



***28th Croydon Scout Group
(Our Lady of the Annunciation)***



***Annual Report and Accounts
2019/2020***

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We are a thriving and successful Scout Group which has now been running in our Parish for 70 years. Since our formation in 1951, the 28th Croydon Scout Group has grown considerably in size and we now have 2 Beaver Colonies, 2 Cub Packs and 2 Scout Troops. With around 120 members we are now one of the largest Groups in Croydon and one of the largest Catholic Scout Groups in the UK.

How Can You Help Us?

We urgently need more help, either as uniformed leaders or non-uniformed helpers, We know how busy everyone is but your volunteering can be flexible to suit the time that you have available, whether it's every week, or once a month, or even once a term. No previous experience is required. As adults you can learn with the young people, have great fun and the Scout Association offers a flexible adult training programme to fit most busy lives. Most of our leaders work full time and have family and other commitments, but we all work as a team to help and support each other.

So why not come and join in the fun?

Please contact Kevin Moynihan, Group Scout Leader, if you can offer your help or for further information. Tel 07952 752790 Email: gsl@28thcroydon.org.uk

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Cover Photograph: Scouts afloat on Weirwood Reservoir during Summer Camp - July. 2019

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Agenda

Annual General Meeting of the Group Council

of the

28th Croydon Scout Group

Friday 6th November 2020 at 8pm

Held via Zoom Online Video Link

- 1. Welcome and Introduction by Group Chairman**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting of the Group Council held 5th July 2019.**
- 4. Approval of the Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2020**
- 5. Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of Group Chair**
- 6. Election of Group Secretary**
- 7. Election of Group Treasurer**
- 8. Approval of Group Scout Leader's nominations to the Group Executive**
- 9. Election of further members to the Group Executive**
- 10. Appointment of President and Vice Presidents**
- 11. Election of Group Auditor**
- 12. Group Scout Leader**
- 13. District Commissioner**
- 14. Fr Keith Sylvia**
- 15. Close of meeting**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Group Council of the 28th Croydon Scout Group held at 28th Croydon HQ, Rear of 22 Craven Road, Croydon, on Friday 5th July 2019 at 8pm.

Present: Danny O'Donovan (Chairman), Eloise Stonebridge (Group Secretary), Pat Kingman (Treasurer), Kevin Moynihan (GSL), Father Keith Sylvia (Parish Priest & Sponsoring Authority), Fr Jackson Sebastian (Assistant Priest), Paul Moynihan (Group President), Derek Gatland (Vice President), Pat Gatland, Steve French (Assistant County Commissioner – Perception), Margaret Tyler (Deputy District Commissioner Croydon), Martin Greenwood (Deputy District Commissioner Croydon), Amanda Giles (Assistant District Commissioner Cubs), Peter Giles, Emily Cruttenden (Youth Commissioner Croydon), Les & Margaret Ling (Group Supporters), Nuala McFadden & Michael Hennessy (Group Supporters), and members of the Group Executive Committee, Leaders, Helpers, Parents, Scouts, Cubs & Beavers.

Apologies were received from: Brendan Joyce (Vice President), Fr Joseph Cummins (Vice President), Dave Freegard (Vice President), Jordan DeSaa (Assistant District Commissioner Scouts) Dave Cruickshank (Honorary Scouter), Paul Bradbury (Honorary Scouter), Sarah Turner (Group Supporter), Paul Gatland (Group Supporter), The Binge Family, The Heath Family.

1. Welcome by Group Chairman

The meeting opened with a prayer read by Frank Herity (Patrol Leader Scafell Troop). Danny O'Donovan then welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM held on the 22nd June 2018

These were on pages 7 and 8 of the Group Annual Report and were agreed, by a show of hands, to be a true record of that meeting. Those minutes were then signed by the Chairman, Danny O'Donovan.

3. Approval of the Annual Report and Accounts

Danny thanked all those who contributed to the production of this report and accounts. There were no questions were raised on the Annual Report. Danny invited Pat Kingman (Group Treasurer) to speak about the accounts.

Pat Kingman spoke on the Group Accounts as follows:

Income increased to £31,624.10, an increase of £1,398.57 since last year. Subs decreased by £1,398.57 but income from the first Family Camp addressed this shortfall. Expenditure of £30,218.89, a decrease of £2,059.84 since last year. Although Section Activities, including Family Camp, increased, other expenditure, including repairs and renewals greatly decreased. The accounts show a surplus of £1,405.21 compared to a deficit of £2,053.20 last year, a turnaround totalling £3,458.41. Cash funds increased this year by £1,405.21, which has gone straight into surplus funds. Overall net worth has increased by £5,558.65, now totalling £183,893.09. The accounts were agreed by the Executive Committee prior to the audit on 1st May 2019.

Pat thanked the Parish for their contributions which amounted to £3,049.47 and to Forgetmenot. Without the support of both, subs would need to increase by £8.50 per term. For the past four years, subs have stayed at £30.00.

Thanks to everybody for completing Gift Aid declarations, we were 100% Gift-Aided and received £3,120 from the HMRC. The Group continues to apply for grants from the Jack Petchey Foundation.

Brendan Foley, the Group Auditor, signed off the accounts on 14th May 2019.

The Group have planned an ambitious spend of £47,590.00 in the next financial year and need the support of all involved to be able to achieve this.

