

# Dringhouses Scouts Annual Review 2020/2021



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# Welcome

## A Word From Our Chairperson

When I wrote last year's Annual Report, I am not sure any of us gave a thought to the idea that we might still be in lock down for most of the year and only just be moving towards a different normal now.

The situation has given us a set of challenges outside of all our normal experience. People, members and leaders, have dealt with the situation very differently within the context of their own family, work and life situations. The fact that we have managed to continue to deliver Scouting in one form or another is a stellar achievement especially from those in charge of making decisions and preparing for each new way of operating and for those leaders who have been able to deliver a programme to their sections.

Many have had to operate well outside their usual comfort zones. We also need to acknowledge the people who have not felt able or comfortable with the circumstances but have remained loyal and ready to resume participation at a time which fits with their own situations.

Within the group structure we have also had to reappraise our growth and finances. We have had an unprecedented level of support from some parents but fully appreciate that others have had severely changed and reduced circumstances. It is a testament to the community within the group that we can carry on and ensure everyone is able to take advantage of the opportunities we offer. Our team have planned and prepared to recruit and retain and seek out extra funding to ensure our continued health.

We are already seeing some early signs of growth and the different cohorts of our group, both delivery and back room, are now swinging back into operation to prepare the premises, equipment, and ourselves to be able to open up as much as possible as we go forward.

We have a set of challenges to get to the point where we are able to fully deliver our section programmes and to re-launch our amazing Group Camp. I hope this will give us the opportunity to extend the awareness we have gained of our responsibility for each other's health and well-being and to celebrate this amazing group.

Annie Bennett,

**Group Chair**

*Annie*

# Group Scout Leader's Report

**Locked down, not locked down, locked down again, not locked down again.. a year of uncertainty.** This year has seen us all face many challenges, both within and outside of Scouting. I want to dedicate this part of the report to saying a few thank yous.

**Thank-you to our leaders and supporters,** the effort which has gone into providing any sort of programme this year cannot be underestimated. Re-inventing a programme of activities which would normally be delivered in person so that it will work in the virtual world has led to our volunteers investing more preparation time than normal and their having to learn new skills. But they rose to the challenge magnificently and it has been great to see the food, lanterns, crafts, games, creativity and fun which resulted. As we moved to face to face meetings, managing a new set of rules meant that activities had to be adapted to work in a COVID-safe way. All of this at the same time as dealing with changing circumstances at work and all the other anxieties which the pandemic has brought to all of us. I'm so proud to be a part of a team that has been so energetic and enthusiastic at a time when it would have been very easy to retreat and not do anything.

**Thank-you to our Executive Committee and Support Teams** for their continued effort which enables us to deliver our core services to Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. Searching for sources of income, writing numerous grant applications, reporting on how monies were spent. Creating risk assessments and COVID-Safe Procedures, attending numerous webinars and update calls, cataloguing, indexing, cleaning, sharpening, repairing and replacing our equipment, painting and decorating the HQ building as well as constructing new cupboards. A wonderful team that very few get to see as it all happens in the background, but essential to the running of everything we do. Taking advantage of the lockdown to consolidate everything has been the backbone of putting us in a strong position to restart face-to-face activities.

**A huge thank-you to our young leaders.** These are young people aged 14-17 who give up their time to plan and run our weekly meetings along with the adult leaders. During the pandemic we have relied heavily on their enthusiasm, ideas for online activities, communication skills, technical skills, in some cases they have literally planned and run everything. It is brilliant to see people that joined the Group as six year olds now in a position to confidently deliver online and face-to-face activities to all age groups. Earlier I asked for recommendations for a young leader of the year and immediately had a long list of names with compelling reasons why they should receive the award, making it impossible to single out any one individual, they have all been exceptional. Our young leaders can be very proud of everything they have done.

This year has challenged us all; and we have led by example, demonstrating the key values that Scouting hopes to impart to all of our members, young person and adult alike: determination, positivity, endurance and most of all resilience. I'm really looking forward to the coming year and am optimistic that as things start to return to normal, we'll be able to deliver, fun and adventure and skills for life for all our members. **Thank you everyone.**

**Dave, Acting Group Scout Leader**

# Meet the Team

## The Executive Committee (core members)

Members of the Executive Committee are the Trustees of the Group who make decisions and carry out administrative tasks to ensure that the best quality Scouting can be delivered to all young people in the Group

**Annie Bennett**

**Group Chair**



Annie became involved with the Group as a parent and when asked if she would Chair the executive committee, decided it was a post she could bring her organisational skills to and help the Group without being a uniformed member.

**Debbie Paterson**

**Group Treasurer (Joint)**



Debbie has never worn a uniform but has managed to be a member of Dringhouses Scout Group over 10 years now. She started volunteering at the 40th anniversary group camp when she and Wendy Hewitt ran the tea van; since then, she has been “promoted” to working in the kitchen - despite being the least competent cook there, but she can make a decent cup of tea!

