



28th Croydon Scout Group
Our Lady of the Annunciation



Annual Report and Accounts
2020/2021

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**Agenda for the
Annual General Meeting of the Group Council of the
28th Croydon Scout Group
Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 8pm
To be 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 6th November 2020
4. Approval of the Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021
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 Committee
9. Election of further members to the Group Executive Committee
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 online via Zoom Video Link on Friday 6th November 2020 at 8pm.

Present: Danny O'Donovan (Chairman), Pat Kingman (Treasurer), Kevin Moynihan (GSL), Father Keith Sylvia (Parish Priest & Sponsoring Authority), Paul Moynihan (Group President), Brendan Joyce (Vice President), members of the Group Executive Committee, Leaders, Helpers, Parents, Scouts, Cubs & Beavers.

1. Welcome & Introduction by Group Chairman

Danny welcomed everyone and asked Fr Keith to formally open the meeting with a prayer.

Following the prayer, Danny took the opportunity to explain who the Group Council is and what it does. The Group Council consists of all the Leaders, Group Supporters, Parents of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, Scout Patrol Leaders, the Sponsoring Authority, the District Commissioner and the District Chairman.

A Scout Group is led by a Group Scout Leader and is managed by a Group Executive Committee. The Executive Committee provides the vital support to the Group by being responsible for Group finances, Group property and equipment, Group insurances, providing sufficient resources to operate including fund raising, and adult recruitment, development of the Group and management of Group Safety Policy, and in doing so, complying with the Policy and Rules of the Scout Association. The members of the Group Executive Committee are by law the Charity Trustees of the Scout Group, which is an educational charity, and they act collectively in the best interests of the Group. The Executive Committee is accountable to the Group Council for the satisfactory running of the Group and the members of the Committee are elected or approved by you, the members of the Group Council, at this meeting tonight. It sounds like quite a lot doesn't it, and it is but it is important and very rewarding. Anyone who wish to join the Executive, please contact me or Kevin.

Danny then went on to say that although we are here tonight to review the year 2019/20 he wanted to say a few words about the effect Covid-19 on the Group since March 2020. Covid-19 has obviously had a major impact on all the activities of the Group and parents will rightly want to know what has been happening since then and of plans going forward. During the summer term the 2 Scout Sections and Bede Cub Pack were able to meet online using Zoom and since September they have been able to hold some Face to Face meetings outdoors, at Frylands Wood Campsite. Risk Assessments have been completed for all these meetings which are signed off by the GSL and myself as Chair before being approved by District, so there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes. Also in the last few weeks both Beaver Colonies and Becket Cub Pack have started Zoom meetings as well so all sections are up and running in some way or another. However we have just entered another Lockdown and we are in the highest Red level of readiness which means no more Face to Face meetings for the time being. As we are restricted by the decisions of the Scout Association about what we are allowed to do we will have to wait and see what happens over the next few weeks and months.

As you will know we have not asked for any subs for the 2 terms April to July and Sept to Dec 2020. We will be reviewing this for next term (Jan to March 2021). The annual Membership Fee for each member of the Group has to be paid to the Scout Association next term and this fee is included in the subs you pay each term so although we have reduced income from subs this year we have some reserves to offset this. The Group is here for the whole community and all the members in it and we realise some families may have difficulty in paying subs. We would like to make it clear that we would not exclude any child or young person from being a member of the Group and attending meetings if this is the case. Please contact Pat Kingman or myself if you wish to speak to us about this.

Danny thanked Fr Keith, Fr Jackson and the Parish for their continued support to the Group, both spiritually and financially, during the past year. He also thanked Kevin, Group Scout Leader and all the Leaders and Helpers for running the meetings and activities each week and the members of the Group Executive Committee for their fantastic support to the Group.

The Agenda for this meeting is on page 4 of the Group Annual Report. The Report has been posted on the Group Website for the past 3 weeks with a link to the report in your invitation to this meeting. I hope you have had time to look through it as it is well worth reading.

2. Apologies for absence

No apologies were received from those unable to attend the meeting.

3. Minutes of the previous AGM held on the 5th July 2019

Danny referred everyone to the minutes of the previous AGM which were on pages 5 and 6 of the Group Annual Report. Danny asked the Group Council if they were a true record of the meeting by voting either Yes/No/Abstain in the first Poll. Claire Shadbolt (Scout Leader & Zoom Meeting Organiser) opened the poll. Everyone voted and the Minutes were unanimously agreed by the Group Council to be a true record of that meeting. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman, Danny O'Donovan.

