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# 145th Glasgow Scout Group

A Registered Scottish Charity No SC033531

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## Annual Report & Financial Statement 2020-2021



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# BEAVERS

Another strange year that started on Zoom and finished with us all in the hall and back to face to face scouting. We continued with our bi-weekly zoom meetings and activities ranged from a scavenger hunt, YouTube draw along, building evening to easter chicks. At the end of March we headed out to Eastwood Park for an exploration in the rain and mud and much fun was had by all. A number of our beavers started work on the Eastwood District DC Challenge badge which consisted of a number of challenges including keeping beds tidy, boat building, hat making and edible bird nests- I am glad to say that badges have eventually been received and should be handed out soon.



We had a number of outdoor games evening in May due to the late nights with a nature walk at beginning of June. Last night before the summer break was celebrated with a small campfire in the church carpark with a singalong and toasted marshmallows.



Congratulations to all beavers who worked hard on and earned a number of activity badges during the year - all details can be found on our Facebook page.

Thank you to Jane, Lesley, Cameron, Maya and Theo for all their help this past year.

Lindsay Sharp  
**AGSL/ACTING BEAVER LEADER**

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# cubs

Well, the Cubs have proved themselves to be resilient, flexible and up for pretty much anything since our last AGM. Nights out in Rouken Glen, including star-spotting during the dark evenings and playing field sports and nature rambling in the company of our esteemed Group Scout Leader Brendan during the light evenings. The Cubs probably know Rouken Glen better than most of us now!



Sandwiched between these sessions we did indulge in Zoom meetings, where everything from quizzing, to cake-in-a-mug making, to emoji icing, kept the Cubs occupied and learning.

Good luck to the Cubs who have progressed to Scouts (how time flies!) and welcome to the new Cubs who have joined us from Beavers and beyond.

Thanks to our leaders for their consistent support - to Jake for his great ideas and chirpy good nature, to Iain who had taken a leave of absence from Scouting due to career commitments, for his diverse contributions (camp fire songs, indoor piano and outdoor guitar most notably) and thanks to Colin for bravely stepping in from Scouts - their loss is our gain. We are all looking forward to great Cub-times ahead.

**Irene Hemfrey**  
**ASSISTANT CUB SCOUT LEADER**

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# SCOUTS

In the early part of the year, Scouts continued to meet regularly online throughout the lockdown. It was great to see and hear from the Scouts every couple of weeks and giving them a chance to see and interact with their friends. Our online program has been wide and varied including a number of different parlour games and even learning some French. The Scouts adapted brilliantly to the online meetings and participate really well in all of the activities. Since returning to face-to-face Scouting, we had a number of meetings outdoor throughout the (nicer) weather of the late Spring and early Summer with lots of rounders, running about and catching up with one another across Huntly Park and Rouken Glen. Scouts also got to put their map reading skills to the test as we had a night-hike up (and back down) Blackwood Hill in the heart of Whitelee Windfarm. Scouts were rewarded with excellent views across Glasgow and beyond.



We were delighted to get back into the hall, with mitigations, and are very grateful to the church for allowing us back in. The Scouts showed great resilience as they adapted to all the new rules and transitioned effortlessly from online to outdoor to indoor Scouting. Once back inside, Scouts began work on their Teamwork Challenge badge. Scouts got to work in small groups thinking about what



makes a good team and completing a number of teamworking tasks. We were delighted to welcome a number of new and not so new Scouts into the Troop by formally investing them. It is a huge pleasure to see the Troop continue to grow, even during the very strange last few years.

Scout nights, badges and activities don't just happen, it is only with the dedication, commitment and hard work of the leadership team that we have been able to carry on meeting throughout the course of the year. As well as investing a large number of young people into the Troop, this year we have also had the pleasure of investing three leaders into the Scout section. A massive thank you to Hugh, Angus and Keir who have shown great commitment already to Scouting and without whom the section would not be able to run.

Unfortunately, this year we have had to say goodbye to Thomas P, Cameron and Harminder from the leadership team. On behalf of the leaders and all of the Scouts we thank them for all of their hard work over the years and wish them well as they go off on their new adventures. The New Year brings further changes to the leadership team, as I step in to help out at Cubs on a Tuesday night, we welcome Thomas Crooks who will be taking over as Scout Leader and we wish Thomas all the best.