Pat closed by highlighting use of EasyFundraising and that some companies provide matched giving and should be utilised by members and parents of the group, if they need any assistance, they can reach out to any members of the Executive Committee.

There were no questions raised on the Group Accounts. The Group Annual report and Accounts for 2018/19 were approved and adopted by the Group Council, proposed by Fernando Contreras and seconded by Marie Tross.

4. Group Scout Leader's Nomination of Group Chairperson

Kevin was pleased to inform the Group Council that Danny had agreed to serve another year. Kevin therefore nominated Danny O'Donovan as Group Chairperson and this was approved by the Group Council.

5. Election of Group Secretary

Danny O'Donovan announced that Eloise Stonebridge had agreed to be nominated by the Executive Committee to serve as Group Secretary for the year 2019/20. There were no other nominations, therefore Eloise was elected, and this was approved by the Group Council.

6.Election of Group Treasurer

Danny O'Donovan announced that Pat Kingman had agreed to be nominated by the Executive Committee to serve as Treasurer for the year 2019/20. There were no other nominations, therefore Pat was elected, and this was approved by the Group Council.

7. Group Scout Leader's Nominations for Members of the Group Executive

Kevin nominated the following:- Andrea Jones - Fund Raising Coordinator, Wendy Crouch - Social Events Coordinator, Simon Watson - HQ Maintenance Coordinator, John Herity – Recruitment Coordinator , George Turner - Group Communications Coordinator. These names were approved by the Group Council.

8. Election of further Members of the Group Executive

These include the Parent Representatives for each of the Sections; Danny stated it was important for these roles to be filled so that all Sections are represented on the Committee. Danny thanked the members of the Executive Committee who were standing down this year. He had already received the following nominations for 2019/20: Mark Humphreys - Group Resources Coordinator, Fernando Contreras – Vice Chair, Luke Farrell – Health and Safety Coordinator, Rachael Howard, Lila Barreto, Alice Sadra, Ewald Schroder, Paul Binge. No other nominations were put forward by the Group Council so the above names were duly elected. Danny asked the Group Council to show their support.

9. Appointment of Group President and Vice Presidents

Danny O'Donovan announced the following appointments: Group President – Paul Moynihan (reappointed), Vice Presidents – Dave Freegard, Brendan Joyce, Fr Joseph Cummins and Derek Gatland (all reappointed). These names were approved by the Group Council.

10. Appointment of Group Auditor

Pat Kingman nominated Brendan Foley as Auditor, seconded by Derek Harper. This was approved by the Group Council.

11. Group Presentations

Chief Scout's Gold Award was presented by Steve French to Stavroula Tsounis (Scafell Scout Troop).

The Francis Chambers Award: Francis was a great friend and loyal supporter of the Group for over 25 years, and as a member of our Group Executive Committee was always helping the Group in many different ways up until the time of his death in May 2000 and this Award is made in his memory. The recipient of the Award is chosen by the Leaders and it is awarded to a member of the Group who has, by their actions and achievements has set a high example for others to follow during the year or over a number of years. The award was presented to Stavroula Tsounis, member of Scafell Scout Troop for being an excellent role model and nurturing younger Scouts.

President's Cup: The recipient(s) of this award is chosen by the Leaders and the members of the Executive Committee and it is presented to someone who has contributed most to Scouting in the Group either in the past year or over a number of years. The award was presented by Paul Moynihan jointly to Chris Foley (Cub Scout Leader) and Derek Harper (Assistant Cub Scout Leader) for Becket Cub Pack.

Wood Badge: The Wood Badge is awarded to Leaders who have completed all of Adult Training Programme. Both Steve Cushman (Assistant Scout Leader Snowdon Troop) and Derek Harper (Assistant Cub Leader Becket Pack) received their Wood Badge, presented by Margaret Tyler (Deputy District Commissioner).

12. Guest Speakers

Danny O'Donovan invited Margaret Tyler (Deputy District Commissioner) to speak. Margaret thanked all for supporting the Group and attending the AGM. Everyone needs to be a part of the Group, Leaders need parents to be successful and parents need Leaders! Margaret further highlighted that a large group like the 28th Croydon show the path to smaller Groups, pushing forward the Scout movement and helping. Margaret closed by wishing the Group good luck and all the best and thanking the Group for the work they do within the District.

Danny O'Donovan invited Father Keith Sylvia (Parish Priest and Sponsoring Authority) to speak. Father Keith thanked the Group on behalf of the Parish for the part they play in the community. Father Keith further stated that he hopes the coming year is as successful as the past year. Father Keith closed by thanking the Group for supporting the children in their spiritual journey as well as their physical journey, stating the group provides guidance at a key moment in their lives.

13. Close of Meeting

Danny once again thanked the Executive Committee who have set up the hall and the bbq and provided refreshments. The meeting closed with a prayer.

Group Chairman's Report

As your Chairman, I am very pleased to submit my report on behalf of the Group Executive Committee for the 28th Croydon Scout Group Scouting Year 2019/20. Unfortunately our year has been blighted by the COVID-19 pandemic, whilst technically lockdown only affected the final week of our year it would however be difficult not to report on its effect on the Group both since March and continuing on into 2021.

