

2020/2021

Annual Report & AGM



Scout Section Summer Camp 2021 - Brockholes

Chairman's Foreword

Well, what a year / 18 months that was!!! Members of our great international Scout Group could not have been prepared for what lay ahead. A year of turmoil and new terminology like track and trace and social distancing and a year of extreme challenge, demanding patience and resilience.

From the shock of the initial lockdown, matters have evolved and developed gradually, and by imperceptible degrees, in what has been a huge and important learning curve.

For my part, this has simply reaffirmed my long held-view that we, at the 16th Morecambe, have remarkable leaders and an exceptional Exec Committee.

It has been genuinely inspiring to see our Leaders in action, adapting quickly and compassionately, adhering to new guidelines and keeping lines of communication with our Young People and Adult Volunteers open and accessible.

The Exec Committee spent valuable time liaising with appropriate parties, reducing and minimising costs & expenses

and applying for available reliefs, allowances and grants. I even tried to furlough our Treasurer, Robert at one point!!



Special thanks from me to Roger Crewdson and those that worked tirelessly to keep our premises secure & immaculate and to Adria Weaving, our former Group Secretary for her sterling service.

So whilst the last year was, in some ways, one of disappointment, heartache and isolation and we adjusted to a new normal and our members lost valuable face to face time from their Scouting career, I remain confident that the 16th Morecambe is well placed to make up for lost time, fully refreshed, innovated, restored and enthused.

SO BE PREPARED!



Paul Anderton

BEAVERS

Alder Beavers meet on a Monday and Willow Beavers meet on a Thursday at 6pm-7pm. During Covid restrictions both colonies have run at much reduced numbers in order to run effective online meetings and maintain social distancing, but we intend for these numbers to grow again as restrictions ease, back up to the maximum of 24 Beavers per colony.

In the Autumn term we were meeting online and setting tasks for the Beavers to complete at home. They completed their Communicator badge by learning how to make phone calls, send emails and how to use the phonetic alphabet. We also challenged them to achieve their Explore activity badge by going somewhere new and showing and telling everyone all about it. We finished the term with an online Christmas party run by Natasha Butler, which the Beavers thoroughly enjoyed.



We continued with online and badge work at home in the New Year with the Cook and Photography badges. The blended method worked well with things like kitchen safety being covered online and the cooking taking place at home – sometimes all at once on Zoom for example pancake day - and photos of other dishes they had prepared being shared on our Facebook group. The Beavers all engaged really well with the online meetings and it was fantastic to see the adventures they were getting up to with their families through their photos.



After completing our risk assessments we returned to face to face meetings after Easter. The Adventure Challenge badge was perfect for outdoor scouting as we visited the beach to build sandcastles, launched rockets, toasted marshmallows and completed an assault course. It was so special to be able to invest our newest Beavers, teach them some of our favourite games and award Bronze awards to our leavers. We're so proud of how well the youngest section have adapted to a difficult year and still achieved the badges they would have done face to face.



We are also grateful for the Leaders who have adapted to a new way of running Beavers, volunteering their time to learn, plan and ultimately run a successful programme – Beavers is made up of Jen, Andrew, Sue, Debs, Jolanta and young leader Will. 16th Morecambe is made up of many more volunteers but we are always looking for extra help, if you are interested in getting involved in any way - perhaps you have a skill you could share with our young people, or have time to spare in supporting the running of Lonsdale's largest group - we'd love to hear from you.

Debs White



cubs

Like everyone in September 2020, we had been hoping that after the summer break, we would have been able to return to face to face Scouting but alas, the ongoing pandemic put a stop to that. However, not to be defeated, Cubs worked on their Gardening and Artists activity badges at the beginning of the term.

Towards the end of the year and despite the restrictions of lockdown, many of our older Cubs achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award – the highest award in Cubs and even more so, given the lockdown restrictions at the time – we are proud of every single one of them!



The New Year saw us continue with badge work from home and Cubs completed their Astronomers Badge and then their Photographer's Badge. By May 2021, we were finally back to face-to-face Scouting at long last – albeit in small groups which met fortnightly – luckily for us, the weather was kind and we were able to get outside for fun and games, working on our Athletics badge and Communicators Badge.

The year was ended by further Cubs gaining their Chief Scout Silver Award and moving up to Scouts. Again, another proud moment for the Leaders.

We held our breaths in the summer holidays for the news that in September we were finally able to meet as full packs every week – the first we have been able to do this in 18 months!

Cubs have maintained a healthy level of young people are currently have 46 Cubs attending between both Apache and Sioux packs.

