

11th Spen Valley (Hunsworth) Scout Group

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR END 31ST March 2022

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TRUSTEES REPORT 2021- 2022

The Trustees of the 11th Spen Valley Scout Group (“the Group”) present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is established under its own trust deed dated 12 November 1949.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the ‘Charity Trustees’ of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of two independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent’s representation and meets every month.

The principal office holders are:

- **Group Scout Leader:** Michael Holroyd
- **Chair:** David Hirst
- **Treasurer:** Christine Pounder
- **Secretary:** Audrey Bentley

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for: -

- The maintenance of Group property.
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance.
- The insurance of persons, property, and equipment.
- Group public occasions.
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support.
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required; and Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

The Group Executive Committee has 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 is reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the Group and the trustees wish to express their thanks and gratitude to all volunteers and supporters who have assisted in ensuring the efficient running of the Group during the past twelve months.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

THE PURPOSE OF SCOUTING

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

THE VALUES OF SCOUTING

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

- **Integrity** - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy, and loyal. **Respect** - We have self-respect and respect for others.
- **Care** - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. **Belief** - We explore our faiths, beliefs, and attitudes.
- **Co-operation** - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

THE SCOUT METHOD

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and: -

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

CHAIR'S REPORT

The last 12 months has seen a return to Scouting for our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and leaders starting last year with very enjoyable evenings at Fanwood before returning to our Hunsworth HQ.

We are very pleased to welcome new members and leaders following our online recruitment campaign. The future of our group is entirely reliant on more parents becoming involved with the group at all levels, Parents, please become involved with the group, we need your help immediately at the gala, other events, Friday nights and behind the scenes maintaining our building and assisting me with the Executive Committee providing the excellent facilities we have at the 11th Spen Valley.

Please speak to any of our leaders to join us

David Hirst – Group Chairman

GROUP SCOUT LEADERS REPORT

Well, another fantastic year for the 11th Spen Valley. We managed to start back after Covid-19 caused all face to face meetings to be suspended. The sections met for a few weeks at Fanwood, and then Beavers moved back to Hunsworth and had the biggest Beaver investiture the group had seen. As the Summer ended and the weather changed the Cubs and Scouts returned back to the HQ as well.

Our regular rental monies re-started and as you will see from the accounts the group is of a sound financial standing, and we have reserves in the bank should we need them.

Group numbers on the annual census saw an increase from 2021 and overall the group is just about back to pre-covid numbers which is always nice to see.

All the sections have bounced back after the Covid-19 pandemic which is fantastic to see, and I would like to welcome all our new parents to the group, most of you will have met me, and don't forget I am always around if you need to chat about anything.

The individual sections set out below in detail about what has been going on. May I say that all sections offer a full programme and many opportunities for the young people in their care. It is wonderful that so many of them can take advantage of this and hopefully they will get lifelong memories of fun and friendship from taking part in all that is on offer. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and encouragement in making this happen.

May I also take this opportunity to thank the leaders of all sections for their unstinting and selfless dedication in providing leadership to the sections especially with being able to adapt to the change in programme. May I also thank the Group Executive Committee for the work they have put in to ensuring that this Group remains financially sound and provides a high quality and safe headquarters building from which we can provide scouting to your young people.

I continue to appeal to you to step forward and join our adult team. Please remember that this is YOUR Group. In order for it continue into the future and continue to be as successful as it has been, we do need your input. If any of you would like to become more involved in any of the sections or help in anyway as an occasional helper or as a member of the executive committee, please speak to me or any leader at any time.

Michael Holroyd - Group Scout Leader

BEAVER SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT

What a year it has been! As I wrote my report 12 months ago, many of our Beavers had moved to Cubs or left the group. Now, 12 months on, we have an almost full colony and a wonderful team leading an exciting programme.

Last April, we waited with feelings of anticipation, wondering how many of our new recruits would arrive at Fan Wood when we first met face-to-face. The Beavers loved spending time outdoors at Fan Wood, where they were able to get to know each other and explore the site. On returning to Hunsworth for our weekly meetings, all the Beavers who had joined us continued to enjoy meeting outdoors – but in much closer proximity to essential facilities and shelter in case of rain! In May I had the privilege of being able to invest more Beavers at once than I have ever before with 12 new members being invested at the same time, and our colony has continued grow since with now 18 Beavers attending regularly.

All our Beavers already have an armful of badges and have made good progress on their challenge awards. Beavers have completed a whole host of badgework – perhaps some of the most memorable including cooking (and eating) a 3-course meal in 1 hour and completing science experiments on the field.

Beavers also celebrated 35 years of Beaver Scouts by completing 35 challenges over the course of 2 weeks, including building a scarecrow for Hunsworth Scarecrow Festival.

I'm sure for many of our Beavers, a real highlight has been our sleepover at Fan Wood where many of our Beavers spent their first night (or 2) away from family and earned another selection of badges! They had a great time pitching tents, cooking on fires, planting trees and creating their own paracord bracelets. I think most of them even got some sleep!

This year has also seen the Beavers working towards the You Shape award, and we look forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a range of activities in the summer term.

It has been an exciting and action-packed year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole leadership team, without whom none of it would have been possible. Thank you for all you do.

As we look forward to the coming year with lots more adventures to come, I would also like to thank the parents and carers for the commitment they make to bringing their children to Beavers each week and the support they provide.

Jo Littlewood - Beaver Scout Leader ("Hedgehog")

CUB SCOUT LEADERS REPORT

The last year has been a very different one for the Cubs. Initially using Fan Woods for our meetings and moving back to the headquarters in the Autumn.