4. Approval of the Annual Report and Accounts

Danny thanked all those who contributed to the production of the Group Annual Report and Accounts for 2019/20. There were no questions were raised on the Annual Report. Danny invited Pat Kingman (Group Treasurer) to speak briefly about the Group Accounts.

Pat Kingman spoke about the main aspects of the Group Accounts as follows:

Receipts: Everything much the same as previous year. Receipts were £32,172.83 an increase of £548.73 since last year. Payments: Expenditure of £26,548.84, a decrease of £3,670.05 since last year due to lower than expected cost of renewals and repairs, activity equipment and transport costs. This has resulted in a surplus of £5,623.99 compared to £1,405.21 last year. Assets and Liabilities: Cash funds increased this year by above surplus ie.£5,623.99. Non-monetary Assets: Increased by £1688.16. Total Assets and Liabilities are now £190,855.24 which is increase of just over £7,000 on previous year. The accounts were agreed and approved by the Group Executive Committee and signed by Danny and Pat at their meeting held on 6th May 2020.

Pat thanked the Parish for their continued financial contributions towards the payment of some of our utility bills which in the last year amounted to £3,138.68. Without the support of the Parish, subs would need to increase by £9.00 per term. Pat also thanked Forgetmenot for their payment of rent for the regular use of the HQ during the daytime. For the past 5 years, subs have stayed at £30.00 per term due to careful financial planning. Although the accounts show a healthy surplus, various projects at the HQ were not carried out. Pat thanked everybody for completing Gift Aid declarations and was pleased to announce we were 100% Gift-Aided and we received our Gift Aid Claim of £2,684 from the HMRC. The Group continues to apply for grants and received 2 x £500 grants from the Jack Petchey Foundation for the 2 Scout Troops. Pat highlighted the use of "EasyFundraising" as an easy way to raise funds for the Group. Also some companies offer to provide "Match Funding" again as a means of increasing our income. This raised £250 from one member of the Group this year. Both schemes can be utilised by members and parents of the group, if they need any assistance or further information, please contact me. Brendan Foley, the Group Auditor, signed off the accounts on 29th May 2020.

Danny thanked Pat for all his hard work in producing the Accounts for the year. He asked if there were any questions on the accounts.

Fr Keith raised a question regarding the financial contributions made to the Group by the Parish as the Diocese has been questioning some aspects of Parish expenditure and it would be good to know the history of this local agreement. Danny referred to Kevin (GSL) who said it was a long standing agreement going back many years and a copy of the written agreement should be held at our HQ. He said that Paul Moynihan (former GSL now Group President) may be able to provide further information as the agreement was made during his time as GSL with Mgr John Moran. Paul offered to contact Fr Keith plus Kevin & Danny with the history of the agreement.

There were no further questions raised on the Group Accounts.

Danny asked for someone to propose and second the Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year 2019/20. They were proposed by Fernando Contreras and seconded by John Herity.

Danny asked Claire to open the Poll (Poll 2) for the Group Council to vote either Yes/No/Abstain to approve the Report and Accounts. The Report and Accounts were unanimously approved and adopted by the Group Council.

5. Group Scout Leader's Nomination of Group Chairperson

Kevin was pleased to inform the Group Council that Danny had agreed to serve another year as Chairman of the Executive Committee. Kevin therefore nominated Danny O'Donovan as Group Chairman for 2020/21 and this was approved by the Group Council.

6. 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 2020/21. There were no other nominations, therefore Eloise was elected, and this was approved by the Group Council.

7. 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 2020/21. There were no other nominations, therefore Pat was elected, and this was approved by the Group Council.

8. 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, George Turner - Group Communications Coordinator, Mark Humphreys - Group Resources Coordinator, These names were approved by the Group Council.

9. 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 2020/21: Fernando Contreras – Vice Chair, John Herity – Recruitment Coordinator, Luke Farrell – Health and Safety Coordinator, Rachael Howard, Lila Barreto, 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.

10. Appointment of Group President and Vice Presidents

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

11. Appointment of Group Auditor

Pat Kingman nominated Brendan Foley as Group Auditor. This was seconded by Ruth Herity.