The Cub leadership team are really looking forward to the year ahead and for the opportunities that our young people will have to gain skills for life.

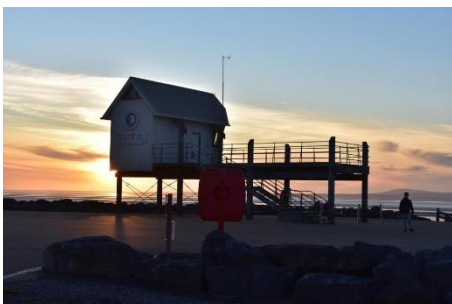
Ruth Holmes



SCOUTS

Looking back over the period since the last AGM, Scouts continued as normal with our usual winter programme and we had a very successful Winter Camp at Guy's Farm in January 2020.

However, everything changed at first lockdown and we had to adapt to virtual meetings over Zoom. This was a challenge for both the Scouts and the leaders but we all overcame the challenge. We ran several fun sessions such as home scavenger hunts, online games (mostly playing a game called among us). We also managed to fit in some badge work too, the most memorable badge we covered was the photography badge, as the photos we received truly captured the lockdown.



We had several scouts join us during this virtual period so our only interaction was during these online sessions. However this all changed when we returned to face to face meetings in May 2021. Our first night back was kayaking on the canal in Carnforth, it was great to finally see the Scouts again and meet lots of new faces, although we had the challenge of staying socially distant made easier by holding long paddles! Over the following months we also managed to run activities including woggle making, an athletics night at Salt Ayre and we ran our first tomahawk throwing night all while staying socially distant.

This summer we were one of the first groups in the country to get back camping. We held a camp on the meadow at Silverhelme in early June taking 12 of the oldest Scouts as we were still under very strict Covid measures, followed a month later by Summer Camp where we took 29 Scouts to Great Tower Scout Activity Centre in Windermere. This was an action packed camp including rifle shooting and archery (to complete the Master of Arms badge), bell boat racing, paddle boarding and tree top trek at Brockholes. You may have seen the video of our camp floating around Facebook, we all had a fantastic time!

SCOUTS

CONTINUED....

As we enter the Winter term again we shall return with 47 Scouts and we have planned an outdoor programme for this term, including a kayaking day, wide games, chip survey and foreign cooking night.

Our aims for the troop going forward are to increase the skills and activity permits our leaders hold to offer as many activities in-house as possible, starting with archery and hopefully being able to build our own archery range, and moving onto rifle shooting and higher level water safety qualifications and permits to enable us to kayak on the river.



Scouts - 16th Morecambe & Heysham



We would like to thank the executive committee for their support and hard work throughout this difficult period in looking after our HQ, and also for the purchase of new buoyancy aids, helmets and paddles so we can introduce kayaking to our programme again. We would also like to thank the parents and Scouts for their support and flexibility as we have battled our way through this new era of risk assessments and change.

None of this would be possible without our fantastic Scout Leadership team - Alex and Harry, Jack and Josh who have recently completed their adult Leader training and our Young Leaders Sophie and Oli who will both commence their Leader training next year.

Yours in Scouting

Sian James



EXPLORERS

Discovery

Lonsdale

Explorers are a go-getting group of young people aged 14 to 18. Together, they make up the fourth section of the Scouts.

Discovery Explorer Scout Unit have ~20 Explorers and we share a premises with the 16th Morecambe where we gather to try new things, make new friends and conquer the small task of changing the world.

We're extremely grateful to the 16th for allowing us to use their kayaks and associated equipment. We've been out 3 times in them this term. We would also like to thank Alex and Tony for running a night of tomahawk throwing for Discovery in July this year. Thank you.

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic we have continued to meet up whenever we have been able to. As restrictions ease, we are excited about getting back to a more adventurous face to face programme.

We look forward to welcoming your young people, and potentially supporting them through the Young Leader Programme, when they have completed their Scouting journey as a youth member with the 16th Morecambe.



Discovery Explorer Scout Unit meet every Monday 19.30-21.00 at 16th Morecambe Scout Hut.

Scouts can move on between the ages of 13 ½ and 14 ½, depending on when best suits.

Some things won't change when you move. Your shirt might change colour, but you'll still earn badges and awards. And you'll still run around and get your hands dirty once in a while, because having fun doesn't stop just because you're a little older and wiser.