Our partnership with "Forgetmenot" continued to be a major benefit to the Group and community during the year. Anyone new we mention this to seem to be truly impressed by the service Forgetmenot provides and how the Group and Forgetmenot work together to make it mutually beneficial. Mary Jane and Simon are also members of our Exec committee and we are very lucky to have them in our Group.

The Group held only one of the planned fundraising events this year as our annual Bingo night in March was cancelled and our Grand Draw postponed due to the COVID lockdown. The Race Night was once again a huge success, helped once again by the support of the Social Club. We thank Ben Cahill, Pat Winston and all the committee for their generous support. Thank you to everyone who came and supported our event and thanks again to Andrea & Wendy (our Fundraising and Social coordinators) and their team for their brilliant organisation. We intend to have our Grand Draw following the AGM tonight.

As you will know we have unfortunately had to cancel all face to face meetings since the lockdown was introduced in March this year. As an update the Scout Association have a traffic light system in place which details what we can or cannot provide based on the guidance from the Government, Scout Association and the National Youth Agency. As we stand at the time of writing we are at Amber which means we can have reduced face to face meetings in an outside setting. In to achieve this the Group needs to complete several risk assessments and have them approved by the District and County before these can happen. We are currently completing these with the hope we will be able to have some outdoor face to face meetings this term.

Some sections are continuing to deliver a digital programme and our aim was to have all sections at least meeting in a virtual setting this term unfortunately this has not been able to be achieved especially both our Beaver colonies. We are continuing with this effort and I hope to be able to update you on progress at the meeting.

You will of course realise that we have ceased asking for subscriptions up to now and this has been discussed at several Exec meetings especially for those sections that are having regular digital meetings. The Group Executive understands the financial pressures that families are under and are trying to support in whatever way we can. Unfortunately the Scout Association are having severe financial difficulties of their own and as a result we will not only still have to pay the annual membership fee for the whole FY, but it has also been increased. This will put additional burden on the Group's budget especially if we cannot recover the fee due to not having section meetings up and running. I will update you at all in writing prior to the AGM, so that any questions can be tabled in advance and answered at the meeting.

And now some Thank You's;

I would like to thank individually all members of the Exec Committee that without all their efforts the group would not be able to function as a support network. In particular our officers Fernando Contreras (Vice Chair), Eloise Stonebridge (Secretary) , Pat Kingman, our Treasurer, Our Coordinators Andrea and Wendy, (fundraising and social), Mark Humphreys (QM), Simon Watson (HQ maintenance), John Herity (Recruitment), George Turner (Comms), and all other Members of our Exec committee.

I would like to thank our Parish Priest and Sponsoring Authority, Fr Keith Sylvia and his wife Jaqueline, Fr Jackson (Assistant Priest) and the Parish, for their continued support to the Group both spiritually and financially.

Thank you to all the Leaders, Assistants, Helpers and Young Leaders who continually provide the great scouting experience for our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts week in week out. This is what we get involved for to give our young people the “best in class” scouting experience and our Leadership team led by Kevin and Tony enable this to happen.

I would like to congratulate all our members who have received awards during the year and everyone whom has contributed their time and effort over the year. It is truly a team effort whereby the Group would not be able to function without everyone’s input.

Finally, a very big THANK YOU to our young people who represent our Group in such a brilliant manner.

Daniel O'Donovan
Group Chairman.

Group Scout Leader's Report

Welcome to another annual account of the activities of the 28th Croydon Scout Group over the past 12 months. I am sure that in reading this report you will agree with me that once again all the various Sections and the Group Executive Committee have had another very busy, active and fun filled year.

By far our biggest and probably most memorable event of 2019/20 was our 2nd Group Family Camp which was once again held at Blackland Farm near East Grinstead from Friday 24th to Monday 27th May 2019. Seems like such a long time ago now! Following the success of our first Group Family Camp and the demand to hold another one, we built on the experience and lessons learned from the previous year. We had a total of 70 adults and children attending from 21 different families, plus our Leaders and Crew teams. Once again we were blessed with good weather for the whole weekend which certainly helped. We organised a varied and challenging programme of fun and occasionally fiendish team activities which kept everyone very busy during the camp. These included the triangular string burn, radioactive rods, the duplo house challenge and the now infamous filling the leaky pipe challenge. Time was allowed in the programme for family members to have a go at some of the site activities such as Archery, the Climbing Challenge, Abseiling and Grass Sledging as well as enjoying a relaxing swim in the pool, or simply just "chilling out" with some free time! Add in a very rousing campfire on the Saturday evening and a very enjoyable BBQ on Sunday evening! Many thanks once again to all those who helped to plan and organise and run the camp, and for everyone, Leaders, Crew but especially you, our families, for attending and making it such a successful and enjoyable weekend.

The feedback we received after the camp from our survey was extremely positive and there was certainly a call for another Family Camp in the future, possibly in 2021, to mark the Group's 70th birthday! However, at the time of writing this report (July 2020) we are in the middle of the Covid-19 Pandemic and all Face to Face Scout meetings, activities and camps have ceased for the time being and we do not know when we will be able to resume. But as soon as we get the green light to camp again we will no doubt organise another Family Camp weekend.

As you will see from the figures on page 13 of this report our total youth membership fallen by 13 members from the previous year and the number of Leaders and Section Assistants has dropped from 27 down to 17. This is quite a reduction the previous year but our aim is to increase our membership again next year, especially in our Beaver sections and Leader Team.