Danny asked Claire to open the Poll (Poll 3) for the Group Council to vote either Yes/No/Abstain to approve the Brendan Foley as Group Auditor for 2020/21. Brendan Foley was unanimously approved the Group Council.

12. Group Scout Leader

Kevin remarked that once again the Group has had another very busy and successful year. The highlight was our 2nd Group Family Camp held at Blackland Farm at the end of May 2019. We had a total of 86 attend the camp including 70 adults and children from 21 families. A weekend of team challenges, activities and games, campfire, bbq and lots of fun. We had some great feedback afterwards and we would certainly like to run another Family Camp when we can. May 2021 would perhaps be a good time to do this as the Group will be 70 years old next year, however with the current restrictions still in place due to Covid-19 and the uncertainties that lie ahead we may well have to defer this until a later date.

Kevin mentioned that all the sections have enjoyed a very full programme of weekly meetings, activities, trips and nights away experiences (camps and sleepovers) during the past year. The 2 Scout Troops held a joint summer camp at Broadstone Warren Scout Campsite in the Ashdown Forest, well attended by 18 scouts plus leaders. Both Cub Pack and Beaver Colonies also enjoyed Camps and sleepovers at Frylands Wood Camp Site.

Kevin offered his congratulations to all the young people in the Group who gained badges and awards during the

year, especially those Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who achieved the Chief Scout Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards, the highest awards in each of their respective Sections. Kevin thanked all the young people in the Group who turn up in smart uniform each week. They are a real credit to the Group. Kevin also thanked all the Leaders, Young Leaders, Helpers and Group Executive members especially Danny (Chair) , Eloise (Secretary) and Pat (Treasurer), all the Parents, Fr Keith, Fr Jackson and the Parish for their continuing support during the year.

Kevin went on to announce that this was his 20th AGM as Group Scout Leader, having taken on the role in Nov 2000, but this would be his last AGM as he was stepping down as GSL after this meeting. He said it had been an absolute privilege and an honour to lead the Group through many changes, challenges and enjoyable and fun times during the past 20 years but felt the time was now right to step down and let someone else take over at the bridge and “steer the ship”. Kevin said that the Group is very fortunate to have such an amazing team of truly dedicated Leaders and thanked them all for supporting him in his role. Kevin thanked Genny Dunbar, Claire Shadbolt and Tony Gaunt who have agreed to care-take the GSL role for the next few months and he wished them well. Kevin finished by saying that the 28th is “in his blood” as he has been a member of the Group since joining as 8 year old Cub Scout many moons ago. He said he plans to take a short break and then return to help the Group in some other capacity in the future.

Danny thanked Kevin for all he had done for the Group and was pleased he was not leaving completely and looked forward to his help and support again in the future.

Fr Keith thanked Kevin on behalf of the Parish for all his years of service to the Scout Group.

13. District Commissioner

There was no representative from the District in attendance to speak at the meeting.

14. Fr Keith Sylvia – PP and Sponsoring Authority

Danny O'Donovan invited Father Keith Sylvia (Parish Priest and Sponsoring Authority) to speak.

Father Keith mentioned the video shown at the start of the meeting featuring well known celebrities all of whom had been scouts. He said that Scouts did a lot for him when he was in his youth. He said he very much missed the presence of all the Uniformed Sections, including the Guide Sections, during the Covid-19 lockdowns of the past few months and felt it left a big hole in Parish life. He asked everyone to be patient and prayerful and looked forward to us returning to normal and to once again take an active part in Parish life.

Fr Keith remarked that with Kevin stepping down as GSL it seems like the end of an era, after 20 years in the role. He said that we, the Parish, owe a great debt of thanks to Kevin and to all those involved in the running of the Scout Group.

Danny thanked Fr Keith for his kind words.

15. Close of Meeting

Danny once again thanked all those who had helped to prepare for this event. Danny also thanked George Turner for running the Children's Quiz before the meeting and the Adults Quiz which would take place after the meeting. He also thanked Fr Keith for conducting the Grand Draw and once again congratulated all the young people in the Group who received Awards during the past year. He looked forward to a better 12 months ahead.

Danny asked Fr Keith to formally close the meeting 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 2020/21. Firstly may I apologise for the lateness of the report and AGM. The Accounts were prepared as normal by our Treasurer Pat in May with the intention to have the AGM in July or September at the latest. As you will know, since Kevin decided to step down, we have had acting GSLs taking the role between them (Genny, Claire, and Tony), so we took the extra time to work together to provide clarity to the Group Council as to how the Group will fill this very important role going forward. This will be articulated at the AGM.

