

35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group

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Annual Report and Financial Statements 2020-21



35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group
Minute of 39th Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 10th February 2021 on Zoom

Present

Gillian Caldwell, Group Scout Leader, Sheena Mackay Group Chair and 42 participants including Leaders.

Welcome

Gillian Caldwell welcomed everyone to the AGM and suggested that everyone remain on mute unless they had something to say within the meeting. Everyone is welcome to speak in turn though. The Annual Reports and Accounts for the period September 2019 until August 2020 had been emailed out in advance.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated prior to the meeting, within the Annual Report. A zoom poll was taken to request whether the minutes were a true reflection and they were deemed to be so.

Annual Reports

Gillian Caldwell introduced the Annual Reports and said what a good exercise this was to reflect how much was actually done, despite the restrictions caused by Covid

Thanks were offered to the Leaders and parents and members of the Group Executive Committee for all the help and support given to the Group in the past year.

A zoom poll was taken to request whether the Reports (minus the Accounts) were a true reflection of what had taken place during the year and were deemed to be so.

Accounts

Stephen Parker (Group Treasurer) provided a summary of the accounts. There had been a bigger surplus this year than normal due to donations from Tesco and Waitrose and the Group was holding £850 for a proposed Denmark trip.

We pay subscriptions for every member to Clyde Region and to the Scout Association, and these had significantly increased on previous years. However, due to the pandemic, the Group had spent less on let bills but still spent on activities to keep all the young people involved.

A zoom poll was taken to request whether the Accounts were a true reflection and were deemed to be so.

A special word of thanks was expressed to Allan Gibson, our Independent Examiner, for his continued support and advice for the accounts.

Nominations for the Group Executive for 2020/21

Sheena Mackay was nominated as Group Chair

Deborah Reid was proposed as Secretary and Stephen Parker was proposed as Treasurer.

A zoom poll was taken to request whether these proposals were approved, and the appointments were confirmed.

Sheena Mackay proposed Lorna Macinnes, Suzanne Cotton and Kirstin McGettrick to be elected as members of the Group Executive for 2020-21. Gillian asked if any other parents would like to join the Group Executive Committee - volunteers would be welcome to approach any current member to discuss.

A zoom poll was taken to request whether the proposals were acceptable, and they were deemed to be so.

Amy Miller, Duncan Swan and Gary Bainbridge had also agreed to serve as Trustees.

AOCB

Gillian showed a montage of photographs and video clips of activities from the past year.

Amanda Swan (District Commissioner) thanked the leaders for their commitment to the young people in the past year and will issue the Commissioner's Commendation to all the leaders of the Sections.

Gillian thanked everyone for coming along to the meeting and hoped to see everyone soon, in person.

Several parents voiced their thanks during the meeting on the chat facility.

Deborah Reid

GROUP SECRETARY

BEAVERS

Despite a very disrupted year, due to the global pandemic, the Beavers managed to pack in a great deal and earned almost 300 badges among them.

At the start of session 2020-21, we welcomed nine new Beavers and nine Beavers moved up to Cubs, giving us a total of 23 members, but due to restrictions we could only meet with half the Colony each week. We met in Fairweather Park and the Beavers enjoyed playing games together and finding out about nature which was all around them. We worked on our Outdoor Challenge and took part in a Nature Walk and made funny faces on the ground, from natural materials. The Beavers did some leaf printing and grew broad beans, to see who could grow the tallest beanstalk. They also learned about what a lollipop person does in the community, to keep everyone safe.



In the second half of October, we were very grateful to be able to move indoors, thanks to the slight easing of restrictions and to the generosity of the 171st Glasgow Scout Group, in Whitecraigs, who let us use their small hall. We were able to light fires behind the hall and the Beavers made s'mores. However, as East Renfrewshire went into Level 4 restrictions once more, we had to revert to virtual meetings on Zoom. The Beavers worked on their Disability Awareness badge, learning Makaton and finding out about Guide Dogs, and started work on the International badge. We also had an evening based around Kindness, working in teams in different breakout rooms and thinking about people less fortunate than ourselves. Just before Christmas we were allowed to meet up again and, for the first time since March, the whole Beaver Colony was able to come together for a Christmas party; we also made winter bird feeders for our gardens.