To retain our existing numbers and recruit new members we need to ensure that we are providing all our Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts with an exciting, challenging and interesting programme of activities to ensure they get the best possible Scouting experience we can offer. We also need to ensure that all our Sections are well resourced in terms of adult Leaders and Assistants. **And on that point we really do need more adult help with all our Sections, either as a Leader or Section Assistant or just an Occasional Helper to go on a rota.** Even if you can't commit to helping on a regular basis we would like to hear from you. No previous experience is required. If you would like to get involved or wish to know more about how you can help us please contact myself or any of the Leaders. Also if any parent or adult has an adventurous activity qualification or experience, or an interest in an activity then we would love to hear from you. So again, please do get in touch with myself or one of the Leaders. It would be really great to have you join our team!

We were very sorry to lose Bobby Taylor (Assistant Scout Leader – Scafell Troop) from our Leadership team at the end of last year's summer term after several years of helping Claire run the Troop. Thank you Bobby for all your great work with the Troop over the past few years. However, on the plus side we were very pleased to welcome at the start of 2020, Amy Morgan, Joanna Kokkosi and Ben Shadbolt as our new Assistant Scout Leaders for Scafell Troop. Thank you all for taking on these roles and I'm sure you will enjoy your time helping in Scafell Troop.

By the time you read this I regret that we will also have said farewell to Marie Tross (Assistant Beaver Leader – Willow Colony) and Derek Harper (Assistant Cub Leader – Becket Pack) who

have both retired from Scouting at the end of this July this year. Marie stepped back into the Group back in 2014 to help with Willow Colony and then took on a Leader role the following year. For Derek we have to go back 13 years to 2007 when he was appointed as Assistant Cub Leader with Bede Pack although I'm pretty sure he was helping us for a while even before then. Derek subsequently moved across to help Chris and the team run Becket Pack. Both Marie and Derek have been an integral part of our Group over many years and we are very sorry to lose them both. We owe them a great deal of thanks and gratitude for all their great work with our Beavers and Cubs and for the huge amount of time and effort they have given to the Group over many years. We will of course be making a presentation to them in due course as a way of saying a very big Thank You!

All our Sections have enjoyed a very full programme of weekly meetings, activities and nights away experiences (camps and sleepovers) during the year.

Our Scout Troops joined forces again for a joint summer camp last year at Broadstone Warren Scout Campsite in the Ashdown Forest in Sussex. This was attended by 18 scouts plus Leaders and they spent a great week hiking, biking, kayaking, abseiling, go karting, cooking, eating, sleeping (a little) and washing up. Thanks again to Rick Howard who joined us on the camp. Despite some problems with the minibus failing to start and having to do some unforeseen "site clearance" on arrival I am sure everyone had a really great time.

The Scout Troops also combined for what is now their annual trip to Gilwell for the Scarefest Halloween weekend camp at the end of October. Gilwell always lays on a host of great activities over the weekend and this has now become a firm favourite with the scouts (and leaders of course). Many thanks to John. Sias and Binnie who joined us as Parent helpers for the weekend

A small group of our scouts also took part in the Pedal Car Olympics winter camp at Thriftwood Campsite in Essex in January this year. Apparently the weather was more like summer than winter but no one was complaining about that and all who went thoroughly enjoyed a fun weekend.

Congratulations to all those scouts who gained the various awards this year but especially Alessandro Potger, Stavroula Tsounis and Alexia Owusu-Agyakwa who gained their Chief Scout Gold Award, the highest award in the Scout Section.

Meanwhile both our Cub Packs have also enjoyed a fun filled year with camping at more local sites in and around the area at Frylands Wood. I'm sure all who went had a brilliant time away. Becket Pack made bird feeders, went on a night hike, did wide games at Shirley Hills and Pinewood, learnt how to maintain (and correctly ride) their bikes, spent a very hot morning doing laser tag, cooked a crumble and went Ice Skating at the Tower of London. Sound like an extremely busy year. Congratulations and very well done to all those cubs who gained their various awards this year but especially Uchenna Amalu, Jorge Smith, Jerome Williams, Leonardo Gomez and Oliver Foley who gained their Chief Scout Silver Award, the highest award in the Cub Section.

For the low-down on what Bede Cub Pack got up to please see the separate report below.

Our two Beaver Colonies (Willow and Elder) also enjoyed another busy year with lots of great fun activities at their weekly meetings as well as some hikes, trips and sleepovers. They also gained a huge number of badges and awards so congratulations and well done to all concerned.

As ever, our Group Executive Committee has also had another very busy year as I am sure you will see from reading Danny's report. The Group could not run properly without the great support given to us by our Executive Committee. So a very big THANK YOU to all the members of our Exec for all your hard work during the past year. I would particularly like to thank Danny O'Donovan our Group Chairman, Eloise Stonebridge our Group Secretary and Pat Kingman our Group Treasurer, for all their tireless efforts in supporting the Group and myself during the past year.

As a Group we carried out our Annual Renewal of our Promises at our Parade Mass on Sunday 28th April last year and we were joined in doing so by our Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. It was great to see such a fantastic turnout that day for this important occasion and filling a few extra benches in the church. Our monthly Parade Mass is usually at 10am on the 3rd Sunday of each month and it is an important Group event and as such all Beavers, Cubs and Scouts (and Leaders) should try to attend if possible. We would love to fill those extra benches every month! NB. Unfortunately our Parade Masses have ceased for the being due to Covid-19 pandemic but we will let you know as soon as we are able to resume them.