The majority of the Scout year to March 2021 was, again, blighted by COVID-19 which restricted face to face meetings until very late into the year. However, I am pleased to report that, under the guidance of our 3 acting GSLs and very committed leadership, we were able to have "virtual section meetings" in all of our sections either throughout or during at least some the year.

Our partnership with ForgetMeNot continued during a very difficult year, although the centre was mostly closed due to the pandemic. We were pleased that the centre reopened in April, albeit not fulltime, and that our working relationship continues to prosper.

Due to the pandemic, the group did not manage to have any fundraising nights in the year. However, we will be planning one for 2022 which I hope will be a bumper night for everyone, especially as it will be nearly two years since we last held a night. The Social Club are keen to help the group as usual - they are just awaiting the Executive Committee to confirm a date and they will ensure the hall is ready for us.

As confirmed last year, whilst the Scout Association increased their levy on each group, the executive committee decided that, due to the financial pressure we know all families had to endure over the pandemic, the Group would use its reserves to cover the shortfall. The Group was lucky enough to receive grants from the government which helped offset the increase in cost suffered by the group as a result.

Some Thank You Messages:

I would like to thank individually all members of the Exec Committee - 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, (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 has been especially difficult during COVID and our gratitude to them goes without saying.

I would like to especially thank our 3 acting GSLs (Genny, Claire, and Tony) who worked tirelessly throughout the year, combining their already crammed leader and district roles with a demanding role for the group.

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 big **THANK YOU** to our young people whom represent our Group in a brilliant manner.

Daniel O'Donovan
Group Chairman



Group Scout Leaders Report

I think it will come as no surprise to hear that it has been an unusual year for the Group, as you will see from the short section updates, our intrepid team of Leaders have been inventive and determined, continuing to offer Scouting in various ways over the year.

There have been a few changes in the team of Leaders over the year:

Leavers

- **Chris Foley** Cub Leader of the Becket Pack
- **Peter Devine** Assistant Cub Leader of the Bede Pack
- **Richie Geal** Beaver Leader for Willow Colony

Our thanks to all of them for the terrific work they have done over the years with the Group – they have supported memorable events for many young people who will remember them fondly.

Joiners

Chris Thompson, who has been helping at Becket Pack for some time, has decided to fill the Cub Leader role for Becket Pack. Welcome Chris! I am sure that you will enjoy running the Becket Pack and I know you will make a superb job of it.

Bouncers

We temporarily welcomed back a very familiar face in November – **Sarah Turner** helped us run the Willow Beaver Colony for a couple of terms. Our thanks to her as well - without her stepping in we may well have had to close the colony before Christmas.

Kevin Moynihan stood down as Group Scout Leader and took a short break from Scouting. I am delighted to say that he is back and will be working alongside the rest of the leaders – the 28th Croydon without Kevin would be a very strange place!

Section Reports



Elder and Willow

Last year was a very strange year - with all the uncertainty, the Beavers did not meet between March and November. In December both Colonies started to meet on Zoom.

A programme of activities was put in place to take us up to the Easter holidays.

Activity packs were made up for the term and dropped around to the Beavers homes so that they had everything they needed for the weekly meetings. We learned our Green Cross code, about our Patron Saints, played games and did some craft activities during the meetings.

Since Easter, with the changes of the rules, we have been able to meet up face to face.

Our first meeting was on Saturday 10 April for a walkabout at Frylands Wood. This is a Scout site in Addington which has lots of space for running around.

Our weekly meetings are now back at our Headquarters, and we have been able to spend the hour doing things outdoors like Soft Archery, Bowling, some Map reading, Health and Fitness, and we have also been back to Frylands Wood to explore it a bit more.

During lockdown, the Willow Beaver leader Richie Geal stepped down due to work commitments. A big thank you to Sarah Turner who returned to help get the Colony back up and running from December till Easter.

Thank you to the parents who have stepped up to help at the meetings. For Willow Colony, a special mention to Carol and Abi who have been there most weeks.

A final thank you to the Beavers - we recognize that it has been a tough year with online school and everything else that has been going on, but they have been enthusiastic and got involved with the activities. It has been great fun!



