15th St Helens (St Andrews) Scout Group
GSL & Section Reports 2021

Scouts
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(St Andrews)

GSL Report:

No GSL report received upon request due to GSL retiring.

Beavers:

- Not sure on YP at the start of the year as I joined in September. We had about 12 when I started and had 14 by the end of the year.
- 28 badges awarded
- No events attended to my knowledge possibly due to covid

Paul Carrier
Section Leader (Beavers)

Cubs:

- 33 badges awarded
- No top award
- Camps:
    - Chariot Race Weekend

Kevin McCooey
Section Leader (Cubs)

Scouts:

The Scouts started the year in a tricky fashion due to yet another lockdown. However, they once again showed their resilience as we resumed weekly Zoom meetings as we had done during the previous two lockdowns. During this time various badges were completed remotely, along with fun games & quizzes. The PLs/APLs even ran their own night during this period.

By the end of March the Scouts were able to return to face-to-face Scouting, but nights away were still proving challenging to organise due to restrictions – which was a huge blow to our usual Spring/Summer program.

Over the Spring months we were however able to resume some of our other regular activities such as night hikes, the annual bike ride & the traditional end of year Summer BBQ. We also spent several evenings at District HQ doing the Master at Arms activity badge, thanks to Glen Melling (ADC Scouts).

Thankfully, by Summer we were allowed to take the young people on nights away experiences again, and we were able to plan a Summer Camp to Beaudessert Activity Centre, near Cannock Chase. This was a 4 night camp which was attended by 11 Scouts, 3 Young Leaders & 7 Leaders

– a great turnout given the circumstances! The Scouts got to take part in various adventurous activities & cook themselves some fantastic meals.

As we headed into October, we were able to resume another couple of St Andrews traditions. During the first full weekend, the Scouts took part in the Chariot race at Bispham Hall were a team pulls a very brave Scout around a rugged obstacle course in a two wheeled chariot. Later in October the Scouts contacted other Scouts from around the world as part of the Jamboree on the Internet.

Camping without tents, under a plastic sheet is a big part of St Andrews Scouts and in November we were finally able to resume this at Bispham Hall camp site. We had our usual Bonfire Bivvy on the Friday closest to Bonfire Night, and the Scouts were able to enjoy watching some fireworks from the top of Billinge Hill.

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 - it's called The Pinewood Derby. The designs were as imaginative as ever in 2021.

The Scouts finished the year with relatively new tradition, a ten-pin bowling night at Super bowl in St Helens. It was a problematic night with the lanes playing up (if you know, you know…), but the Scouts enjoyed themselves nonetheless – and that's always the main thing!

Over the course of the year 35 badges were issued to the Scouts and 75 nights away in total were completed by the Scouts. There was also 1 Chiefs Scout Gold award presented. Approximately 10 Scouts attending the meetings on a regular basis in 2021, however this was once again increasing towards the end of the year.

I would just like to thank all the Scout Leaders and parent helpers for all their hard work throughout the year. The difference they all make each week to the Scouts lives is invaluable, and I couldn't run the section without them.

Liam Cawsey-Gilbert
Section Leader (Scouts)

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Income and Expenditure Account from 1 January to 31 December 2021

Income		
Subscriptions	£5828.69	
Event Payments	£1699.52	
Grants	£17681.00	
Bank Interest	£2.30	
Energy Bill Refund	£149.66	
Gift Aid	£3381.18	
Total Income	**£28742.35**	
Expenditure		
Energy Bills		(£1031.00)
Insurance		(£318.58)
Census		(£1800)
Beavers		(£276.49)
Cubs		(£344.29)
Scouts		(£587.35)
Maintenance		(£160)
Internet		(£28.87)
OSM		(£123.53)
Savings Expenditure		(£6381.71)
Event Expenses		(£1830.75)
Group Expenses		(£1097.18)
Total Expenditure		**(£13979.75)**
Income over Expenditure		**£14762.60**

Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2021

	Opening Balance	**Closing Balance**
Natwest Current	£3707.04	£0
Natwest Reserve	£13023.27	£0
Lloyds Current	£0	£3484.64
Lloyds Reserve	£0	£3000.11
Lloyds Savings	£0	£25008.16
Total	**£16730.31**	**£31492.91**