You may (or may not) be aware that we have adopted a site at Frylands Wood Campsite which we have continued to maintain and improve during the year. This obviously benefits Frylands but it is also of great benefit to us as well. A small team of Leaders and helpers have continued to do some fantastic work up there so hats off to them! They deserve our thanks.

I would like to finish by saying a few Thank You's.

Firstly THANK YOU to all our young people, our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, who turn up each and every week to their meetings wearing their uniforms and for representing our Group superbly.

THANK YOU to you, the Parents, for bringing them every week, come snow, rain or shine, and for your continued support to the Group during the year.

THANK YOU to our Young Leaders who, despite pressure of school work and other commitments, still find time to come along and help regularly at Section meetings, activities and camps. I know from speaking to the Leaders, the help that you give us and your enthusiasm is really invaluable and we hope it will continue over the next year and beyond.

And finally THANK YOU to everyone who has helped the Group in any way during the past year. It really does make a difference.

And very finally, as you will know by now, unfortunately we had to cease all our Face to Face Scout meetings, events and activities as of 17th March this year due to Covid-19. This was in accordance with the strict instructions received from the Chief Commissioner of the Scout Association. This meant no Beaver, Cub or Scout meetings or activities or camps and no Group meetings or events of any sort. The past few months since then have certainly been a very strange time for all of us and a very difficult time for many.

We were pleased to be able to roll out some online Scout meetings using Zoom for both Troops during the summer term and Bede Cub Pack were also able to do the same. We regret that so far we have not been able to do this for Becket Cub Pack and our Beaver Colonies.

I am pleased to say that we are now (October 2020) in a position where we are able to resume some face to face meetings and activities (indoors and outdoors) for limited sized groups providing that we have carried out our Covid-19 Risk assessment and have put in place all the necessary measures to keep everyone safe.

Over the few weeks we sincerely hope that all our sections will be able to resume some face to face meetings and activities, both outdoors and hopefully indoors back at our HQ even if with limited numbers for the time being.

Of course this is an ever changing situation and we are closely following the rules and guidance set out by the Scout Association and the Government's National Youth Agency,

So watch this space and stay healthy and safe

Kevin Moynihan
Group Scout Leader

Bede Cub Pack Report

A good year for us, it started with our Group Family camp. Following the success of last year's camp with some great feedback, we returned to Blackland Farm in May. Bede Pack were well represented with a mixture of returning families and some new families joining us for the first time. It was a busy couple of days with lots of team games and activities.

In June, we headed up to Frylands Wood for the weekend. We arrived on Friday evening and set about putting up our tents. We had an early start on Saturday morning, collecting firewood so we could cook our breakfast. Once we had finished breakfast we headed off on a hike for a couple of hours. In the afternoon, we put the Cubs into different teams and set them a number of tasks and challenges to complete. These ranged from collecting a number of different leaves, making tracking signs or building the tallest tower from twigs. With the help of some of the older Cubs we prepared our dinner feast of pan-fried Chicken, Quorn meatballs, Ratatouille and Grahams special pan fried potatoes which were a great hit with the Cubs.

On Sunday, we had booked ourselves in to attend the Hero's Funday on site. It was another early start as we had to have all our kit packed and lunch prepared before we could leave the site. There were lots of different activities available for the Cubs to try including Indoor caving, Laser Quest, Climbing and there were also a number of different inflatables available. During the lunch break the Police Dog handlers section put on a display for everyone. The Cubs were able to visit the Police stand afterwards where they could meet the dogs and dress up in the police kit.

In September, we had planned to have a joint camp with Becket pack. Unfortunately, the weather forecast was for thunderstorms overnight on Saturday and Sunday, so we decided to have an activity day on Saturday instead. The Cubs arrived at Frylands on Saturday morning and we set up our camp. They were set a number of challenges to complete and we played a couple of wide games during the day. As the evening arrived the alter fires were lit and the camp stew was cooked by the Leaders with the help of some of the older Cubs. After dinner we headed into the woods for one last wide game before heading home.

After the May half term, with lighter evenings we try to get out and about as much as possible on our pack nights. We spent most of our evenings at the local park playing Cricket, Rounders and Football. We also had an evening at Frylands Wood when we booked a session of Rifle shooting and practised our tracking skills by setting some trails to follow.

Our final activity of the year saw us join up with other Cubs across Croydon for a trip to the London Science Museum in March. It was an early start, meeting at Bingham Road tram stop at 8.30am. We travelled by Tram, Train and Tube to South Kensington. Once inside the museum we visited as many areas as we could, with Space being one of the favourites. The trip included admission to the WonderLab, where the Cubs could get hands on with lots of different activities and presentations. We didn't get to do everything we wanted on the day and some of the Cubs would have liked to stay longer. We returned to Addiscombe with some very tired Cubs

During the year the Cubs have continued to earn a number of activity and challenge badges.