Section Reports



Bede

The past 12 months have been very strange - we moved to online pack meetings via Zoom in April 2020, and we planned a programme of activities that we hoped would work online. During this time, we completed a number of activity badges. The Collectors badge in particular worked really well online as we were able to see collections of Lego, models, and rocks etc. We filled the rest of the programme with quizzes, Scavenger Hunts, and Bowling. I think there will be many parents in the group who will be glad to be able to recycle the bottles now.

In October and December, when we were able to meet face to face, we arranged a couple of night hikes at Frylands Wood.

Since Easter we have been able to plan our face to face outdoor programme for the summer term. This started with an activity day at Frylands Wood on Sunday 11 April. The day started with a 2 hour hike around in the countryside surrounding Frylands, followed by a picnic lunch back at the site and some challenges and games before heading home.

We have now returned to our Headquarters and are focusing on doing as much as we can outdoors. Our programme includes activities like Soft Archery, games at the park, and another a night hike.

It has not been an easy year for the Cubs with online school and everything else that has gone on. A big thank you to them for sticking with zoom and for being enthusiastic and joining in with the activities. We had some great nights over the past year.

Becket

Between March and September 2020, Becket Cub Pack did not manage to meet on Zoom for various reasons, however, with a change of leadership within the pack in September 2020, we were able to start meeting again via Zoom up until Christmas 2020 and into the start of 2021.

We welcomed three new leaders in Amy Morgan, Ben Shadbolt, and myself (Chris Thompson). Both Amy and Ben have various scouting hats, also volunteering with other sections of the 28th Croydon Group.

We then finally resumed face to face meetings on the 28th April 2021 at the Scout HQ providing a welcome relief from sitting in front of a screen!

Activities we have been able to run since Easter have included socially distanced games, soft archery, planting of cress and sunflower seeds, and even a litter pick of Bingham Park for the National Spring Clean Week in May followed by an enjoyable game of rounders.

We continue to develop the program and we be offering as many activities outside the confines of the HQ building, either in the grounds of HQ or out and about as our training as leaders or help from others in the 28th allows.

We hope everyone enjoyed our Zoom meetings and look forward to continuing our face to face activities in the summer sun!

Section Reports Scouts

Scafell and Snowdon

We normally like to put the **OUT** in Scouting whilst running our programmes, but last year had other plans and made us stay **IN**.

Scouting during a pandemic gave us several challenges to overcome, and apart from having to stay safe away from each other, we were forced to overcome many technological hurdles, like how to start a Zoom call, which buttons to press, what background to use and strategic camera placement to avoid showing our washing hanging about!

More importantly our focus was on the ability to continue to run a fun, interactive, and engaging programme for the scouts remotely!

It was a journey of learning for us all as scouting remotely is very different to face to face activities, and we were supported by our leadership team and some new valuable resources. The world of scouting came together on Facebook in the form of the 1st Virtual Scout group, where many scout groups shared their activities for others to use in their programmes. It was an amazing thing to be pushed apart but to come together to support each other and we were able to use many ideas from groups around the UK, including:

- " Kahoot Quizzes
- " Skibbl.io games
- " Harry Potter / Star Wars escape rooms
- " Pancake making in our kitchens
- " 10 Pin Bowling with bottles
- " Treasure/scavenger hunts in the house
- " Travelling the globe using Google street view

Some Scouts took part in a cake baking and decorating competition that was run across the County – we had some amazing creations!

In addition, Claire and the team from Scafell organized a couple of virtual camps with the Scouts building a shelter of some kind at home and joining scheduled activities via Zoom – including a Camp Fire!

During the brief gap between lockdowns, the Scouts were able to have a couple of face to face meetings outdoors – one of these activities was a walkabout in historic Croydon then it was back to Zoom until Easter.

We have been able to run an outdoors program since Easter and have played wide games, done a few hikes / navigational exercises, practiced putting up tents, and carried out site maintenance work on the Groups adopted site at Frylands Wood.

Some of the older Scouts took part in an Expedition as part of the work towards the Chief Scouts Gold Award, hiking for 2 days around Warlingham and Biggin Hill – they had to go home overnight though! Hopefully we will be able to go camping soon.