The main thing that will change is the amount of freedom Explorers have. Between the ages of 14 and 18, youngsters are fast approaching adulthood, and are

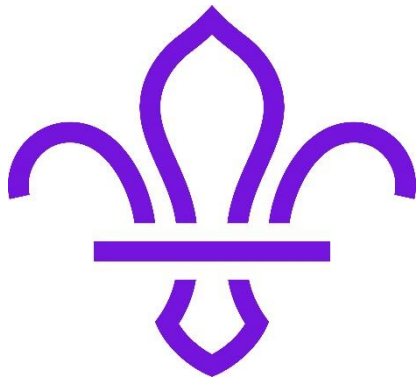
treated as such. Explorers make more decisions. Our program is Explorer led and they're offered the opportunities to conquer the trickiest of expeditions. Explorers also focus harder on the skills that are most valuable and transferrable in life – regardless of if you're planning to go to university or not.

The activities you take part in will give you many opportunities to grab life with both hands, and see where you end up.

Most of all Explorers have fun, make new friends, discover and Explore. We welcome you to try Explorers while you're still a Scout.

Steph Stephenson
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YouShape



Group Scout Leader's Report

I am pleased to report the group is in a strong position again with around 120 young people across 6 Sections and 20 adults involved with running the group. We remain the biggest group in the District! Please read the section reports for details of the exciting activities the sections have managed to organise under the recently lifted restrictions. The strength of our group comes from the long-standing leaders and dedicated Executive committee some of whom are over 20 years in a role, this gives us stability and continuity in the group. Many thanks to these people who give up their time unpaid and to their long-suffering families who support them in their roles. The effects of the pandemic have been hard on all sections and a lot of work and risk assessments have been undertaken behind the scenes in preparation for our return to face to face Scouting and this has been a taxing burden on all.

Debs White, Rodger Crewdson and Jen Moore are being presented with commendation awards for their service to the group, congratulations to them.

The Executive committee has worked tirelessly to ensure we came out of the pandemic ready to go with risk assessments and fire

Scouts - 16th Morecambe & Heysham



checks and the mini bus being made roadworthy again. Many thanks for their hard work.

I am starting a recruitment drive for new adults to help in the Group, this could be as a Leader or a helper or on the exec helping on events like this AGM. Why do leaders and exec stay in role for 20 years plus? Is it easy? Not always, is it some times challenging? Yes. IS it rewarding and fun? Always. Do we grow as adults by being part of Scouting? YES. Are you looking for something more in your Life after the pandemic? Scouting could be it, learn new skills, work with dedicated, motivated people and make lifelong friends.

My greatest pleasure is seeing the young people move through the sections from 6-14 ½ and hopefully learning some skills for life, independence and resilience, understanding about community and social responsibility along the way. The old saying is "we don't learn everything at school".

We have an excellent Explorer section run by Chris and Steph Stephenson, long serving leaders, involved in the group. They take young adults from 13 ½ to 18 so your child could be with us for 12 years!

We have much to look forward to in the year ahead, I know all sections are planning residential camp events. We will look at the feasibility of a Family camp again in June depending on external factors. Please try and support both the group and your section leaders, encourage your child to participate in all activities especially camp as this is where they learn the most. We can't operate without your support which we are all grateful for.

Andrew Blenkinship
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Treasurer's Note

Our Group is extremely fortunate to have received Covid Relief funding from the UK Government, this explains why our accounts have a healthy balance despite not collecting subscriptions for over a year, or being able to fundraise in the usual manner.

We are currently investing this money in replacing some of our aging equipment and in new equipment so that we can continue to provide an action packed programme full of adventurous activities for our Young People.

The detailed accounts and a copy of the independent examiners report on the accounts are included in pages 9-12 of this report.

Rob Gill

Group Treasurer

New Group Secretary Introduction

My family came to the 16th Morecambe after a change in my work circumstances forced me to change the way that I volunteer with the Scouts.

My two boys, Oliver and Joey are in Cubs and Scouts respectively. Scouting has always been a part of my life and I genuinely believe that volunteering with the Scouts is #goodforyou !!

Volunteering as the Group Secretary for the 16th Morecambe means that I am involved in the management of the Group, everything from setting up meetings to working with the Group Executive to ensure that we provide a Safe Scouting Premises, all skills that I use every day at work!



I love being able to volunteer flexibly and to fit my volunteering around my busy work schedule. I'd like to say a massive thanks to everyone at the 16th for the warm welcome that me and my family have received over the last year.