A big Thank you to everyone who has helped us during the year especially Gary Lally

Genny Dunbar, Peter Devine and Graham Baker

28th Croydon Scout Group (Our Lady of the Annunciation)
Founded 23rd May 1951

HEADQUARTERS

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SPONSORING AUTHORITY

Rev Fr Keith Sylvia

GROUP SCOUT LEADER

Kevin Moynihan

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Tony Gaunt

WILLOW BEAVER COLONY

Meets Tuesday 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Beaver Leader

Richie Geal

Assistant Beaver Leader

Marie Tross

ELDER BEAVER COLONY

Meets Friday 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Beaver Leader

Lorraine Taylor

Assistant Beaver Leader

Dawn White

BEDE CUB PACK

Meets Monday 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Cub Leader

Genny Dunbar

Assistant Cub Leaders

Peter Devine
Graham Baker

BECKET CUB PACK

Meets Wednesday 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Cub Leader

Chris Foley

Assistant Cub Leader

Derek Harper

SCAFELL SCOUT TROOP

Meets Thursday 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Scout Leader

Claire Shadbolt

Assistant Scout Leaders

Amy Morgan
Ben Shadbolt
Joanna Kokkosi

SNOWDON SCOUT TROOP

Meets Friday 7.45pm – 9.15pm

Scout Leader

Andrew Connor

Assistant Scout Leaders

Tony Gaunt
Steven Cushman

GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE *Meetings held bi-monthly (Jan,Mar,May,Jul,Sep,Nov)*

OFFICERS

Group Chairman	Danny O'Donovan
Vice Chairman	Fernando Contreras
Group Secretary	Eloise Stonebridge
Group Treasurer	Patrick Kingman

COORDINATORS

Fund Raising	Andrea Jones
Social	Wendy Crouch
HQ Maintenance	Simon Watson
HQ Resources	Mark Humphreys
Communications	George Turner
Recruitment	John Herity
Health & Safety	Luke Farrell

Group Membership Figures 2010-2020

AS REPORTED AT CENSUS (31st JANUARY EACH YEAR)

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Beavers	23	31	35	45	43	44	48	44	43	47	43
Cubs	47	52	55	55	56	53	52	56	64	63	55
Scouts	44	44	32#	60	55	58	73**	48	47	40*	26
Total Youth	114	127	122	160	154	155	173	148	154	150	124
Leaders	17	15	15	18	18	17	20	21	18	18	17
Section Assistants	0	12	11	11	14	-	1	1	1	1	1
Helpers						***	8	9	9	4	5
Others	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	-	-	-	-
Total Adult	20	30	29	32	34	19	30	31	28	23	23
GROUP TOTAL	134	157	151	192	188	174	203	179	182	173	147

* 2nd Scout Troop (Scafell) opened Sept 2010

** 3rd Scout Troop (Nevis) opened 15th January 2013

*** Adult Non-Uniformed Helpers not recorded on Census/ role changed to Section Assistants

3rd Scout Troop (Nevis) closed temporarily 23rd May 2017

28th Croydon Scout Group

Report and Accounts and Trustees Statement for the year ended 31st March 2020

PRESIDENT	Paul Moynihan	
VICE PRESIDENTS	Fr. Joseph Cummins Dave Freegard Derek Gatland Brendan Joyce	
TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio – Appointment		
Chairman	Danny O'Donovan	
Secretary	Eloise Stonebridge	
Treasurer	Patrick Kingman	
Group Scout Leader	Kevin Moynihan	
Assistant Group Scout Leader	Tony Gaunt	
Elder Beaver Colony Leader	Lorraine Taylor	
Willow Beaver Colony Leader	Richard Geal	
Becket Cub Pack Leader	Chris Foley	
Bede Cub Pack Leader	Genny Dunbar	
Scafell Scout Troop Leader	Claire Shadbolt	
Snowdon Scout Troop Leader	Andrew Connor	
TRUSTEES: Nominated by GSL	Andrea Jones John Herity Simon Watson	Wendy Crouch George Turner
TRUSTEES: Elected by Group Council	Lila Barreto Fernando Contreras Rachel Howard Alice Sadra	Paul Binge Luke Farrell Mark Humphreys Ewald Schroder
BANKERS	NatWest Bank 209 Lower Addiscombe Road Croydon CR0 6RB	
Group/District Registration Number with The Scout Association	29044	
Charity Registration Number	303583	
Contact Name and Address	Patrick Kingman Group Treasurer 33 Ash Road Croydon CR0 8HW	

28th Croydon Scout Group
Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2020

Section A

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name:	28 th Croydon Scout Group
Registered Charity Number:	303583
Charity's Principal Address	28 th Croydon Scout Group Rear of 20 – 22 Craven Road Croydon CR0 7EU

The list of Charity Trustees who manage the Charity can be found on page 15 of the Annual Report 2019/2020

Section B

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of the Charity's trusts

Type of Governing Document:

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.

How the Charity is constituted:

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods:

Trustees are either appointed or elected, or co-opted in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. Trustees are elected or approved by the members of the Group Council, at the Group AGM each year. Trustees can also be co-opted during the year, as and when necessary.

Additional Governance issues:

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 the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, the Coordinators of the Sub-Committees, the Group Scout Leader, the Assistant Group Scout Leader, the Section Leaders and Parent Representatives of each Section and meets every two months. The Sub-Committees manage individual facets of the Group and report directly to the Executive Committee.