Awards

Chief Scouts Silver Award

The highest award that a Cub can achieve



Sean Leahy

Martin Barreto

Conor Leahy

Chief Scouts Gold Award

The highest award that a Scout can achieve



Thomas O'Dowd Eli Boateng

These Awards require an awful lot of effort from the Young People and it is fantastic to see them putting in the effort and completing all of the requirements. Well done to all of you!



Jack Petchey Awards

These are awarded by the Jack Petchey Foundation following nominations by leaders and are in recognition of outstanding achievements

Thomas O'Dowd Alex Howard



Help Required

As you read above, we have lost a few leaders over this year which is making it difficult to run all of the sections - we really do need more adult help with all our Sections, especially Beavers, 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 them we would love to hear from you.

So again, please do get in touch with one of the Leaders. It would be really great to have you join our team.

A Few Call Outs:

Thanks to all the Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts who joined in with the online meetings and kept scouting running!

Thanks to you, the Parents, for supporting them through this and finding equipment when we have asked for it and finding space for them to join us online.

Thanks to all the members of the Executive Committee without whom there could be no Group – your fundraising, management of the money, HQ maintenance etc. is critical and very much appreciated.

Looking forward to a steady return to normal over the coming months

Claire Shadbolt, Genny Dunbar, Tony Gaunt
Acting GSLs



Trustees Report for year ending 31st March 2021

PRESIDENT	Paul Moynihan	
VICE PRESIDENTS	Fr. Joseph Cummins	
	Dave Freegard	
	Derek Gatland	
	Brendan Joyce	
<i>Ex-Officio – Appointment</i> TRUSTEES:		
Chairman	Danny O'Donovan	
Secretary	Eloise Stonebridge	
Treasurer	Patrick Kingman	
Group Scout Leader	<i>vacant</i>	
Assistant Group Scout Leader	Tony Gaunt	
Elder Beaver Colony Leader	Loraine Taylor	
Willow Beaver Colony Leader	<i>vacant</i>	
Becket Cub Pack Leader	<i>vacant</i>	
Bede Cub Pack Leader	Genny Dunbar	
Scafell Scout Troop Leader	Claire Shadbolt	
Snowdon Scout Troop Leader	Andrew Connor	
TRUSTEES:		
<i>Nominated by GSL</i>	Wendy Crouch	Mark Humphreys
	Andrea Jones	George Turner
	Simon Watson	
TRUSTEES:		
<i>Elected by Group Council</i>	Lila Barreto	Paul Binge
	Fernando Contreras	Rachel Howard
	John Herity	Ewald Schroder
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Group/District Registration Number with the Scout Association	29044	
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Trustees Statement for the year ended 31st March 2021

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 7JH

The list of Charity Trustees who manage the Charity can be found on page 14 of the Annual Report and Accounts 2020/2021

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 Parents of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts 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;
- Providing sufficient resources for the Scout Group to operate
- Managing and Implementing the Scout Safety Policy
- 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 (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 individual Section reports on pages 9 – 11 in the Annual Report 2020/21

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 6-7 of the Group Annual report & Accounts 2020/21.

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 £48,501.52 against this as at 31st March 2021. This is above the level required for operating expenses as we hold £47,416.70 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 on page 22 in the Annual Report and Accounts 2020/21.

Section F **Future Development**

The Group Executive Committee manages the future development of the Group through the Group Development Plan. The objectives for 2021/22 are:

To ensure the Group complies with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association

To maintain the property and equipment owned by the Group

To manage the Group's finances and provide insurance of people, property and equipment

To provide sufficient resources to enable the Group to operate safely including supporting recruitment, other adult support and fundraising

To manage and implement the Scout Safety Policy

To further develop the Group and promote the Group in the local Community

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:

Receipts

2020/21

2019/20

Unrestricted Funds

Donations, Legacies, and Similar Income

Membership Subscriptions	£ 2,490.00	£ 10,545.00
Less Membership Subscriptions Paid On (National/County/Area/District)	£ 3,309.00	£ 4,484.00
Net Membership Subscriptions Retained	-£ 819.00	£ 6,061.00
Donations	£ -	£ 669.50
Legacies	£ -	£ -
Gift Aid	£ 2,807.47	£ 2,684.26
Other Similar Income	£ -	£ -
	£ 2,807.47	£ 3,353.76

Activities

Section Activities	£ 205.28	£ 8,861.43
Family Camp 2019	£ -	£ 2,530.20
Camp 2020	£ 200.00	£ -
	£ 405.28	£ 11,391.63