In January, five Beavers moved up to Cubs and we welcomed four new Beavers. Unfortunately, we were locked down again and had to meet on Zoom. Undeterred, we worked on our Air Activities Stage 1 badge, learned about types of animals that live in our community, found out about balanced diets and started the Builder badge. However, the most exciting event of that term was our Virtual Sleepover at the beginning of February, with 22 Beavers participating. We had great fun, each safely in our own homes, but coming together on Zoom to enjoy several activities. The Beavers made amazing dens to sleep in and helped to prepare meals for themselves and the rest of their families – they also cleared up afterwards! We had a fabulous online Lego workshop and an early morning fitness session, to waken us all up.



On the evening of our Group AGM, the Beavers enjoyed creating fantastic cartoon drawings, with the superb Liz Million, again on Zoom. Everyone learned that they had artistic skills far beyond what they had imagined. Another visitor ran a coding workshop for us, just before the Easter break, and the Beavers coded their own Chaser game using Scratch, gaining the Digital Maker Stage 1 badge in the process. In their own time, several Beavers also completed Eastwood District's DC Challenge.



After Easter, we were delighted to be able to meet up again face-to-face, albeit we had to return to Fairweather Park. It was so much fun to be together again and able to climb trees, enjoy the challenge of an obstacle course, plant hanging baskets for Whitecraigs Care Home and enjoy lots of outdoor games. In so doing, we completed the Health and Fitness and Explore badges and tied up odds and ends for a few Challenge Awards. We also invested the Beavers who joined us in January, once we could all actually be in one place together.



Thanks to a grant from the Arnold Clark Community Fund and further easing of restrictions, we were able to enjoy a fabulous final night at Flipout and we presented 8 Chief Scout's Bronze Awards to some of our oldest Beavers, before they moved to Cubs.



I would like to thank my fellow leaders and young leaders for their continued dedication – Jade, Bish, Emma, Laura, Millie, Ra'eesah, Fiona and Leo, as without them we wouldn't have been able to keep running such a varied programme each week. I would also like to thank Gillian and Karen, our Group Scout Leader and Assistant Group Scout Leader, for all their support.

Finally, I'd like to thank our Beavers and their parents, for continuing to attend each week in person and online. We couldn't have offered our activities online without the help of parents, so a special thank you for your support, during these particularly difficult months.

Amy Miller

BEAVER SCOUT LEADER



During the year to 31 August 2021, we were delighted that, despite the restrictions we were working under, we continued to deliver our programme. Eight Cubs completed their Chief Scout's Silver Award before moving on to Scouts - huge congratulations to Sam McDade, Fraser Gibb, Adam Henderson, Oistin Docherty, Thomas McGettrick, Thomas Findlay, Raunak Chaudhury and Luke Hendry.



We began the year in Fairweather Park, and it was great to be able to meet face-to-face once again. However, very soon the evenings became darker, and the park rapidly became impractical. During the winter months, we met with the Cubs split between two groups whilst under restrictions. This involved some on Zoom and some meeting at the 171st Scout Hall on alternate weeks. During their time in the hall, the Cubs worked on their teamwork and problem-solving skills for their Teamwork and Skills challenges. Meanwhile, on Zoom, they learned about Air Activities and spent time thinking about ways to keep themselves safe for their Personal Safety activity badge.



Still on the Skills Challenge, a popular activity for both Cubs and others at home was our Zoom cook-a-long where we all made lemonade scones together, using only three ingredients. There were lots of smiling faces as everyone sat down to fresh scones for supper at the end of Cubs.



In January, the Cubs spent an evening researching cultures here in the UK, that were not their own, and then presented what they'd found to the rest of the pack, on Zoom.



In February, we enjoyed an evening with artist Liz Million who kickstarted the Cubs on working on their Artist badge.

The Cubs really enjoyed an evening of online coding in March, learning how to use Scratch and make their own games, which allowed them to complete their Digital Maker Stage 1 badge.



