15th St Helens (St Andrews) Scout Group
AGM 2021

Date/Time: Wednesday 26th May - 7:30PM

Location: Zoom

Attendees:

- Terry Gregson
- Kevin McCooey
- John Hunt
- Dave Atherton
- Liam Cawsey-Gilbert
- Miles Cheshire
- Joe Maloney
- Rotha Brooks
- Jack Killganon
- Phillip Gilbert

Apologies:

Judith Marsh

Matters To Be Discussed:

Meeting Started @ 19:35

1. GSL Report

- Report attached
- No Questions were asked by the meeting

2. Presentation of Group's Annual Accounts

- Accounts attached
- No questions were asked by the meeting
- Accounts were approved unanimously

3. Conformation of De-Facto Exec members

- GSL: Terry Gregson
- Section Leader (Beavers): *Vacant*
- Section Leader (Cubs): Kevin McCooey
- Section Leader (Scouts): Liam Gilbert

- All confirmed their desire to be on the Executive Committee

4. GSL Nominations for:

- Group Chair: Phillip Gilbert
- Group Secretary: Judith Marsh
- Group Treasurer: Julie Gilbert

- The meeting approved these nominations unanimously

5. AGM Elected nominations

- Dave Atherton: Yes
- Jack Killganon: Yes
- John Hunt: Yes
- Jonathon Lewis: Yes
- Miles Cheshire: Yes
- Rotha Brooks: Yes

- The meeting approved these nominations unanimously

6. GSL Nominated nominations

- Tom Daly: Yes
- Joe Maloney: Yes

- The meeting approved these nominations unanimously

7. Group Executive Committeee Co-opted nominations:

- No Co-opted nominations

8. AOB

- No Other Business

Meeting Closed @ 19:58

Minutes Ratified: ……/……/……

Signed:

15th St Helens (St Andrews) Annual Report - 2020

BEAVERS

At the beginning of 2020 the Beaver Section was going from strength to strength with our Section Assistant, Marina Cottam planning a fantastic program of activities. A number of Beavers had moved up to Cubs after Christmas so some children from our waiting list were invited to join us and by the last Beaver meeting before lockdown on 12th March the numbers were back up to our maximum of 20.
At that time the Group as a whole had reached the fantastic total of 50 young members.
Unfortunately when lockdown came, Marina stepped back from her roll as main driving force for the Beavers and so myself and Rotha took the reins.
We did not feel ready to go straight to Zoom Beaver meetings, so instead with the help of County and a few ideas of our own, we sent out weekly challenges for all the Beavers to have a go at. Nearly all the Beavers took part in at least some of the challenges.
They did a hike to the moon, Lego modelling, a letter to neighbors, obstacle course and even camped in Dens made in their homes. Some did a Treasure Hunt with Mum and Dad and even completed their Cyclist badge. 15 achieved the Merseyside Scouts CRE8 badge.
After the Summer break, Rotha and I had a go at Zoom Beaver meetings and we regularly had around ten attendees, however a number of Beavers didn't want to join our Zoom meetings.
The Zoom meetings ran through until Christmas and generally went well with only the odd technical glitch. We did the Space Badge, Builders Badge as well as a Lego Challenge, and celebrated St Andrews Day and even had a Christmas Party!
The Zoom meetings would not have been a success however without the help of the 1st Virtual Scout Group on Facebook where Leaders from across Country and the World selflessly provided off the shelf virtual activities week in week out. It's times like this you realise what a fantastic family Scouting really is.

Terry Gregson

Group Scout Leader

CUBS

At the start of the year Cubs had 14 cubs on the books, all attending regularly.

Later in March, the COVID pandemic hit the UK and face-to-face Scouts was suspended. Zoom wasn't a 1st option for us at the time, so a facebook account was set up and weekly tasks/badge sheets were being set.

Cubs joined in on the whole zoom thing on the 14/4 and continued most weeks from that point.

Meeting on Zoom had its unique challenges, but the about 10 of our cubs attended each week.

In May, we but together a plan for a camp. Over 24 hours the cubs and scouts took part in many usual camp activities such as: menu planning, tent erection/den building, cooking and a campfire. Badges 1st as nights away and 1st aid where earned on this weekend.

Come September, we were in a position to resume face-to-face meetings. The cubs again got stuck into some face to face scouting, completed the DIY badge among others.

November brought a short return to lockdown, but we went back to back to Zoom. Completed parts of the world faith badges looking at Diwali and a few other festivials of light.

The lockdown lifted at the start of December, so we returned to the den for a few weeks, finishing with video and chips.

Over the course of the year 101 badges were issued to the cubs – a wide range from artist, astronomer to book reader and nights away! A few of the cubs took advantage of the weekly tasks I set at the start of lock down to earn badges on their own. For example, global issues, book reader, pet care and disability awareness.

At the end of what has been a unique year we have managed to grow the section and have reached our self imposed limit of 16 cubs. With the uncertainty of leaders for next year has stopped us taking more onboard.

I would like to take this opportunity thank all my fellow Cub section leadership team for their help and dedication over a challenging 12 months, our Scout section is thriving thanks to their hard work. Here's to another fantastic year in 2021!

Kevin McCooey

Cub Section Leader

SCOUTS

The Scouts started the year with their traditional Winter Camp in February, they went to Walesby Forest near Nottingham, for a winter activity weekend. This camp got cut short due to poor weather, but the Scouts showed their resilience and courage in all difficulties and still had an enjoyable time. Camping without tents, under a plastic sheet is a big part of St Andrews Scouts and in early March they had the first of what they thought would be many bivouacs that year at Bispham Hall camp site.