Debbie took over treasurer duties just after that - it is an unfortunate side effect of being an accountant. Despite the grumbling, it is a real pleasure to work with all the leaders and volunteers that make up Dringhouses Scout Group and to give a little back.

**Jan Moor**

**Group Secretary**



Jan was a Brownie and Guide when she was growing up and absolutely loved it. Jan was very keen her two children should have the same rewarding experiences and so both her children are in Scouting/Guiding and enjoying every moment. Jan has a daughter in the Group, who is now in Scouts, having started 6 years ago as a Beaver.

Jan joined the group as a Parent Rep on the Executive Committee (particularly helping with fundraising) and Active support in Summer 2017, as she wanted to contribute to the Group. She agreed to take on the Group Secretary role earlier this year, which gives her the ability to support the working of the Group a bit more, using her business skills, in between significant travelling for her job.

**Wendy Hewitt**

**Group Treasurer (Joint)**



Wendy started volunteering with the group at the 40th anniversary camp -with Debbie in the tea van. However, she has been involved since her eldest son was a Beaver Scout over 20 years ago. Wendy was the Group Secretary until last year when she agreed to start to take over the treasurer role. Wendy, who works in the church office, is also unofficial caretaker of the HQ (and washer of tea towels)!

Wendy enjoys the camaraderie of being part of a team and the ever-expanding Group. She also enjoys the challenge of learning the new treasurer role and getting to grips with spreadsheets!

# The Management Team

Members of the Management Team are normally also members of the Executive Committee. The management team coordinate all Scouting activities within the Group. The Group Chair is also a part of the Management Team.

## David Thorne

### Acting Group Scout Leader



Dave started his Scouting career as a Cub Scout with the 1st Epping Ash and later 1st Holtspur Scout Groups, 'a few' years later he returned as Assistant Beaver Scout Leader with Dringhouses, transferring to be Cub Leader a year later. Since January Dave has been Acting Group Scout Leader responsible for leading the team managing the Group. Dave also holds two roles within York Ebor District (of which Dringhouses is a part): District Appointments Secretary, administering the appointment of all leaders in the District and District Executive Committee member where he makes the meetings last a bit longer than they used to.

Dave has two children in the Group, one in Scouts the other an Explorer Scout Young Leader, both of whom started in Beavers.

## Katie Harvey

### Deputy Group Scout Leader (Beavers)



Katie joined Dringhouses Scout Group in 2011 when her son joined Beavers. He is now an Explorer Scout. Katie started volunteering as an Assistant Beaver Leader and after a couple of years took up the role of Section Leader. Shortly after that Katie also became Assistant Group Scout Leader (Beavers).

## Martin Eason

### Group Scout Active Support Manager



Martin has been with the Group since he joined from Bishopthorpe, as a Venture Scout, in 1991. He moved from Venture Scouts to Assistant Scout Leader and then Venture Scout leader (VSL), where he remained for over 10 years. As well as VSL, he also sat on the county activities and events team, organising annual competitions and events. After a short break he became a parent helper with Bardonia Scout Group in Australia. On his return to the UK in 2014 he re-joined the Group as part of the Active Support Team. In June 2019 he agreed to take on the role of Active Support Manager.

A true scouting family, Martin has two boys who have come through the Group, with his youngest currently in Explorers. His wife Jude, whom he met at Dringhouses Venture Scouts, is also in Active Support, while also being part of the Group's training team.

## Max Butler

### Deputy Group Scout Leader (Explorer Scouts)



Max is Dringhouses through and through, after joining the Group as a Scout in 2004 and has not looked back since! Max is a familiar face and his loud voice and social media skills means everyone's heard him! He is our Assistant Group Scout Leader, responsible for Explorer Sections, having previously run Wednesday Explorers and Tuesday Scouts. When he's not busy Scouting with Dringy, he's busy Scouting for North Yorkshire County, planning and delivering their large-scale camps and events; It's a wonder he ever gets home in time for tea!

# The Section Leaders

Section Leaders are responsible for co-ordinating the programme for their night and liaising with the sections before and after as appropriate, Sections Leaders can be part of the Group Executive Committee if they wish to be.

## Beavers

Beavers is for children aged five to eight years old. We have three Beaver Scout colonies in the Group.

**Nicola Silke**

**Section Leader (Beaver Scouts)- Tuesday Beavers**



Nicola joined Dringhouses Scouts in September 2018 as a Section Assistant, after being accosted on a "sunny" group camp to join Beavers. She quickly progressed to Assistant Leader in December 2018 and became Section Leader in September 2019.

Nicola has been involved with the group since 2012 when her eldest daughter joined Cubs.

"I joined on a trial basis and was surprised how much I enjoyed it. It's a great feeling seeing the Beavers take part and enjoy the activities and challenges set out for them. For me it's an amazing way to be able to give something back to the local community."