Grants

Jack Petchey Awards	£ -	£ 1,000.00
Maintenance Grant/Charity funding	£ 120.00	£ 250.00
Training Grant	£ -	£ -
Other Grants	£ -	£ -
Retial Hospitality and Leisure Grant	£20,193.00	£ -
	£ 20,313.00	£ 1,250.00

Fundraising

Church Parades	£ -	£ -
Social Activities	£ 199.50	£ 4,009.35
Easyfundraising	£ 132.32	£ 116.35
Tent/Marquee Hire	£ -	£ 900.00
Second Hand Uniform	£ -	£ -
Transport Hire	£ 1,050.95	£ 1,427.00
	£ 1,382.77	£ 6,452.70

Investment Income

Bank Interest	£ 12.60	£ 63.74
Building Society Interest	£ -	£ -
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Scheme	£ -	£ -
Property Rent Income - ForgetMeNot Adult Centre Limited	£ 200.00	£ 3,600.00
Other Investment Income	£ -	£ -
	£ 212.60	£ 3,663.74

Total Gross Income

£ 24,302.12 £ 32,172.83

Payments

2020/21

2019/20

Unrestricted Funds

Charitable Payments

Section Activities	£ 1,293.05	£ 12,433.93
Family Camp 2019	£ -	£ 5,211.61
Section Scarves and Badges	£ 397.88	£ 1,066.17
Leaving Presents/Gifts	£ 200.00	£ -
New Parents Evenings	£ -	£ -
	£ 1,890.93	£ 18,711.71

Adult Support and Training	£ 83.00	£ 172.98
Rent	£ -	£ -
Water and Sewerage	£ -	£ -
Electricity and Gas	£ -	£ -
Insurance	£ 84.00	£ 84.00
Repairs and Renewals	£ 1,768.65	£ 1,592.81
Materials and Equipment	£ 721.46	£ 691.61
Activity Equipment	£ 36.45	£ 1,552.57
Transport Costs	£ 2,015.18	£ 2,960.51
Printing and Photocopying	£ 111.71	£ 132.61
Uniforms	£ -	£ -
AGM and Trustee Expenses	£ 388.21	£ 650.04
Donations	£ -	£ -
	£ 5,208.66	£ 7,837.13

Fundraising Expenses

Social Expenses	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -

Total Gross Expenditure	£ 7,099.59	£ 26,548.84
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Total Receipts	£ 24,302.12	£ 32,172.83
Less Total Payments	£ 7,099.59	£ 26,548.84
Surplus/Deficit	£ 17,202.53	£ 5,623.99
Cash Funds at Last Year Ended	£ 31,298.99	£ 25,675.00
Cash Funds at This Year Ended	£ 48,501.52	£ 31,298.99

Assets & Liabilities

2020/21

2019/20

Unrestricted Funds

Cash Funds

Bank Current Account	£	426.19	£	984.13
Bank Deposit Account	£	302.25	£	302.10
Bank Term Deposit	£	47,416.70	£	29,404.25
Building Society Account	£	-	£	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£	-	£	-
Cash in Hand	£	356.38	£	608.51
	£	48,501.52	£	31,298.99

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 Charity's Own Use

Badge Stock	£	350.00	£	350.00
Shop Stock	£	-	£	-
Other Stock	£	-	£	-
Land and Buildings (including stores)	£	143,438.00	£	138,588.00
Motor Vehicles	£	886.46	£	986.96
Scouting Equipment, Furniture etc.	£	17,668.15	£	19,631.29
Other	£	-	£	-
	£	162,342.61	£	159,556.25

Liabilities

Accounts Not Yet Paid	£	-	£	-
Expenses Incurred Not yet Paid	£	-	£	-
Subscriptions Not Yet Paid	£	-	£	-
Loan	£	-	£	-
Other Liabilities	£	-	£	-
	£	-	£	-

Contingent Liabilities and Future Obligations

£	210,844.13	£	190,855.24
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Group Executive Approval of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021

The above Receipts and Payments account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Wednesday 5th May 2021 (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



Group Treasurer's Report to the Accounts for 2020/21

1. The Group would like to acknowledge and thank the Parish of Our Lady of the Annunciation, Addiscombe 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 2020/21 with the payment of the following utility bills:

Electricity	£ 475.83
Gas	£ 221.50
Water Rates	£ 116.36
Insurance	£2,146.82
Total	£2,960.51

Based on 83 children in the Group at 31st March 2021, this assumes an average of £35.67 per child and without the help of the parish, subs would need to increase by £12 per term.