After Easter, we were delighted to meet outdoors again, in the park behind the Fairweather Hall. This allowed us to have the Cubs working together in their sixes learning about tracking signs and laying trails for each other to follow. After learning how to lay trails, the Cubs learned how to find their position on a map and how to navigate their way around the park, using a map and compass. This knowledge then allowed them to explore Newton Mearns in their sixes, for an evening.



As well as working on teamwork and navigation in the park, the Cubs enjoyed working towards their Athletics badge as they took part in shuttle runs, egg and spoon races and throwing a ball as far as they could. In May, the Cubs honed up their pioneering skills and, in their sixes, built home-made chariots which they raced in the park.

We finished the session off in June with a visit to the Glasgow Ski Centre, courtesy of a grant from the Arnold Clark Community Fund. There the Cubs tried their hand at skiing on the slopes and had fun tubing.



Collectively, the Cubs earned almost 200 badges during 2020/21.

A massive thank you to everyone who has helped and supported us during the year, especially to all the parents who have been there at the other end of our Zoom evenings, we couldn't have done it without you.

Gary, Ashley, Barbara, Chris and Alison

CUB SCOUT LEADERS

SCOUTS

After the summer the Scouts were keen to meet back in person in Fairweather Park. We discovered and reimagined many new games to allow for social distancing. Particular favourites were manhunt and wetfoot. We also worked on our Creative challenge using long exposure photography to create light drawings.



As the darker evenings arrived, we moved into the 171st Glasgow Hall, in small groups. Those not in the hall worked on badgework at home. This allowed our six oldest Scouts to complete their Chief Scout's Gold Award and be presented it on the last night of term, before they moved to Explorers.

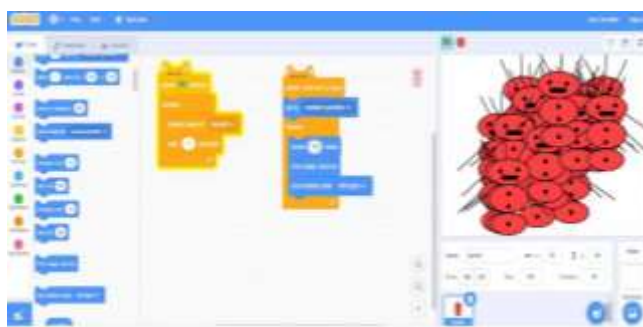


January was packed with a range of diverse programmes on Zoom. Starting with a Myth Buster night, then an extremely popular Taskmaster night. This got extremely competitive with the leaders joining in too. Next, we used a British Army resource to discuss the skills needed to work well in a team. Then putting this into action with a game of Among Us.

The Scouts tried their hand at drawing cartoons, on the Group AGM night and, later that month, Hassan joined us to do night on diet and health, giving a great medical perspective. We then completed more of the Skills challenge badge with an evening on Substance Abuse.



We finished up our Zoom sessions with a great night playing a Dungeons and Dragons style games and a coding night using Scratch, courtesy of Code Breakers.



As restrictions eased, we returned to Fairweather Park for a practical skills evening on cycle proficiency and maintenance. This was followed by a trip out to Whitelee Windfarm where the Scouts used the mountain bike course and did speed trials. A big thank you to Stephen Parker who joined us at Whitelee.

At the end of the summer term, the Scouts enjoyed a visit to Glasgow Ski Centre, thanks to funding received from the Arnold Clark Community Fund. On the final week, the Scouts braved the midges at Lapwing Lodge to have a practical night lighting fires and playing games.



Although another challenging year of Scouts we were thrilled to be able to add some normality to what was, otherwise, an extraordinary year. A big thank you and well done from all the leadership team and to all our young people, for participating this year and for being so resilient. I would also like to personally thank Stacey, Adam, Amanda and Hassan for their time and efforts over the last year allowing us to keep Scouting throughout the whole of our pandemic.