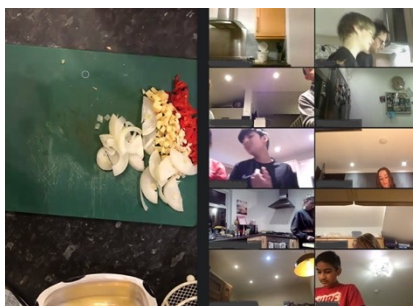
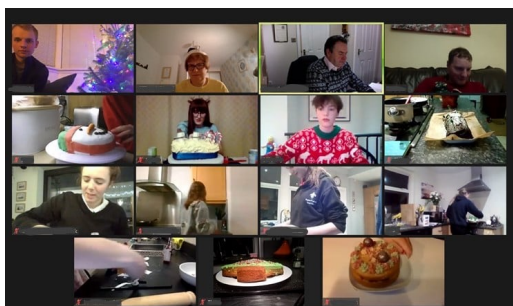
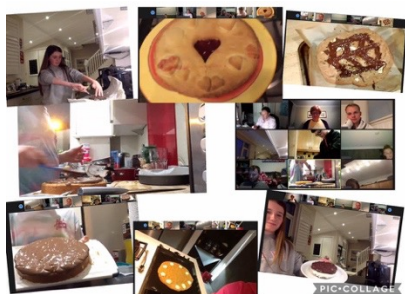
**Colin Lamont**  
**SCOUT LEADER**

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# EXPLORERS

Explorer Scouting is a District provision, but we are lucky to be associated with Pegasus Explorer Scout Unit, a joint Unit between the 35<sup>th</sup> (Crookfur) 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.

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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 smores! 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.



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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



*Jade receiving her Queen's Scout Award*

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**

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# 145th Glasgow Scout Group

## Group Scout Leader Report

The “Covid Years” – it’s difficult to distinguish one year from the other. However, 2020-2021 was not quite so restrictive and we could see light in the distance, which helped everyone to keep on doing as much scouting as they could.

We thank our leadership team for their huge efforts over this period. It has been hard and we owe them all a huge debt of gratitude. Thank you.

I give particular thanks to Iain McHugh who has stepped back from Cubs. After being an Explorer, Iain began as a leader in 2012 and since then, has participated in many activities with our young people. During lockdown Iain played a significant role in ensuring the continuation of the Cub programme, stepping up to the responsibility of leading the section last year.

Colin Lamont very kindly agreed to help out with Cubs from Christmas and in the process realized, on leaving scouts, just how long he has been a scout leader, since at least 2006, in fact. Thank you, Colin. Thomas Crooks is taking the lead at Scouts for a short period, as well as continuing to help out at Explorers. We will be reviewing this arrangement for Cubs and Scouts at Easter.

It’s worthwhile noting that four of our current leaders have progressed themselves through Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers in the 145<sup>th</sup>. Explorers – take note! We have great expectations.

A peek into the future. We are about to run a residential weekend at Lapwing for Scouts this March – the first for a very, very, long time and Scouts are going to attend an International Jamboree in the summer - in Kent. Beavers and Cubs have plans in place to “go places” and you can see how the Explorers are progressing.

So the 145<sup>th</sup> is back on track.

**Brendan Harris**  
**GROUP SCOUT LEADER**  
**145th Glasgow Scout Group**



CHARITY NUMBER SC033531

**145<sup>th</sup> GLASGOW SCOUT GROUP**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**



REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Charity Name: 145<sup>th</sup> Glasgow Scout Group

Charity Number: SC033531

Trustees: Judy Taggart Chairperson  
Vacant Secretary  
John Harrower Treasurer  
Brendan Harris Group Scout Leader  
Lindsay Sharp Assistant Group Scout Leader  
Lesley Mackay Beaver Scout Leader  
Moirra Harris Cub Scout Leader  
Colin Lamont Scout Leader  
Kenneth Robertson Explorer Scout Leader

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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The Executive Committee have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 August 2021

**STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE**

**Constitution**

The charity is a Scout Group constituted in terms of the Rules of The Scout Association, which itself is a charitable body incorporated by Royal Charter.

**Appointment and Retirement of Trustees**

Trustees are recruited and appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of the Scout Association. During the year Audrey Ross retired as Chairperson of the Group Executive Committee and was replaced by Judy Taggart.

The position of Secretary to the Group Executive Committee is currently unfilled.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Charitable Purpose**

The purpose 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.

