

The reserve fund remains the same as last year, at £5,000. The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months building running costs.

Risk management

The trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Approval of the trustees' report

Approved by the trustees on 10 January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Dr J Wright
Group Scout Leader

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Consett Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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.

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:

- 1 **the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or**
- 2 **the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or**
- 3 **the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of 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.

Mrs C McCormick
17 February 2023
Howden Bank Farm, Maiden Law, County Durham

BALANCE SHEET

	31st March 2021	31st March 2020
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Cheque account	9,284.13	2,692.27
Deposit account	5,533.78	5,531.24
HQ Account	12,065.08	
Total Bank Accounts	26,882.99	8,223.51
Cash in hand (Sections)	146.04	146.04
Cash in hand (Group)	19.13	418.10
Total Group Cash	27,048.16	8,787.65
Liabilities	-	-
Net Assets	27,048.16	8,787.65
Unrestricted Funds		
Brought forward	8,787.65	18,853.34
Incoming resources - page 7	35,426.77	36,827.31
Outgoing resources - page 8	(17,166.26)	(46,893.00)
Carried forward	27,048.16	8,787.65

The Group notes that we own the building that we operate from jointly with 1st Blackhill (St Aiden's) Scout Group. The above Accounts include the 1st Consett Scout Group share of the costs, income and cash funds in relation to the HQ building.

The Group also owns a minibus

The above account and accompanying payments and receipts were approved by the Trustees on 10 January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:-

Dr J Wright
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Group Scout Leader
Group Chair

RECEIPTS

	31st March 2021	31st March 2020
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	11,630.00	13,670.00
Gift aid	2,669.91	0.00
Sub total	14,299.91	13,670.00
Grants		
General	245.66	1,757.23
COVID	13,342.63	0.00
Sub total	13,588.29	1,757.23
Fundraising		
Events	0.00	767.63
Sub total	0.00	767.63
Activities		
General activities and camps	810.86	15,718.15
Refunds for prior year	4,947.00	0.00
Sundry	0.00	10.20
Sub total	5,757.86	15,728.35
Other income		
Bank interest	2.54	0.00
HQ Income	1,725.37	4,179.10
Minibus	52.80	725.00
Sub total	1,780.71	4,904.10
Total receipts	35,426.77	36,827.31
Less total payments (Page 8)	(17,166.26)	(46,893.00)
Net income/(outgoings) for the year	18,260.51	(10,065.69)

PAYMENTS

	31st March 2021	31st March 2020
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Premises Costs		
Utilities	620.99	2,416.84
Insurance	1,017.21	1,406.38
Repairs and cleaning	2,709.03	2,037.50
Sub Total	4,347.23	5,860.72
Activities		
Youth Programme and Activities	963.94	27,553.99
Purchase of Badges & Uniform	1,587.32	1,909.61
Purchase of Equipment	61.27	1,118.90
Membership fees	6,145.50	5,310.00
Refunds for prior year	1,573.75	0.00
Leader training	0.00	1,370.00
Sub Total	10,331.78	37,262.50
Administration Expenses		
Miscellaneous	471.11	295.74
Bank charges	379.28	805.84
County loan		375.00
Sub Total	850.39	1,476.58
Fundraising Expenses		
Fundraising Expenses	0.00	70.00
Sub Total	0.00	70.00
Minibus Expenses		
Minibus Running Costs	1,636.86	2,223.20
Sub Total	1,636.86	2,223.20
Total payments	17,166.26	46,893.00

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