Dave Neal



2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday 18th September 2021

Time: 1300-1500 (in conjunction with a Family Treasure Trail & Tomahawk Throwing)

Location: Torrisholme Primary School Field

Attendees: 16th Morecambe Executive Committee, 16th Morecambe Adult Volunteers, Parents and Young People plus Mandy Sweet (Lonsdale District Commissioner), Tony Andrews (Lonsdale District Chair) & Alan Hague (Lonsdale District Secretary)

1. Meeting opened by Paul Anderton (Group Chairman)

- The Chair extended a special welcome to Mrs Joyce Brooks – long-time 16th Morecambe volunteer

2. Apologies for absence were received from Roger Crewdson (Exec Member) & Sian James (Scout Leader).

3. Section Leader annual report summaries, reflections and look-aheads;

- Beavers – Presented by Debs White (Beaver Scout Leader)
- Cubs – Presented by Marcus Harding (Cub Scout Leader)
- Scouts – Presented by Alex James (Assistant Scout Leader)

4. Group Scout Leader annual report summary, reflections and look-ahead presented by Andrew Blenkinship.

5. Presentations – MS & AB

- Alex James was presented with his Wood Beads by Mandy Sweet (DC)
- Debs White was presented with her Wood Beads by Mandy Sweet (DC)
- Susan Blenkinship was presented with her 10 year Long Service Award by Mandy Sweet (DC)
- Dave Neal was given an opportunity to renew his Scout Promise and was presented with a 16th Morecambe necker by Andrew Blenkinship (DC)

4. The Group Executive Committee received and accepted the annual accounts followed by a brief summary from Robert Gill (Group Treasurer)

6. Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chair;

Paul Anderton was nominated by Andrew Blenkinship. The nomination was seconded by Robert Gill and accepted by all present.

7. Approval of the Group Chair's nomination of the Group Secretary;

Dave Neal was nominated by Paul Anderton. The nomination was seconded by Andrew Blenkinship and accepted by all present.

8. Approval of the Group Chair's nomination of the Group Treasurer;

Robert Gill was nominated by Paul Anderton. The nomination was seconded by Andrew Blenkinship and accepted by all present.

8. Approval of the Group Chair's nomination of the Group Auditor;

Lisa Stott was nominated by Paul Anderton. The nomination was seconded by Robert Gill and accepted by all present.

9. Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of members of the Group Executive Committee;

Roger Crewdson and Tony White were nominated by Andrew Blenkinship. These nominations were seconded by Paul Anderton and accepted by all present. Additional nominations were invited from all present but none were forthcoming at the time of the meeting.

12. Meeting Closed by Paul Anderton (Group Chair)

Accounts for Year Ending 31st December 2020

16th Morecambe Church of Ascension Scout Group Receipts and Payments Accounts for Year ended 31st December 2020

Receipts	2019	2020	Payments	2019	2020
	£	£		£	£
Subscriptions	£14,097.50	£3,905.00	Capitation	£5,100.00	£4,735.50
Guides / Explorer Rent	£822.00	£156.00	Leader Insurance	£532.22	£-
Other Rent	£390.00	£-	Utilities	£912.95	£733.20
Camp Receipts	£17,649.00	£1,133.00	H.Q. Expenses	£2,544.48	£1,557.66
Section Activities and Sun	£1,303.00	£622.00	Camp Expenditure	£14,072.85	£1,762.35
Donations Received	£410.00	£10,000.00	Minibus Expenditure	£1,985.20	£626.71
Gift Aid	£1,685.85	£-	Activities & Sundries	£4,637.72	£891.78
Uniform	£476.00	£78.00	Uniform	£687.03	£27.56
Bank Interest	£80.30	£55.77	Gifts and Donations Made	£847.50	£-
Fund Raising	£4,690.35	£2,103.51	Fund Raising Expenses	£396.78	£558.11
Fund Raising Minibus	£-	£-	Badges & Books	£922.04	£319.21
Use of minibus	£180.50	£-	Training	£120.00	£-
Less charges to sections	£-180.50	£-	Equipment (Inc.Repairs)	£2,627.49	£957.80
Hikes and Trips	£-	£-	Postage & Stationery	£368.51	£215.67
Miscellaneous	£611.48	£-	Miscellaneous	£677.96	£140.95
			Bank Charges	£300.00	£300.00

Receipts not cleared

£-

Payments not cleared

£-

Exec Balance B/fwd £21,491.68

£24,160.14

Exec Balance C/fwd

£24,160.14

£30,640.95

Section Balance B/fwd £10,453.49

£13,267.78

Section Balance C/fwd

£13,267.78

£12,013.75

£74,160.65

£55,481.20

£74,160.65

£55,481.20

Group Scout Leader

Audited and found to be correct

Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Name LISA STOTT11/05

Executive Committee Members



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

16th Morecambe & Heysham Scout Group

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

509581

Set out on pages

Page 1 & 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

11/05/2021

Name:

LISA STOTT

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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October 2018

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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