**Olga Iwazkiewicz-Bogdańska**

**Section Leader (Beaver Scouts)- Wednesday Beavers**



Olga started with the Group in February 2019, initially to help her daughter's confidence when she joined. She became an Assistant Leader with Wednesday Beavers but, when the opportunity came, it took her about a minute to decide to move to the Section Leader role.

"The idea of teaching Beavers new skills during weekly meetings and camps. And seeing how proud they are when they succeed or when they receive a badge puts the biggest smile on my face and pride in my heart. Week to week I could see how the Beavers grow in confidence".

"Inspiration from other Scout Leaders motivates me every day and confirms to me that I want to stay in The Scouts for a long time."

**Katie Harvey**

**Section Leader (Beaver Scouts)- Friday Beavers**



See the Management Team section above

## Cubs

The Cubs section is for children aged eight to ten and a half. We have three Cub Scout Packs in the Group.

**Jane Wilson**

**Section Leader (Cub Scouts)- Tuesday “Romans” Cubs**



Jane has been with the group since joining as a Venture Scout in 1985, in 1988 she was presented with a application form to be an Assistant Cub Scout Leader. Jane had a few years break from the Group to assist at Bishopthorpe Cub Section and was then asked to help Lidgett Grove Cub Section get back up on their feet. Jane is married to Martin whom she met through Scouting as he was a Scout Leader at St Chad's and a member of St Chad's Greys Band, so they have attended many Scouting events along with experiences with the band.

**Natasha Bayston**

**Section Leader (Cub Scouts)- Thursday “Saxons” Cubs**



Natasha has been with the group since she joined as a scout in 2011. She stayed as a young leader for Cubs when she finished scouts in 2014. In 2018 she was given an application for assistant section leader and became the assistant section leader of Thursday Cubs. In 2019 she took over from Tina as the section leader for Thursday Cubs.

**David Thorne**

**Section Leader (Cub Scouts)- Friday “Vikings” Cubs**



See the Management Team section above

## Scouts

The Scout Section is for young people aged ten and a half to fourteen years old. We have three Scout Troops in the Group.

### Jonny Fry

#### Section Leader (Scouts)- Tuesday "Dringhouses PC" Scouts



Jonny first joined Dringhouses Scouts as a Wednesday Beaver and progressed through Thursday Cubs and Scouts. He then became a Young Leader and completed the Young Leader Belt award. He attended the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden in 2011 and more recently he completed the Queen's Scout Award and the Explorer Belt Award in Morocco.

Jonny is Tuesday Scouts whilst he's back in York, working from home. Jonny is also still helping out with online meetings at a Scout group in Swindon, a group he joined while working in the area for 18 months

### Tara Stephenson

#### Section Leader (Scouts)- Thursday "St Edward's" Scouts



"One Thursday in October 1986 I bumped into an old school friend in the pub, she was there for the quiz and wearing her uniform. We got chatting and the next Thursday I went to my first ever Cub meeting. They were making bird boxes and I didn't have a clue, I still remember the first Cub I ever spoke to and thanks to Johnny L. here I still am almost 30 years later!"

After six years of leading Cubs, where she welcomed the first girl into the Pack (possibly the first girl in Cubs in York!) Tara moved to become an assistant Venture Scout Leader, joining in with EuroVenture which took over an airfield in Paris and invaded EuroDisney, toured the Czech Republic and had many other fantastic adventures. But then we needed a female scout leader, because (guess what) the girl Cubs wanted to be Scouts! So, Tara became an Assistant Scout Leader and after a short break, she re-joined the Group.

Tara has been a part of two Cub sections, a Venture Scout Unit, two Scout Troops and a Young Leader Unit and the very first Saturday morning session of Beavers - never again!... \*grin\*. And in 2019 she went to the 24th World Scout Jamboree in America!

### Scott Franklin

#### Section Leader (Scouts)- Friday "St Helen's" Scouts



Scott has been at Dringhouses since 2014, having previously been Scout Leader at Heslington whilst completing his studies, and having grown-up in a Group in Swindon. He is a cliché in Scouting - his grandparents met through Scouting, his parents met through Scouting, and he went on his first camp when he was merely weeks old. Having taken up his first young-leader role at 11 with cubs, and then at 16 with Scouts, he's a keen believer in putting young people into positions of responsibility, and teaching Patrol and Assistant Patrol Leaders how to be good leaders themselves.

After a week busy teaching at All Saints School, Scott then spends his Friday nights with the 30 young people of St Helen's Troop. He enjoys seeing his wife (Anna) and two children (Marie and Esther) on the other evenings and at weekends and looks forward to taking the girls on camp with him when they are older.