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

- The upkeep and maintenance of Group property and equipment;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finances;
- 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;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control:

The Group Executive Committee 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 comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that all insurable risks are covered.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objectives and values of the charity set out in its governing document:

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. All Scouts are guided by the values of:

Integrity - acting with integrity; being honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - having self-respect and respect for others.

Care - supporting others and taking care of the world in which we live.

Belief - exploring our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - making a positive difference; co-operating with others and making friends.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives:

Weekly meetings of Beaver (Elder and Willow) Colonies, Cub (Becket and Bede) Packs and Scout (Nevis, Scafell and Snowdon) Troops;

- Camps, Pack Holidays and Sleepovers attended by Scouts, Cubs and Beavers;
- Trips and other outdoor activities by all Sections;
- Taking part in the balanced programme, to achieve the training awards.

See the Group Scout Leader's in the Annual Report 2019/20 on pages 9-12.

Section D Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year:

The Group Executive Committee has continued to support the activities of the Beaver, Cub and Scout Sections through the management of the Group's assets. Please refer to the Group Chairman's report on pages 7 – 8.

Section E 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 fund raising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the Group should hold funds for future Group Development

The Group held Reserves of £31,298.99 against this as at 31st March 2020. This is above the level required for operating expenses as we hold £29,404.25 in the Group Development Fund which is an account for the future needs of the Group

At the Executive meetings, the Group Treasurer gives a report of the state of the Group's finances at which details of all major receipts and payments since the last Executive meeting are given

Also see Group Treasurer's report in the Annual Review 2019/20

Section F Future Development

The Group Executive Committee manages the future development of the Group through the Group Development Plan. The objectives for 2020/21 are:

To recruit additional Leaders, Helpers and Supporters into the Group.

To maintain and improve the Group Headquarters building and grounds.

To resource the Group in terms of equipment required and qualified instructors for adventurous activities

To further develop the Group's 5 year plan (Vision 2020)

Section G Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees by:

Danny O'Donovan
Group Chairman

Pat Kingman
Group Treasurer

Date: 6th November 2020

28th Croydon Scout Group
Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 2020

	2019/20		2018/19	
	Unrestricted Funds			
RECEIPTS				
DONATIONS, LEGACIES and SIMILAR INCOME				
Membership Subscriptions	£	10,545.00	£	10,665.00
Less Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	£	4,484.00	£	4,940.00
Net membership subscriptions retained	£	6,061.00	£	5,725.00
Donations	£	669.50	£	45.00
Legacies	£	-	£	-
Gift Aid	£	2,684.26	£	3,120.34
Other similar income	£	-	£	-
	£	3,353.76	£	3,165.34
ACTIVITIES				
Section Activities	£	8,861.43	£	7,684.83
Family Camp 2019	£	2,530.20	£	3,208.00
	£	11,391.63	£	10,892.83
GRANTS				
Jack Petchey awards	£	1,000.00	£	1,000.00
Maintenance Grant/Charity funding	£	250.00	£	250.00
Training Grant	£	-	£	100.00
Other Grants	£	-	£	-
Early payment of Subscriptions	£	-	£	125.00
	£	1,250.00	£	1,475.00
FUND RAISING				
Church Parades	£	-	£	-
Social Activities	£	4,009.35	£	2,266.00
Easyfundraising	£	116.35	£	283.81
Tent/Marquee hire	£	900.00	£	700.00
Shirt Sponsorship	£	-	£	3.50
Second Hand Uniform	£	-	£	4.00
Transport Hire	£	1,427.00	£	3,477.05
	£	6,452.70	£	6,734.36
INVESTMENT INCOME				
Bank Interest	£	63.74	£	31.57
Building Society Interest	£	-	£	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Scheme	£	-	£	-
Property Rent Income - Forgetmenot Adult Centre Limited	£	3,600.00	£	3,600.00
Other Investment Income	£	-	£	-
	£	3,663.74	£	3,631.57
TOTAL GROSS INCOME	£	32,172.83	£	31,624.10

28th Croydon Scout Group
Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 2020

	2019/20		2018/19	
	Unrestricted Funds			
PAYMENTS				
CHARITABLE PAYMENTS				
Section Activities	£	12,433.93	£	13,335.55
Family Camp 2019	£	5,211.61	£	4,450.64
Section Scarves and Badges	£	1,066.17	£	891.27
Leaving Presents/Gifts	£	-	£	100.00
New Parents Evenings	£	-	£	-
	£	<u>18,711.71</u>	£	<u>18,777.46</u>
 Adult Support and Training	£	172.98	£	170.00
Rent	£	-	£	-
Water and Sewerage	£	-	£	-
Electricity and Gas	£	-	£	-
Insurance	£	84.00	£	84.00
Repairs and Renewals	£	1,592.81	£	3,045.44
Materials and Equipment	£	691.61	£	525.90
Activity Equipment	£	1,552.57	£	2,391.37
Transport Costs	£	2,960.51	£	4,057.83
Printing and Photocopying	£	132.61	£	92.57
Uniforms	£	-	£	156.00
AGM and Trustee expenses	£	650.04	£	665.72
Donations	£	-	£	-
	£	<u>7,837.13</u>	£	<u>11,188.83</u>
 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES				
Social Expenses	£	-	£	252.60
	£	<u>-</u>	£	<u>252.60</u>
 TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURE	£	26,548.84	£	30,218.89

