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Group Executive Members

Ex Officio

Chair	Mrs. Emma Little
Secretary	Ms. Becci Cowley
Treasurer	Vacant
Group Scout Leader	Mr. Douglas McIntyre
Beaver Scout Leader	Ms. Lea Scott
Cub Scout Leader	Ms. Sam Carter
Scout Leader	Mr. Mark Lloyd
Explorer Scout Leader	Mr. Robin Kennedy

Elected

Ms. Victoria Welsh
Mrs Jane Halpin

Nominated

Ms .Dizzy Peverley
Mr. Andy Gray
Mrs. Jane McIntyre

Under 25

Bankers NatWest Bank Plc

Scout Registration number 2558

Charity Registration Number 520716

Contact name and address Mr Douglas McIntyre
59 Burnhope Road
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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and financial statements for the year ending 30 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).

Objectives of the Group

The Group was formed in 1916 by the adoption of POR by the founding Group leaders, who also acted as Trustees. The Group's aim, in common with that of the Scout Association, is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Organisation

The Group is managed by the Trustees, who meet regularly to discuss all aspects of day to day running. The leaders of the Group are Trustees by virtue of their position as a leader.

Investment powers

The Group's investment powers are set out in POR

Review of Activities

Group activities were massively impacted by the emergence of the Coronavirus pandemic. Face to face meetings were cancelled from 16 March 2020 as part of the first lockdown. Our leader team showed great resourcefulness in devising ways in which sections could continue to participate in scouting remotely, by the wide use of digital platforms such as Seesaw for schools and Zoom. Activity packs were also safely delivered at times to allow the young people to perform tasks at home.

Coronavirus continued to impact over the full year, although an element of face to face meetings was able to return by the use of outdoor spaces initially.

The annual Group Census showed that our members had fallen from 117 the previous year to 87, partly due to the inability to recruit during the pandemic.

As we have our own premises, on which business rates are paid, we have been fortunate to be included in the grants under the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure provision, which has left us in a very strong financial position.

Because of the Grant funding and the inability to provide scouting for our members in the normal way, the Trustees decided to offer the members a subscription payment holiday for the last 5 months of the financial year.

Policy on reserves

In general, it is the Group's aim to maintain sufficient funds to ensure the success of all of its activities and to provide a contingency to support equipment replacement and unforeseen expenses at short notice. A sum of £1,500 has been designated as this contingency. Currently we have a healthy balance, thanks to the benefit of the Grant support referred to earlier.

Risk management

The Trustees assess the major strategic and operational risks faced by the Group on an ongoing basis and react to mitigate these risks. Through the Scout Association we arrange insurance to cover liability, personal accident and injury to young people and leaders as well as adequate insurance cover for camping and activity equipment.

Grant making policy

The Group does not have a policy in respect of making grants.

Approval of the Trustees report

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

Mrs E Little
Group Chair

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Receipts and Payments Summary

	2020	2021
	£	£
Total receipts for the year	24052.23	38455.38
Total payments for the year	(34423.32)	(11485.81)
Net receipts/payments for the year	-13371.09	26967.57
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	16701.60	6330.51
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	6330.51	33300.08

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on their behalf by:

Mrs E Little
Group Chair

Mr D McIntyre
Group Scout Leader

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RECEIPTS	2020	2021
	£	£
Membership subscriptions	15964.00	10577.18
Capitation	<u>-5089.50</u>	-4219.50
Total receipts	10875.00	6357.68
Other income		
Bank interest	9.76	1.32
Grants	0.00	23637.71
Gift Aid	0.00	7638.17
Donations	2529.50	0.00
Fundraising	1025.14	0.00
Hire of headquarters	80.00	360.00
Minibus	612.33	220.00
Cubs	220.00	200.00
Camping	8701.00	0.00
Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>40.50</u>
Total other income	13178.00	32097.70
Total receipts for the year	24052.23	38455.38

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PAYMENTS	2020	2021
	£	£
Premises		
Rates	141.12	0.00
Water	202.12	82.62
Gas	1594.55	275.99
Electricity	724.88	384.83
Insurance	796.64	802.42
Broadband	660.48	341.48
Cleaning	1369.37	1004.08
District loan	350.00	350.00
Total premises expenditure	5839.16	3241.42
Administration expenses		
Leader training	90.50	0.00
Lottery licence	0.00	20.00
Group activities		
Youth meetings and activities	2180.65	865.74
Unity insurance	0.00	42.00
Camping	8632.93	0.00
Transport hire	56.00	0.00
Fundraising	272.42	0.00
Equipment/repairs	2202.61	5694.71
Purchase of badges	1961.82	0.00
Scout shop	245.31	242.77
Wreath	20.00	0.00
Minibus	2128.13	1100.54
Floor	10787.19	0.00
Fees OSM	0.00	278.63
Sundries	6.60	0.00
Total payments for year	34423.32	11485.81

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2020	2021
	£	£
Monetary assets		
Current Account	5114.48	21751.29
Business Reserve (6336)	0.13	0.13
Business Reserve (3117)	94.40	10672.82
Business Reserve (4588)		0.08
Cash in hand	1121.50	875.76
Total monetary assets	6330.51	33300.08
Non monetary assets		
Scout headquarters	125000.00	125000.00
Scouting equipment	15000.00	15000.00
Minibus	5000.00	4500.00
Total non monetary assets	145000.00	144500.00
Liabilities	-350.00	0.00
Net assets	150980.51	177800.08

Notes to the Accounts

Accounting policies

1. Income shown in the Receipts and Payment Account is before deduction of any expenses.
2. Non-monetary assets shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities has been given as an estimated valuation by the Trustees based on their knowledge of the assets involved and their age and condition.
3. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2000) for Charities, as applicable to the Group.
4. The receipts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
1st Washington Scout Group**

I report on the Accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 ("the 1993 Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

- Examine the accounts under Section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act;
- To follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 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 examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosure in the account and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:-

1. To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
2. To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met; or
3. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Mr. John Edwards, 2 Rose Cottages, Windlass Lane, Washington, NE37 1BD

Date: 21 March 2021