## Explorer Scouts

The Explorer Scout section is for young people aged fourteen to seventeen. We are partnered with two District Explorer Scout Units (ESU). Young Leaders are also Explorer Scouts, they assist other sections within the Group. Young Leaders need not be a member of an Explorer Scout Unit and they may also be volunteering with the Group as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

### Mike Laing

#### District Section Leader (Explorer Scouts)- Tuesday "Nordic" ESU



Mike Joined Scouting as a Cub in 1989 as a member of 1st Shenfield Scout Group in Essex where he went on to be a Scout and Venture Scout before becoming a member of Essex Scouts water activities team. Mike had a 15 year break from the formalities of Scouting but continued to holiday around the world with friends made through scouting like they were on an "Explorer Belt Expedition" each time, often with a kayak or set of Skis for Luggage!

Mike returned to Scouting at the wonderful "Dringy" as assistant Cub Scout Leader in April 2018 and most recently in February 2020 moved to be Nordic Explorer Unit Leader on Monday's. Mike is looking forward to planning future adventures with the Explorers.

### Andy Elliott

#### District Section Leader (Explorer Scouts)- Wednesday "Yorvik" ESU



Andy was a youth member of the Yorvik Explorer Unit and after returning from University decided to become part of the volunteer team at Dringhouses Scouts. You probably will not see many photographs of Andy at events as he is usually the one taking them all! Having a young family Andy hopes that they will become members of the Group when they are old enough, his 2 year old daughter always asks if she can come on camp with him while he's packing his bags!

### Iain McIntyre

#### District Section Leader (Explorer Scout Young Leaders)



Iain's Scouting journey began in Cumbria where he was a Cub, a Scout and then a Venture Scout circa the mid-90's. He only returned to Scouting 5 years ago as a Section Assistant with St Edwards Troop at Dringhouses. In January 2019 Iain was asked to help with the running the Young Leaders part of Dringhouses Explorer Scout section and coordinate their volunteering with the other sections (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) and to manage to their training needs.

Iain also holds the York Ebor District role of Duke of Edinburgh's Award Coordinator. His eldest child is at present in Beavers with Dringhouses.

## Vacancies

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#### We are currently recruiting for the following positions:



- ☛ Deputy Group Scout Leader (Scouts)
- ☛ Asst. Section Leader, Tuesday Cubs
- ☛ Section Leader, Thursday Scouts
- ☛ Section Leader, Tuesday Scouts

# Roll of Honour

Congratulations to all the adult volunteers that have been recognised for their service to Scouting this year:

 	<p><b>Silver Acorn</b></p> <p>The Award for Merit is awarded for specially distinguished service while holding adult roles for a period of not less than twenty years.</p> <p>✦ Tina Brill, Group Training Manager</p>
 	<p><b>Award for Merit</b></p> <p>The Award for Merit is given for outstanding service of not less than 12 years and 10 years exceptionally. It implies keen, conscientious, imaginative and dedicated service over a sustained period.</p> <p>✦ Dave Garrity, Group Active Support</p>
 	<p><b>Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service</b></p> <p>The Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service is given in respect of not less than 5 years good service, which stands out. It should be regarded as the Chief Scout's recognition of the very real contribution made to the Association by the individual concerned.</p> <p>✦ Jonathan Vickers (JV), Asst. Section Leader, Thursday Scouts</p>

Length of service awards are available to Members and Associate Members of the Association with eligible roles that accrue service, uniformed or not (with the exception of occasional helpers):

	<p><b>Chief Scout's 5 Years Service Award</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☘ Andy Elliott, Section Leader, Wednesday Explorers</li> <li>☘ Pippa Hammond, Section Assistant, Friday Cubs</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Chief Scout's 10 Years Service Award</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☘ Rob Drysdale, Group Active Support</li> <li>☘ Scott Franklin, Section Leader, Friday Scouts</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Chief Scout's 15 Years Service Award</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☘ Phil Bennett, Group Transport Manager</li> <li>☘ Jude Eason, Group Training Adviser</li> <li>☘ Martin Eason, Group Active Support Manager</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Chief Scout's 30 Years Service Award</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☘ Tara Stephenson, Section Leader, Thursday Scouts</li> <li>☘ Jane Wilson, Section Leader, Tuesday Cubs</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Chief Scout's 40 Years Service Award</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☘ Tina Brill, Group Training Manager</li> <li>☘ Dave Garrity, Group Active Support</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Chief Scout's 50 Years Service Award</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☘ Ken Brill, Group Active Support</li> </ul>

Training is an important part of the Group's activities which often goes unseen. All adult members of the Group (except occasional helpers) are required to complete the adult training scheme, with Group Managers, Section Leaders and Assistant Leaders being awarded a wood badge after successfully completing all the required training modules. Because of its importance we also like to recognise training success in this part of the report. Leaders have three years from when they start to complete their training.