Whilst at Fan Woods we were able to partake in a lot of outdoor and adventurous activities using the facilities available onsite including crate stacking and low ropes. The Cubs helped to light campfires to cook on. Continuing from last year, we were able to watch the flowers we planted grow into a beautiful wildflower meadow and use this as part of the Blue Peter Green Badge.

Back at the HQ the meetings moved back to the old format, this was difficult at first and we took a while adapting but we have managed to get back to routine. We have completed a lot of different badges, mostly focusing on the challenge awards including Teamwork and Skills.

Last year we had parties for both Halloween and Christmas where we went bowling with the Scouts. Early this year we took two teams to the district Lego competition which helped them work towards more badges. More recently the pack went away to Kettlewell with the Scouts and we were able to complete most of the Adventure challenge. This was a fantastic opportunity for the Cubs to work with the Scouts and they did incredibly well especially on the hike.

We are happy to welcome two new young leaders, Alex and Ethan to the pack as well. I'm sure they will be a big help and they can achieve lots from helping at the 11th Cubs. I would like to thank Karen (Chil) for her continued help and also Richard (Baloo) for helping at each meeting after Beavers.

Adam Lomas
Cub Scout Leader

Karen Lomas
Assistant Cub Scout Leader

SCOUT LEADERS REPORT

Regular meetings were held at Fan Wood from the beginning of the Scouting year until we returned to the HQ in early September. During the time at Fan Wood, the scouts a variety of environmental projects, including, building bug houses, carrying out a tree survey & producing conservation poster that were displayed on site.

Skills activities included, fire lighting, cooking, fire safety, flint & steel, tent pitching and safe use of knife by whittling a tent peg.

Scouts have taken part in most of the Fan Wood on site activities, such as Crate stacking, Archery, Low ropes, Bouldering & Grass sledges.

Once back in the HQ scouts have had opportunities to complete activity badges such as Fire safety, Emergency aid, Model maker, Astronomer, Craft, Survival skills & Photography.

We have worked towards the following Challenge badges: - Teamwork, Creative & Skills.

We have taken part in two-night hikes; one to Fan Wood for a sleepover in the archery range and another circular walk from the HQ returning there to sleep.

We were able to reinstate our annual weekend at Wharfeside House – Kettlewell, where 20 cubs, scouts & leaders had a great time and probably because it was a different time of year to past visits, for once we did not get wet and cold on the walk. Sunday morning was a treasure hunt around the village with the whole thing topped off by a visit to Skipton baths on the way home.

Joint activities with beavers & cubs have been popular including a Firework display & Bar B Q, Christmas 10 pin bowling & Mc Donald's supper, Oakwell Hall torch light walk and the Kettlewell weekend.

A new badge – The You Shaped Award has been introduced that requires more input from the young people, which we have made a start on.

Unfortunately, there have been no organised district events such as competitions; however, several scouts attended the annual Remembrance Sunday parade to East Bierley.

As always, my thanks go to Karen, Adam, Robert & Henry for their unending support and for the skills they pass on to our members.

David Bentley Scout Leader ("Midge")

FINANCIAL REVIEW

RESERVES POLICY

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 running costs.

The Group held reserves of approximately £50,000 against this at the year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However, this can be explained by the need to maintain the leasehold premises it occupies in Green Lane, Hunsworth, as well as providing for the longer-term maintenance and replacement of that building and the replacement of equipment.

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the Group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 11 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) 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 Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An 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 any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Income from Go Cardless and sections (membership Subscriptions)	4,270	-
Less: Membership subscriptions paid to (National/County/Area/District)	(1,380)	-
Sums received in respect of camps etc	1,346	483
Donations	250	125
Grants	12,763	10,000
Gift Aid	-	883
Sub Total: Donations, legacies and similar income	17,249	11,491
Fundraising		
Annual Gala	-	-
Other fund raising	40	-
Field Day Crockery smash	-	-
Donation paid to the Fan Wood Activity Centre	-	-
Donations paid	-	-
Sub Total: Fundraising	40	-
Investment activities		
Bank interest	28	254
Property rent income	2,973	225
Sub Total: Investment activities	3,001	479
TOTAL GROSS INCOME	20,290	11,970
EXPENDITURE		
Youth programme and activities:		
Mini bus hire and camps	2,150	-
Activities, badges and neckers	909	-
	3,059	-
Leader training costs	150	-
Rent, Rates and Water	644	637
Insurance	445	440
Light and heat	415	422
Cleaning	230	80
Repairs, maintenance, computer costs and new equipment	2,319	2,832
Equipment purchases (tentage etc)	1,098	-
Christmas Parties, family events, BBQs, AGM etc	-	245
Donations	-	25
Misc	444	133
TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURE	8,804	4,814
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) IN THE YEAR	11,486	7,156

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £
CASH FUNDS		
Yorkshire Bank current account	22,643	11,697
Fixed term deposit accounts	26,385	26,357
Cash with sections	721	209
	49,749	38,263
INVESTMENT ASSETS		
Leasehold premises in Green Lane, Hunsworth		
Cost	111,920	111,920
Amortisation b/fwd	(67,500)	(63,000)
Amortised in the year	(4,500)	(4,500)
Book value c/fwd	39,920	44,420
	89,669	82,683
UNRESTRICTED RESERVES		
Balance b/fwd 1 April	82,683	80,027
Net Income/(Expenditure) in the year	11,486	7,156
Amortisation of leasehold property - current year	(4,500)	(4,500)
Balance c/fwd 31 March	89,669	82,683

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 2022 and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Name	Position
	David Hirst	Chair
	Christine Pounder	Treasurer

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

These represent the remaining income funds of the Group that are available for spending on the general purposes of the Group, including amounts designated by the Group for fixed assets.

LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

The leasehold premises represent the cost of the leasehold building occupied by the Group in Green Lane, Hunsworth. The cost of the building is being amortised over the period of the current term of the lease.