Duncan Swan

SCOUT LEADER

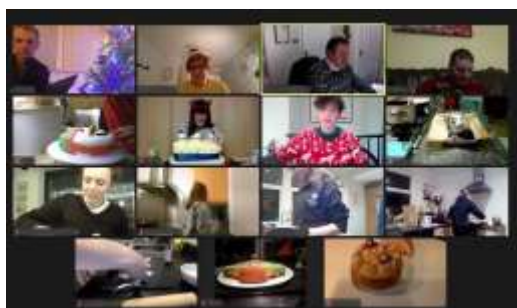
EXPLORERS

Explorer Scouting is a District provision, but we are lucky to be associated with Pegasus Explorer Scout Unit, a joint Unit between the 145th (Giffnock) and ourselves, which continues to be one of the strongest in the District. The Unit now boasts on average over 34 members attending every week.

We began our Autumn programme in August 2020, coming out of the COVID restrictions that had kept us apart and online throughout the Spring and Summer terms, although we still had severe limitations on meetings initially. We managed a “get together” in early August on the grounds of Poloc Cricket Club with some socially distanced games and activities and then everyone going home with a pizza kit to make their own pizza.



The Autumn programme included a mixture of outdoor and online activities with half the Unit meeting outdoors and the other half online each week. Tin can lanterns, giant biscuit making, big art in the park and little art online. We also managed two Sundays of activities at Lapwing Lodge, for archery, high ropes and crate climbing. We held an “in-person” Halloween film night in the hall in late October and early November and finished the year with an online Christmas Bake-Off challenge.



As 2021 arrived we found ourselves back under a full lockdown and so reverted to our online activities with our Big Quiz of 2020 kicking off the new year. This was followed by an Indian food masterclass on a Sunday afternoon, an online Virtual Monopoly Run in Vancouver, a Ready, Steady, Cook Bake-Off and a DofE session, for hopefully being able to run some expeditions later in the year.

During the Easter holidays we were able to run a DofE Gold Qualifying Hike, which had to be within East Renfrewshire, due to travel restrictions. Whilst the group wasn't permitted to camp, they covered the distance over the 4 days and even appeared on national television, due to the first day of their expedition coinciding with the death of the Duke of Edinburgh.



After Easter we were able to resume our outdoor face-to-face meetings with half the Unit online and the other half outdoors. This included creating a fire on water, Star Wars themed pancakes, Bushcraft Cooking “live” from Meggernie, a challenge hike at the Windfarm – including socially distanced s’mores! We finished our session with a night at the Bellahouston Ski Centre – originally scheduled for Christmas 2020 followed by a cycle around the Windfarm at Whitelee and a BBQ.



As restrictions eased over the course of the session, we decided to hold a Summer Camp at Meggernie Outdoor Centre in Perthshire. Individual tents were the order of the day but for those few days in the Perthshire hills the issues of the pandemic were like a distant memory. A great few days was had by all.



We successfully completed some more DofE expeditions with Gold practices and Silver qualifications being run over the summer months. I am delighted to say that Jade Thompson became our second Queen’s Scout Award recipient in recent years but also the first to also be awarded her DofE Gold Award.

Bronze Awards completed in the last year: Sophie Ward

Silver Awards completed in the last year: Evie Bain, Tabitha Baxter-Seabrook, Heidi Brocklehurst, Niamh Campbell, Millie Gallagher, Fiona Marshall, Ross Meneely, Grace Priest, Laura Thompson

Gold Awards completed in the last year: Jade Thompson



Once again, one of the biggest disappointments of the year was the further postponement of the Explorer Belt to Canada in July 2021. We have decided that the earliest we will embark on this is now the Summer of 2023.

I would like to finish by thanking Scott Adams, Gillian Caldwell, Thomas Crooks, Alasdair Keane, Robin McCall, and Molly Ward for their support and input to the Explorer Scout programme over the last year.

Kenneth Robertson
EXPLORER SCOUT LEADER

Group Scout Leader's Report

A year ago, I never imagined I'd be writing another annual report to reflect meetings in local parks and on Zoom. I'll leave it there, as I don't want to jinx the year ahead!