	<p><b>Wood Badge</b></p> <p>Since September 1919 adult volunteers in the Scouts have been awarded the Wood Badge on the completion of their leader training. The basic badge is made up of two wooden beads worn at the end of a leather lace.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☘ Scott Franklin, Section Leader, Friday Scouts</li> <li>☘ Katie Harvey, Deputy Group Scout Leader (Beavers)</li> <li>☘ Max Butler, Asst. Section Leader (Explorer Scouts)</li> <li>☘ Jane Wilson, Section Leader, Tuesday Cubs</li> <li>☘ Jonathan Vickers, Asst. Section Leaders, Thursday Scouts</li> <li>☘ Jonny Fry, Section Leader, Tuesday Scouts</li> </ul>
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# Group Awards

Congratulations to all of our young people receiving awards this year, all recipients will also receive a £10 voucher to spend in Go Outdoors:

 Tuesday Wednesday Friday	<b>Beaver of the year:</b> Becky Roddis Jacob Ramsden Millie Hall
 Romans Saxons Vikings	<b>Cub of the year:</b> Imogen Brook Richard Jarratt Isobelle Cooper
 Dringhouses PC Troop St Edward's Troop St Helen's Troop	<b>Scout of the year:</b> Maks Wozniak Isaac Hauge Korbin Evans
 Jorvik Explorers Nordic Explorers Young Leaders	<b>Explorer Scout of the year:</b> Oscar Dewire Jack Harwood All Young Leaders

## The Chairman's Cup

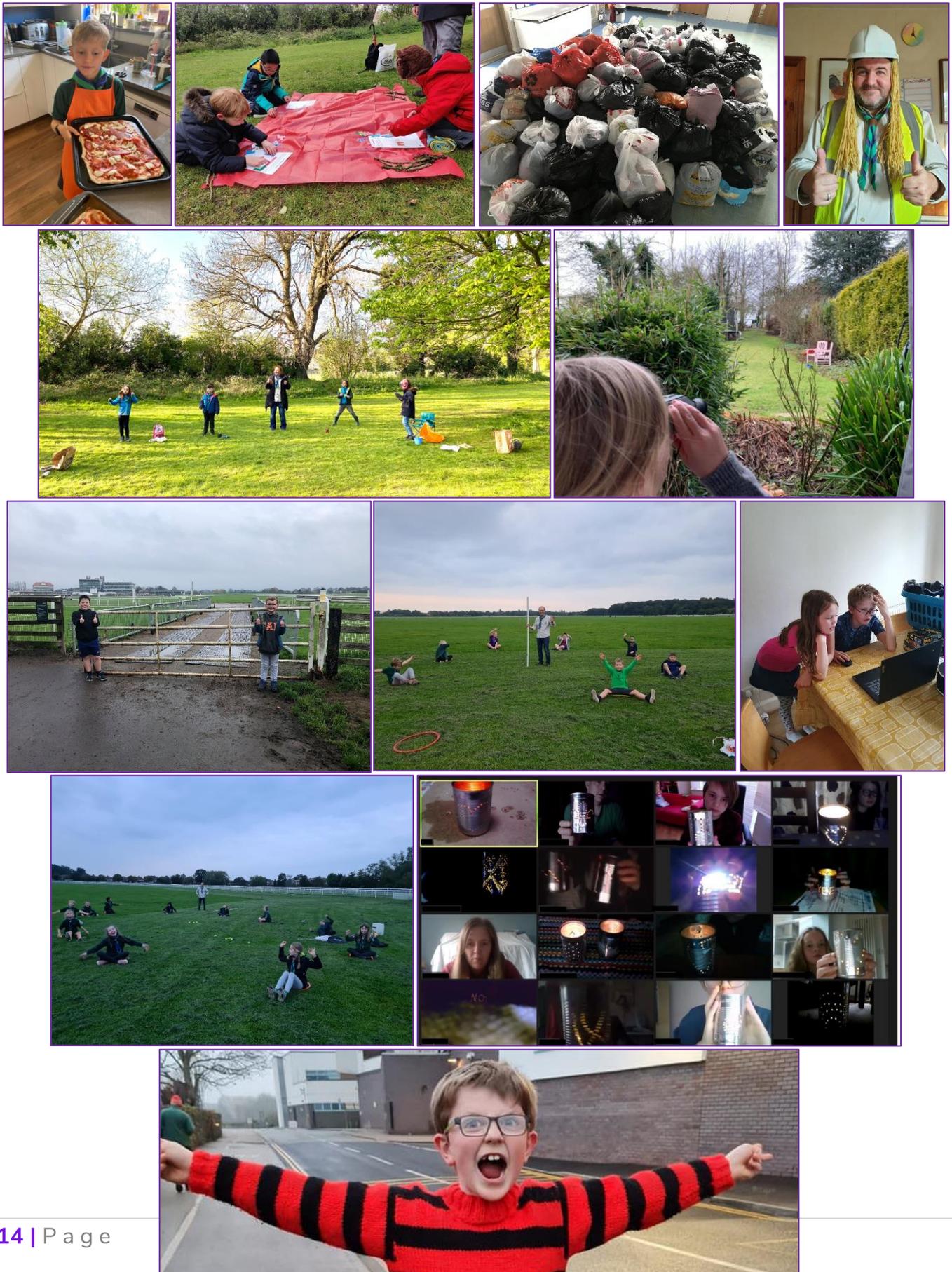
The Chairman's Cups are awarded every year to an adult and a youth member of the Group who have made significant effort over and above what is normally expected.