TOTAL RECEIPTS	£	32,172.83	£	31,624.10
LESS TOTAL PAYMENTS	£	26,548.84	£	30,218.89
SURPLUS/DEFECIT	£	5,623.99	£	1,405.21
CASH FUNDS AT LAST YEAR ENDED	£	25,675.00	£	24,269.79
CASH FUNDS AT THIS YEAR ENDED	£	31,298.99	£	25,675.00

28th Croydon Scout Group
Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 2020

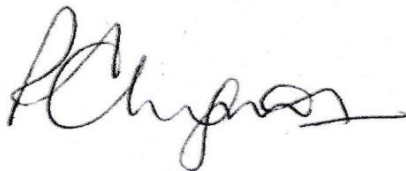
	2019/20		2018/19	
	Unrestricted Funds			
CASH FUNDS				
Bank Current Account	£	984.13	£	1,203.16
Bank Deposit Account	£	302.10	£	810.30
Bank Term Deposit	£	29,404.25	£	23,347.31
Building Society Account	£	-	£	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£	-	£	-
Cash in Hand	£	608.51	£	314.23
	£	31,298.99	£	25,675.00
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
Tax Claim	£	-	£	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	£	-	£	-
Insurance Claim	£	-	£	-
	£	-	£	-
INVESTMENT ASSETS				
Investment Property	£	-	£	-
Quoted Investments	£	-	£	-
Other investments	£	-	£	-
	£	-	£	-
NON-MONETARY ASSETS FOR CHARITIES OWN USE				
Badge Stock	£	350.00	£	350.00
Shop Stock	£	-	£	-
Other Stock	£	-	£	-
Land and Buildings (including stores)	£	138,588.00	£	134,552.00
Motor Vehicles	£	986.96	£	1,900.00
Scouting Equipment, Furniture etc.	£	19,631.29	£	21,416.09
Other	£	-	£	-
	£	159,556.25	£	158,218.09
LIABILITIES				
Accounts not yet paid	£	-	£	-
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced	£	-	£	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	£	-	£	-
Loan	£	-	£	-
Other Liabilities	£	-	£	-
	£	-	£	-
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS	£	190,855.24	£	183,893.09

28th Croydon Scout Group
Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 2020

The above Receipts and Payments account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities were approved by the Trustees on **Wednesday 6th May 2020** (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf:



Danny O'Donovan
Group Chairman
28th Croydon Scout Group



Patrick Kingman
Group Treasurer
28th Croydon Scout Group

28th Croydon Scout Group

Group Treasurer's Report to the Accounts for 2019-20

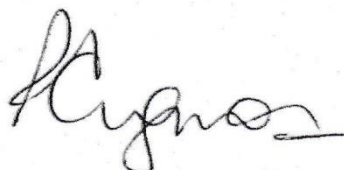
1. The Group would like to acknowledge and thank the parish of Our Lady of the Annunciation, Addiscombe and Forgetmenot Limited for their continued help and support. Over many years the parish have provided the Group with financial support and they continued to do so in 2019/20 with payment of the following utility bills:

Council Tax	£ 244.44
Electricity	£ 483.16
Gas	£ 260.31
Water Rates	£ 47.38
Insurance	£2,103.39
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Total	£3,138.68

Based on 114 children in the Group at 31st March 2020, this assumes an average of £27.53 per child and without the help of the parish subs would need to increase by £9 per term.

2. In 2019/20 subscriptions remained at £30 per term. Subscriptions for the Autumn (September - December); Spring (January - Easter) and Summer (Easter - July) should be paid at the beginning of each term and the Group's preferred method of payment is by on-line (internet) banking. Subscriptions have not risen since 1st April 2015.
3. Although the accounts show a surplus of £5,623.99, various projects were not undertaken due to the bad weather and then the Coronavirus pandemic.
4. We received the sum of £2,684.26 representing our Gift Aid claim for the 2018/19 tax year. This is a valuable source of income to the Group and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for completing the declarations for the Gift Aid scheme. I am proud to say that as at 31st March 2020 the Group is 100% Gift Aided.
5. Easyfundraising has helped us to raise an additional £116.35 by just shopping on-line. We have 57 supporters at present. When shopping on-line, go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk, and once you are logged in, select the retailer you want to buy from. There are no extra costs to you but the Group benefit.
6. Four members of Scouts (Dylan Chung, Jacob Laurent-Cummins, Alexia Owusu Agyakwa and Stavroula Tsounis) received grants of £250 each from the Jack Petchey Foundation Award Scheme. This money is to be spent on scouting activities.
7. The Group received further funding from Royal Bank of Scotland. The sum of £250 was received for work carried out by one of its leaders. This is a valuable source of income for the Group. If any parent is a member or an organisation that funds charitable organisations for either fund raising events or work carried out, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Signed on behalf of the Group Executive Committee



Patrick Kingman
Group Treasurer



Danny O'Donovan
Group Chairman

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
28th Croydon Scout Group**

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2020.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the account under Section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145 (5) (b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

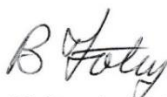
Basis of independent examiner's report

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 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 the 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 Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.



Name: Mr Brendan Foley

Qualification: Management Accountant

Address: 44 Barnfield Avenue, Croydon CR0 8SE

Date: 29.5.2020

28th Croydon Scout Group Family Camp 2019/20