Despite the ongoing challenges of the pandemic however, our Leaders have once again pulled it out the bag and delivered imaginative and varied activities, to keep our young people engaged and having fun, and to ensure that lots of badges were still completed. I hope you enjoy reading the reports from our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers and I am full of appreciation and admiration, as I'm sure parents are, for our volunteers' enormous commitment towards our young people. Everyone has experienced high points and low points over the last year, and it is commendable that our team of volunteers has continued to deliver high quality youthwork, when it was #NeverMoreNeeded.

We have not met in our erstwhile home, St Cadoc's Primary School, since March 2020, due to Government restrictions and, subsequently, a freeze on school lets for community groups. However, we have made good use of local open spaces when restrictions, weather and daylight have allowed. We were indebted to 171st Glasgow (Whitecraigs) Scout Group, for the use of their small hall between October and December 2020, when restrictions eased to allow some limited indoor meetings. This was a lifeline for us, at a time when young people were really tiring of video meetings and when winter nights meant we couldn't meet outdoors.



During the last year, we were welcomed Leo Sung to our Beaver leadership team and, at the end of August, we bade farewell to Sheena Mackay, who had been our Group Chair for three years. A big thank you to Sheena for her contribution to the Group during that time. A massive well done to Ashley Miller and Barbara Fewkes who completed their Adult Training commitment during the year and who will now be awarded the Wood Badge – no mean feat with everything else that was going on! Congratulations too, to Gary Bainbridge who was awarded the Chief Scout's 25-year Service Award, Ashley Miller who was awarded the Chief Scout's 10-year Service Award, Barbara Fewkes who was awarded the Chief Scout's 5-year Service Award and Amanda Swan who was awarded the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service. All very richly deserved.

My thanks to all the Trustees in our Group Executive Committee, who continue to support our activities and undertake their charity responsibilities. Over the year they have been bombarded by endless Covid Risk Assessments to read and approve and all their support with that, and with the general running of the Group, has been hugely appreciated. Thanks too, to all our parents, for supporting our work and encouraging your children to carry on Scouting. I hope we will continue to enjoy your support during the year ahead.

However, my biggest thanks of all must go to our fantastic teams of volunteers, Adult Leaders and Young Leaders, in Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, plus Karen our Assistant Group Scout Leader. Our Leaders have a private Facebook group for sharing information and ideas, and its extremely succinct bio says "The best bunch of Leaders ever" – they certainly are!

Please follow what we get up to in the year ahead, on Twitter [@35thGlasgow](#) and on Facebook [@35thglasgowScouts](#). Follow our Explorers too, to see what opportunities await from the age of 14 years, on Twitter [@ESUPegasus](#) and on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) @PESUGlasgow.

Gillian Caldwell
GROUP SCOUT LEADER

35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group



Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the

year ended 31 August 2021

Charity No SC032888

35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group
Trustees' Annual Report
Year ended 31 August 2021

The Scout Group is constituted in terms of the Rules of The Scout Association, which is a charitable body incorporated by Royal Charter. The Group is a registered Scottish Charity - No SC032888

The Executive Committee has pleasure in presenting this report, together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Name and Address

The Group's name is the 35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group and it may be contacted at c/o 8 Rodger Avenue, Newton Mearns Glasgow G77 6JP

Constitution and Purpose

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting; enjoy what they are doing and have fun; take part in activities indoors and outdoors; learn by doing; share in spiritual reflection; take responsibility and make choices; undertake new and challenging activities; make and live by their Promise.

Trustees

Sheena Mackay	Chair
Deborah Reid	Secretary
Stephen Parker	Treasurer
Lorna MacInnes	Group Executive Member
Kirstin McGettrick	Group Executive Member
Suzanne Cotton	Group Executive Member
Gillian Caldwell	Group Scout Leader
Karen Imrie	Asst Group Scout Leader
Amy Miller	Beaver Scout Leader
Gary Bainbridge	Cub Scout Leader
Duncan Swan	Scout Leader

Trustees are recruited and appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of the Scout Association (and Scottish variations).