**Chairman's Cup – Adult Volunteers:** David Thorne

**Chairman's Cup – Youth Members:** All youth members

# Section Reports

The year summarised in a few pictures:



# BEAVERS

As we know the last 12 months have been very different for our Beavers. We have enjoyed a mixed programme of online and outdoor activities which have provided much fun and a continued appreciation for Scouting. Lockdown has meant we have enjoyed endless indoor scavenger hunts, on screen games, cakes in mugs, experiments, meeting pets and getting better at online communication altogether (including when to turn our microphones on and off)!



Our Beavers have still been busy earning badges with the support of parents (whom we can't thank enough) to ensure their experience and journey has been as enjoyable and fulfilled as much as possible.

When we haven't been meeting online we have been meeting outdoors, making the most of the space and natural environment, enjoying tree safaris, designing nature art, improving our health and fitness and of course playing dodgeball!

Despite the challenges of this last year, our Leaders and Young Leaders have ensured our activities have been planned and run smoothly and safely without compromising what we know Scouting is all about. Although, we have really missed our camping opportunities and wider group social events, we cannot wait to make up for it as soon as we can.



# cubs

This year Cubs has been quite different. Online meetings were not everyone's up of tea, but it was great to see some of those that were not sure about online meetings have a go and then have fun and indeed even become very active contributors. Welcoming everyone back to meetings in November, when we could meet outdoors, was great and ideal for having fun in the dark, learning about planets, signalling and playing games. Thankfully the weather was [mostly] kind to us too.



There have also been several events across all age groups which Cubs actively participated in, the Race Round The World was a great excuse for getting out and about, RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, Family Orienteering Challenge.

What lockdown did give us was the chance to learn some online skills in a safe environment (that includes the leaders as well as the Cubs). And that maybe in future there are somethings that may even work better online, like cooking!

Apple picking at Chapmans Pond (Friday Cubs) was a great chance to do something different (image right).



What is clear is that we have missed being able to do some of the activities that we could normally do.

But, we are hopeful that the autumn term will give us some opportunities to go camping and shelter building.

So well done to all the Cubs in showing resilience and positivity this past year!

# SCOUTS

Scouts have enjoyed so much online this year and they have taught the leaders a couple of things too.



Cooking has been very popular and a much-requested topic. So much so that some Scouts must be expert chefs by now. Online games like Among Us were also a big hit. Online quizzes challenged our minds as well. And the meetings planned by our young leaders were also brilliant, perhaps hitting topics the older leaders might not have thought of before.

Now we are allowed outside again it's great to be going back to basics and learning how to cut wood, make fires, enjoy marshmallows, tie knots and make structures. We're really looking forward to going camping too.

One of the highlights of this year was the opportunity for Scouts to go kayaking at Allerthorpe an experience that was great, falling between two periods of lockdown, giving us all the chance to meet up in a safe environment outdoors, learn a new skill and have some fun at the same time!

So here's to the rest of 2021 and 2022, lots more fun and adventure to come!



# EXPLORERS

A year without camping! Not something you would have heard from our Explorers before, but that doesn't mean we haven't had a year without some great activities!



Online Scouting has not been to everyone's taste, but despite this we continue to be stronger than ever, both as a leadership team across both units and as a collective with our young people.

Week after week, our Explorers continued to log in to their computers and join in despite what was unfolding around them - this has affirmed to us as volunteers that what we provide in Scouting is so important.

Whether it was cooking fajitas in multiple kitchens across York, or lighting up tin can stoves in our gardens, the Explorer Scouts have displayed and developed one of the biggest skills we champion here in Scouting - resilience!

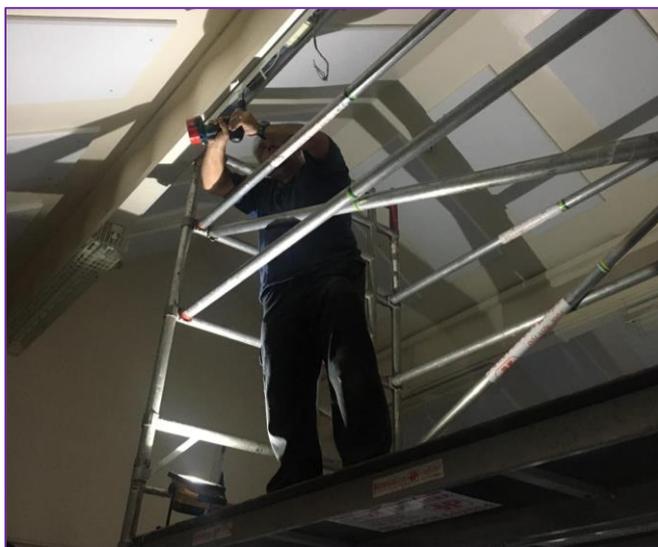
It has not all been online though, we have been lucky enough to get out and about over the last year too; kayaking, fire lighting, hiking, cycling, foot golf, and cooking to name a few of our activities.