Later in March, the COVID pandemic hit the UK and face-to-face Scouts was suspended as the country entered a unprecedented national lockdown. Thanks to the determination of the Scout section leadership, our meetings continued virtually uninterrupted – they jumped straight on to Zoom that very same week.

Meeting on Zoom had its unique challenges, but the Young People really took to Zoom and it became an integral part of their week, bringing a sense of normality and routine. Meeting on Zoom also allowed the Scouts to earn many badges they may not have otherwise earnt, including: Scientist, Digital Citizen (Stage 1) and the newly created Great Indoors (Stage 1) amongst others.

In May we took part in a joint virtual camp with the Cub section. Over 24 hours the Scouts took part in many usual camp activities such as: menu planning, tent erection/den building, cooking and a campfire.

Come August, we were in a position to resume face-to-face meetings thanks to the hard work of our Group Executive Committee. Over the summer holidays, the Scouts met during their usual meeting times, in order for the Group to ensure all COVID protocols were adequate. The Scouts once again showed their maturity to ensure they stuck to all rules, but were made up to be back doing 'proper' Scouting.

November brought a short return to lockdown, but we once again migrated back to Zoom seamlessly. This even including a live cook-a-long with a professional Chef – the curry was very tasty!

The lockdown lifted at the start of December, just in time for one of our favourite events of the year. At St Andrews we have a unique tradition of the Scouts making model wooden cars to a strict specification and then racing them down a sloping track to find the fastest and it's called Pinewood Derby. The designs were as imaginative as ever in 2020. This year even included a live stream over Zoom for those members who couldn't attend in person for various reasons.

The Scouts rounded the year off with a Chippy Hike, voting for their favourite chips in Eccleston/Windle on the way – get yourselves to *Fantastico* to try their favourite chips!

Over the course of the year a fantastic 119 badges were issued to the Scouts (an increase of 7 on the year before) and 13 nights away were completed. The Scout section started the year with 9 members, but finished with a fantastic 13 members – we were actually able to grow and attract new members during lockdown.

I would like to take this opportunity thank all my fellow Scout section leadership team for their help and dedication over a challenging 12 months, our Scout section is thriving thanks to their hard work. Here's to another fantastic year in 2021!

Liam Cawsey-Gilbert

Scout Section Leader

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Income and Expenditure Account from 1 January to 31 December 2020

Income		
Subscriptions		£5,747.05
Interest on Reserve Account		£4.13
Covid-19 Business Grant		£10,000.00
Total Income		**£15,751.18**
Expenditure		
Capitation		£2,100.00
Insurance - Personal Accident and Equipment		£312.16
Scottish Power - Gas		£383.00
Scottish Power - Electricity	£378.29	
Scottish Power - Electricity refund for overpayment	(£64.65)	£313.64
ICO Certificate for CCTV		£40.00
OSM Beavers		£19.00
OSM Cubs		£19.00
OSM Scouts		£19.00
Host Presto IP address		£6.00
Website hosting 2021		£43.20
Zoom subscription for online meeting for 4 months		£57.56
"Easier Scouting" website subscription		£88.79
Purchase of Badges, Neckers etc. for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts		£699.21
Badge competition prizes for entrants - Mugs and pens		£33.55
Beaver expenses for weekly programme		£245.87
Cub expenses for weekly programme		£105.36
Scout expenses for weekly programme		£217.74
Cleaner		£60.00
Continued		

Sundry Items for Group		
Book keeping books		£6.98
Kindling		£3.98
Keys		£20.00
1st Aid Kit refill pack and signage		£35.56
LPG Safety light for outside meetings		£42.00
Work light for outside meetings		£31.98
LED Work lights x 2 for outside meetings		£73.96
Flymo leaf vacuum and shredding lines		£69.24
Pad locks		£13.28
COSHH Sign		£2.35
Leader uniform shirt for new leader		£27.99
Trailer service		£144.96
Tyres for trailer		£201.60
Keys for cleaner		£22.50
Speakers		£16.00
Den Repairs and Improvements		
CCTV installation		£350.00
Hole saw to ventilate roof		£9.68
Plastic chain		£11.62
Boxing in of pipes: Supplies and timber		£182.31
Shed repairs: Timber and materials		£271.20
Outside folding table: Materials		£23.15
Outside tap: Fittings		£18.78
External letterbox		£22.99
LED bulbs		£20.00
LED bulbs for floodlight		£10.48
Sealant for outside socket		£7.95
Vents and conduit		£21.44
Den repairs, fixings and glue		£12.40
Safety signs		£34.80
Hasp and staple. Line paint.		£5.74
Fire door signage		£3.96

Den Supplies		
Hygiene supplies - kitchen roll, handwash etc		£14.57
White board markers		£4.99
Sanitary products		£5.00
Preparation for Covid-19 secure meetings		
Paper towel dispensers		£111.19
Covid-19 preparation material - various		£46.01
Plastic bins and bags for toilets and LED bulbs		£53.90
Surface wipes		£10.00
6 Infection control packs		£16.74
4 Handwash dispensers for toilets and kitchen including refills		£125.94
3 Faceshields		£19.16
30 Facemasks		£112.20
Whistles for Leaders		£32.87
Total Expenditure		**£7,034.53**
Income over expenditure		**£8,716.65**
		£15,751.18

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020

Opening balance		**Closing balance**	
Group current account	£4,842.23	Group current account	£3,707.04
Group reserve account	£3,019.14	Less: Expenses cheques (2) not cashed as at 31 Dec 2020	(£152.29)
Add: Income over Expenditure	£8,716.65	Group reserve account	£13,023.27
	£16,578.02		**£16,578.02**