Activities and Achievements

Despite the ongoing global pandemic, the Group continued to meet in local outdoor spaces, at the 171st Glasgow's Scout Hall and sometimes virtually, during lockdowns or to limit numbers meeting face-to-face. Activities were more limited than normal but the Sections embraced the outdoors and enjoyed a range of activities nonetheless, with 26 Top Awards being achieved across the Sections. The Beavers held a virtual sleepover and enjoyed an end of term trip to a trampoline park, while the Cubs and Scouts tried their hand at skiing and snowboarding.

Results for the year

There was a small surplus in 2020-21. £850 of the recorded surplus were monies held as deposits for an international trip, which had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. The operating surplus was therefore only £260. A surplus was attributable to the fact that we paid no let bills during the year, again due to the pandemic, and as a result of donations received. Annual subscriptions were temporarily reduced, given the circumstances in which the Group was operating.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees believe that around 24 months of annual expenditure is an appropriate level of reserves in order to cover the timing differences between receipts and payments and to allow for any unexpected items of expenditure on events or equipment.

Approved by the Group Executive Committee on 6 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by :-



Group Scout Leader

35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group
Independent Examiner's Report
Year ended 31 August 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group

I report on the financial statements of the 35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group ("the Group") for the year ended 31 August 2021 which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations"). The Group's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with the Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group and a comparison of the accounts presented with the those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with the Regulations, and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the Regulations 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.

(signature)  Allan Gibson

(qualifications) Chartered Accountant

(date) 31 December 2021

35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 August 2021

	Note	2020-21	2019-20
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Income			
Subscriptions	3	1,180.41	2,802.50
Tax Recovered - Gift Aid		1,061.10	1,015.21
Donations		1,069.17	1,224.00
Group Activities			
Section Programme Events		0.00	2,967.00
Fund-Raising Activities			
		0.00	0.00
Investment Income			
Bank Interest		0.00	0.00
Total Receipts		3,310.68	8,008.71
PAYMENTS			
Group Activities			
Programme Activities		1,036.04	3,759.17
Badges/Handbooks & Uniform		542.77	556.28
Leader Training		0.00	5.00
Equipment Purchase & Maintenance		239.7	133.13
Premises	4	143.48	777.75
Management & Administration Costs		238.00	452.83
Donations		0.00	0.00
Total Payments		2,199.99	5,684.16
Surplus (Deficit) for year		1,110.69	2,324.55

35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group
Statement of Balances
Year ended 31 August 2021

	2020-21	2019-20
Cash & Bank Balances (Unrestricted)		
Balance as at 01/09/20	6,393.19	4,068.64
Surplus for the year	1,110.69	2,324.55
Balance as at 31/08/21	7,503.88	6,393.19
Bank Current Account	7,503.88	6,393.19
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Other Assets

The Group owns a range of camping equipment, a camping trailer and various kilts.

Liabilities

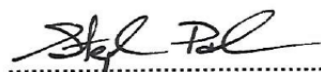
The Group collected camp fees of £850 during the year 2019-20 for a planned trip to Denmark which has been cancelled due to COVID restrictions. These fees will be repaid during the year 2021-22.

The Notes on Page 5 form an integral part of these Accounts.

Approved by the Group Executive Committee on 6 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:-



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Group Scout Leader



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Treasurer

35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group
Notes to the Accounts
Year ended 31 August 2021

	2020-21	2019-20
1 Funds		
The Group maintains a single undesignated general fund for all its financial transactions.		
2 Trustees Remuneration & Expenses		
The Trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year (2019-20: Nil)		
3 Subscription Income		
Beavers	1,524.04	1,715.00
Cubs	1,458.42	1,620.00
Scouts	1,531.95	1,605.00
	4,514.41	4,940.00
Less: Subscriptions transferred to Pegasus Explorer Scout Unit	382.00	28.50
Less: Membership fees paid to Scout Headquarters	2,952.00	2,109.00
	1,180.41	2,802.50
4 Premises		
Insurance	143.48	147.05
Hall Lets	0.00	630.70
	143.48	777.75