Looking to the year ahead we are already planning one of our biggest adventures ever because we know that getting back to normality is key to the development of our Explorers. Here's to the rest of 2021 and beyond being the best years ever for our Explorer Scouts.



We have made the most of lockdown to take stock of all the equipment we own in the group, ensuring we are fighting fit when we are allowed back out to play.

This has involved taking stock of all our equipment, making repairs where possible and replacing items that are past their best.



We are now in a great position with sufficient tents to accommodate the whole group, new cooking pans, alter fires and much more.

In addition to this, Active Support members have supported in a number of HQ initiatives, including, upgrading the lights, building new cupboards and lots of painting.

We now hope that, as lockdown eases, we will be able to prepare for a normal summer and the return of Group Camp.



# Statutory Reports

For year ending March 2021



# Trustees' Annual Report

From 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

## Reference and administration details

Registered charity number	1064151
Registered number with Scout Association	37243
Charity's contact address	57 Dringthorpe Road, York, YO24 1LF

## Trustees

### Group executive committee

<b>President</b>	Ian Everard	<b>Acting Group Scout Leader</b>	David Thorne
<b>Chairman</b>	Ann Bennett	<b>Deputy GSL (Scouts)</b>	Max Butler
<b>Secretary</b>	Jan Moor	<b>Deputy GSL (Cubs)</b>	David Thorne
<b>Treasurer</b>	Deborah Paterson / Wendy Hewitt	<b>Deputy GSL (Beavers)</b>	Katie Harvey
<b>Active Support Manager</b>	Martin Eason	<b>Executive Committee Member</b>	Kerry Thompson (Scouts Parent Rep)
<b>Safety Officer</b>	Milke Hewitt	<b>Executive Committee Member</b>	Justin Moss (Cubs Parent Rep)
<b>Keeper of the Fabric</b>	Alan Furby	<b>Executive Committee Member</b>	Alan Furby (Explorer Scouts Parent Rep)
<b>Training Manager</b>	Tina Brill		

Scout Section leaders - unless otherwise stated scout leaders are not members of the executive committee

<b>Nordic Explorers</b>	Mike Laing	<b>St Edwards (Thursday) Scouts</b>	Tara Stephenson (also on group executive committee)
<b>Tuesday Beavers</b>	Nicola Silke (also on group executive committee)	<b>Saxons (Thursday) Cubs</b>	Natasha Bayston (also on group executive committee)

<b>Romans (Tuesday) Cubs</b>	Jane Wilson (also on group executive committee)	<b>Friday Beavers</b>	Katie Harvey (also on group executive committee)
<b>Dringhouses (Tuesday) Scouts</b>	Jonny Fry (From Sept 2020)	<b>Vikings (Friday) Cubs</b>	David Thorne (also on group executive committee)
<b>Wednesday Beavers</b>	Olga Iwaszkiewicz-Bogdańska	<b>St Helens (Friday) Scouts</b>	Scott Franklin
<b>Yorvik Explorers</b>	Andy Elliott (also on group executive committee)		

## Structure, governance and management

The Group is set up under The Scout Association's governing documents which are common to all Scout Groups. These are a Royal Charter which gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the POR. The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, which supports the Group Scout Leader. The Group Executive Committee:

- ✿ Maintains Group property
- ✿ Administers the Group's finances, including fundraising
- ✿ Is responsible for risk assessments and insurance
- ✿ Runs Group public occasions
- ✿ Assists with the recruitment of leaders and other adult support
- ✿ Appoints any sub-groups that may be required.

## Risk and internal control

There are, of course, risks associated with running a scout group. The Group Executive Committee has identified the following major risks:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would ask neighbouring organisations such as the church and other scout groups for the use of buildings, property and equipment. The Group also comprehensively insures our buildings and their contents.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group contributes to The Scout Association's national accident insurance policy through capitation fees paid annually and takes out insurance to cover occasional helpers. Risk assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fundraising. The Group is reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. In the absence of fund-raising income, the Committee would raise the level of subscriptions to increase income and would also institute cost cutting measures.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant on volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. We are constantly seeking and recruiting new leaders. However, if there

was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level and recruitment was unsuccessful then there the number of sections would have to be reduced.

### **Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document.**

The objectives of the group are as a unit of The Scout Association.

The aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The method of achieving the aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership. In planning our activities to meet the Scout Association's objectives, we also keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

### **Achievements and performance.**

We continue to run 11 full groups each week during term time.

The Covid-19 pandemic has interrupted our usual face to face meetings. However, each group has met online during the year and, when possible, during the autumn term 2020 groups met outdoors. We expect to resume face to face meetings outdoors in April 2021. Unsurprisingly, our usual camps have not been able to go ahead.

The 2020 group camp was moved online and group members undertook various activities, including camping, at home. All of our members continue to work towards their bronze, silver and gold Chief Scout awards.

The success of the weekly sessions as well as the camps is down to our leaders and we are very grateful for the time that they give and enthusiasm that they bring to the group.

We have also taken the opportunity to repaint the Scout HQ building and to reorganise our store of equipment. This means that when we resume face to face meetings, all sections will be able to access equipment more easily and will be able to share consumable items which will reduce expenditure.

### **Financial review**

This year, we spent less than we received in unrestricted income. We did not have any large items of expenditure during the year so we were able to increase our cash balances accordingly.

Our fundraising activities stopped in 2020/21 but our subscription income was largely unaffected by the pandemic. We have also been the recipients of grants from the City of York and others. As we were largely meeting online, the costs of running the sections reduced considerably.

During the year, we maintained a cash flow forecast and we have cut some costs, for example, our minibuses have been off the road so we have deferred their MOTs and tax payments.

### **Reserves policy**

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum of £500 in reserve as well as the two sinking funds described below.

At the end of March 2021, the minibus fund was £11,130 (2020; £8,130) and the premises fund was £1,200 (2020; £200). Each year, we will set aside:

£1,000 for premises expenses, we expect to have to replace our heating in the near future  
£3,000 for the minibus fund so that we have sufficient cash balances to replace the buses when they are too old to be used.

We also have grant funding that we hold in a restricted fund. At the end of the year, this totalled £3,624.21 and is to be spent on tents, camping equipment, first aid kits and hardship cases.

Our year-end cash balance is £23,015 (2020: £15,571) which is £7,061 more than the unspent grants plus the sinking funds meaning that the group is operating within its reserves.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Annie Bennett, **Group Chair**

Debbie Paterson, **Group Treasurer**

# Financial Summary

For the Period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020

## Receipts and payments

All amounts shown in GBP	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Last year
	2020/21	2020/21	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>				
Membership subscriptions	22,905		22,905	25,852
less: membership subscriptions paid to National/County/Area and District	-11,706		-11,706	-10,440
Net membership subscriptions retained	11,199	0	11,199	15,412
Gift aid	4,992		4,992	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>16,191</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,191</b>	<b>15,412</b>
<b>Grants and donations</b>				
Grants received		1,882.80	1,883	3,488
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,883</b>	<b>1,883</b>	<b>3,488</b>
<b>Fundraising (gross)</b>				
Paper collection and other activities	37		37	3,908
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3,908</b>
<b>Activities</b>				
Camps and activities	5,689		5,689	20,145
Minibus hirings	0		0	560
Badges and neckers	0		0	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>5,689</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,689</b>	<b>20,705</b>
Interest	0		0	
Property rent income	0		0	852
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>852</b>
Miscellaneous	23		23	602
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>21,940</b>	<b>1,833</b>	<b>23,823</b>	<b>44,967</b>

<b>Payments</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2018/19</b>
Camps	-6,422	0	-6,422	-18,225
Section activities	-142	0	-142	-1,520
Ground rent, fuel, insurance, repairs and renewals	-3,149	0	-3,149	-6,447
Equipment	-201	-2,447	-2,648	-3,424
Minibus expenses	-1,639	0	-1,639	-4,522
Badges, neckers and uniform	-645	0	-645	-1,347
Administration	-1,347	-368	-1,715	-1,941
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-13,545</b>	<b>-2,816</b>	<b>-16,360</b>	<b>-37,426</b>
Fundraising expenses	0	0	0	-244
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-244</b>
Miscellaneous	-19	0	-19	-135
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>-13,563</b>	<b>-2,816</b>	<b>-16,379</b>	<b>-37,805</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>8,377</b>	<b>-933</b>	<b>7,444</b>	<b>7,162</b>
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	
Cash funds last year end	12,370	3,201	15,571	8,409
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>20,747</b>	<b>2,268</b>	<b>23,015</b>	<b>15,571</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	31/03/2021	31/03/2021	31/03/2021	31/03/2020
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Current account	20,747	2,268	23,015	15,571
Virgin Money	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,747</b>	<b>2,268</b>	<b>23,015</b>	<b>15,571</b>
<b>Other assets</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total</b>	
	31/03/2021	31/03/2021	31/03/2021	31/03/2020
	£	£		£
<b>Motor vehicles</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Equipment etc</b>	-	-	-	-

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

Annie Bennett, **Group Chair**

Debbie Paterson, **Group Treasurer**



# Scouts

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