2. In 2020/21 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 online (internet) banking. Subscriptions have not risen since 1st April 2015.
3. We received the sum of £2807.47 representing our Gift Aid claim for the 2019/2020 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 2021 the Group is 100% Gift Aided.
4. As the Group was unable to operate normally during the various lockdowns which severely affected our income, plus the fact that we took the decision not to collect subscriptions for two terms, the Group was successful in applying for a number of Covid-19 grants from HMRC via Croydon Council and we received a total of £20,193 during the last financial year. Some of this money has already been used to help pay the 2021 Annual Membership Fee to the Scout Association for each member of the Group. The remainder will be used to help to grow and develop the Group over as well as improve the Group Headquarters.
5. Easyfundraising has helped us to raise an additional £132.32 by just shopping online. We have 55 supporters at present but would like to have more. When shopping online, 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 does benefit on every purchase.
6. The Group received further funding from Royal Bank of Scotland. The sum of £120 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 of an organisation that funds charitable organisations for either fundraising 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 2021.

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

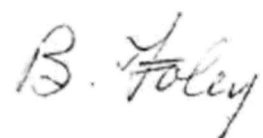
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items 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: 07/06/2021



Group Budget 2021/22

Income

Subscriptions & Membership Fees	£ 9,000.00
Fundraising Events	
Spring Social 2022	£ 1,000.00
Grand Draw 2022	£ 300.00
Last Man Standing	£ 600.00
Tent/Marquee Hire	£ 500.00
Easyfundraising	£ 200.00
Total From Fundraising	£ 2,600.00
Transport Hire	
Minibus	£ -
Van	£ 150.00
Total from Transport Hire	£ 150.00
Grants	
Business Grant	£ 8,000.00
Training Courses	£ 250.00
Jack Petchey Awards	£ 1,000.00
Charity Funding	£ 250.00
Total from Grants	£ 9,500.00
Interest	£ -
Gift Aid Claim	£ 620.00
ForgetMeNot	£ 3,300.00
Donations	£ -
Section Activities	£ 5,000.00
Gas Charge	£ -
Total Section Activities	£ 5,000.00

Expenditure

Membership Fees	£ 4,200.00
HQ Building Maintenance	
Windows	£ 3,500.00
Flooring in Scout Hut	£ 450.00
Storage Roofing	£ 100.00
Smoke Detectors	£ 100.00
Wireless/Intenet	£ 350.00
Fire	£ 150.00
Boiler Servicing	£ 100.00
General Repairs	£ 150.00
	£ 4,900.00
HQ Grounds Maintenance	
Paving	£ 2,500.00
Tree Maintenance	£ 1,300.00
Skip Hire	£ 600.00
	£ 4,400.00
HQ Equipment	
Other Equipment	£ 1,250.00
Total HQ Building	£ 10,550.00
Activity Equipment	
Tentage	£ 3,000.00
Gas	£ 600.00
Hammocks	£ 500.00
Archery Equipment & Courses	£ 300.00
Canoe Equipment	£ 200.00
Other Camping Equipment	£ 200.00
Total Activity Equipment	£ 4,800.00
Transport Costs	
Minibus	£ 1,870.00
Van	£ 1,780.00
Total Transport Costs	£ 3,650.00

Income (Continued)	Budget	Expenditure (Continued)	Budget
From Current Account	£ 17,200.00	Adult Uniform	£ 500.00
Not Appointed	£ 9,500.00	Leader Training Courses	£ 500.00
Total From Current Account	£ 7,700.00	Section Scarves	£ 190.00
		Resources	£ 350.00
Total Income	£ 37,870.00	Total Leader & Resources	£ 1,540.00
		Postage & Stationary	£ 100.00
		Total Administration	£ 100.00
		AGM	£ 100.00
		Insurance	£ 2,330.00
		Section Activities	£ 9,000.00
		Section Badges	£ 800.00
		Leaving Presents	£ 500.00
		Social Activities/Thank You Event	£ 300.00
		Total Section Activities	£ 10,600.00
		Total Expenditure	£ 37,870.00