**Activities & Achievements**

During the year the Charity has continued to grow its membership whilst increasing the number of opportunities available to its members by offering an increased number of outings, camps and adventurous activities.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

During the year the Charity made a deficit of £6,336 (2020 surplus £11,250). Unrestricted funds decreased to £26,308 (2020 - £32,644).

It has been requested again to consolidate the Explorer's accounts with the 145th Glasgow Scout Group.

**Reserves Policy**

The Trustees believe that around 2 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. Reserves at the end of the year were £26,308 (2020 - £32,644) which is considered within range.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

The Charity plans to continue to promote its charitable objectives through its activities and events.

Approved by the Group Executive Committee on 21 February 2022 and signed on its behalf by:-

Judy Taggart  
Chairperson

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021 which are set out on pages 5 to 7

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES & EXAMINER**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the Accounts Regulations 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 Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with 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 the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
  - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts 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.



David Nairn, CA  
Director  
Milne Craig  
Chartered Accountants  
Abercorn House  
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21 February 2022

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 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 21
 

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	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Voluntary Income			
Subscriptions	4	368	4,443
Fund-Raising Activities	5	2,251	8,885
Grants/Donations/Gift Aid		2,355	7,169
Group Activities			
Scout Programme Events		2,631	3,611
Iceland 2019		-	4,802
Canada 2020		6,150	14,181
Switzerland 2020		-	-
Essex 2020		-	4,723
Refund of Canada 2020 expenses		<u>10,468</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u><b>24,223</b></u>	<u><b>47,814</b></u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Cost of Fundraising	6	33	351
Group Activities			
Programme Activities		3,506	8,425
Badges, Books and Consumables		23	501
Premises & Equipment	7	1,784	1,000
General Expenditure		-	1,309
Iceland 2019		-	5,861
Canada 2020		-	13,534
Refund of Canada 2020 bookings		23,991	-
Essex 2020		122	4,901
Website Administration Fees		100	200
Donations		<u>1,000</u>	<u>482</u>
<b>Total Payments</b>		<u><b>30,559</b></u>	<u><b>36,564</b></u>
		<u>(6,336)</u>	<u>11,250</u>
<b>(Deficit) / Surplus for year</b>			

All funds are unrestricted

STATEMENT OF BALANCES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>			
Balance as at 31 August 2019/2020		32,644	21,394
(Deficit) / Surplus for year		<u>(6,336)</u>	<u>11,250</u>
Balance as at 31 August 2020/2021		<u>26,308</u>	<u>32,644</u>
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<b>Bank and Cash Balances</b>			
Bank Current Accounts		7,900	22,523
Special Camp Account		7,007	7,129
Explorer Expedition Account		10,030	1,621
Cash in Hand		<u>1,371</u>	<u>1,371</u>
		<u>26,308</u>	<u>32,644</u>

**Other Assets**

There are no other significant assets at 31 August 2021

**Liabilities**

There are no significant liabilities at 31 August 2021

All funds are unrestricted

The Notes on page 7 form part of these Accounts.

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

Judy Taggart  
Chairperson

21 February 2022

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. **Basis of Accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. **Nature and Purpose of Funds**

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The Trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the Group.

3. **Trustees Remuneration & Expenses**

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year (2020 - £nil).

	2021	2020
	£	£
4. <b>Subscription Income</b>		
Beavers	615	1,420
Cubs	1,107	1,740
Group	2,706	2,793
Scout Troop	1,034	2,090
Explorer Scout Unit	<u>2,082</u>	<u>3,079</u>
	7,544	11,122
Less: Paid to Scout Headquarters	<u>(7,176)</u>	<u>(6,679)</u>
	<u>368</u>	<u>4,443</u>
5. <b>Fund Raising Income</b>		
145 <sup>th</sup> Fundraising /100 Club	-	168
Sponsored Cycle	920	1,245
Christmas Bag Pack/Extra bag pack	-	1,784
Quiz Night	565	-
Rag Bag	529	340
Sponsored Walk	-	540
Other	<u>237</u>	<u>4,808</u>
	<u>2,251</u>	<u>8,885</u>
6. <b>Cost of Fund Raising</b>		
Games Night	-	209
Sponsored Walk	-	142
Other	<u>33</u>	-
	<u>33</u>	<u>351</u>
7. <b>Premises/Equipment</b>		
Hall Rental	<u>1,784</u>	<u>1,000</u>