

Annual Report

and

Unaudited Accounts

For the Year Ended 31 March 2020



Notes on the 2020 Annual General Meeting Arrangements

1. Following a meeting of the Group Executive Committee, held on the 24th September 2020 it was agreed that the Groups' 2020 Annual General Meeting would be postponed until such time as the meeting could be held in person with all invited members of the council able to attend. Members of the council will be invited to attend the meeting when the Covid 19 social distancing regulations are relaxed to allow such gatherings.
2. The District Accounts will be put on the Charities Commission site as usual before the 31st January 2021.
3. A copy of the Annual Report together with the Group's full accounts will be put on the Group website.

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity Name: 5th Littlehampton Sea Scout Group
Registered Charity Number: 267357
HQ Registration Number: 1528
Principle Address: The Gordon Hall
Lineside Way
Littlehampton
West Sussex
BN17 7EN

Trustees Name

Office Held

Jill Long	Chairman
Julia Flower	Treasurer
Kester Riley	Group Scout Leader
Amber Ollerenshaw	Cub Scout Leader
Laura Stoddart	Beaver Scout Leader
Rebecca Newman-Smith	Secretary
Stuart Little	Committee Member
Gary Silverson	Scout Section Representative

Trustees listed as of the 31st March 2020.

Advisors:

Thatcher Hobbs Langridge LLP, 303 Goring Road, Worthing, West Sussex BN12 4NX

Banking Details:

5th Littlehampton Sea Scouts holds three bank accounts, Primary, Savings and a Camp Account with Lloyds.

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Byelaws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees, they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee should consist of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and usually meets once every half term.

Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub-committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.
- Risk and Internal Control

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them.

The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment.

The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members.

The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fundraising.

The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders.

The Group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a section or the group then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members.

The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a section or the group then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C

Objectives and activities

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development,

empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

- Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
- Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- 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.

As a Sea Scout Group, our purpose is to deliver Scouting to young people aged 6 to 14 with an emphasis on water-based activities. By engaging with our young people, we design and deliver a programme of activities that will engage, entertain and stimulate. Taking full advantage of our location we ensure that water and outside activities dominate our programme where possible and practical. Principle activities include kayaking, canoeing, powerboating, paddle boarding, camping, hiking and first aid. All designed to deliver lifelong skills and progress our young people towards their Chief Scouts Awards and to maintaining an ongoing and lifelong interest in Scouting.

Section D

Achievements and performance

The past 12 months have continued to see the Group establish itself financially and functionally. The continued growth in membership numbers has seen an ever-increasing demand for a second Cub Scout Pack for which preparations are in train. The ability of the Group to attract new members is a testament to the quality of the programme provided by the leadership team. The work undertaken last year to secure regular hall hires has provided the Group with a considerable degree of financial stability. Hall hire income now covers the regular hall outgoings, meaning that subscription income from members can be dedicated to supporting the training programme. The financial prospects of the Group continue to improve, and the

Executive continues to make prudent financial provision for a "rainy day". Ongoing fundraising has continued to be important to the Group as we need to renew old equipment and make appropriate provision for the larger membership of the Group; a lot of effort and success has come from making applications for grants and donations, for which the Group is very thankful.

Section E

Financial Review

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 equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £9,000. At present, the group is working towards this stated target and as of the 31st March 2020 holds a sum equivalent to 4 - 5 months running costs of £7,382.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in long term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk-averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section F

Other Operational Information

As the Group continues to grow there is an ongoing demand for additional equipment and financial resources. We will continue to balance the need for financial prudence with the demands of the sections to provide an active and engaging programme of Scouting. Where we identify surplus assets, these will be liquidated in order to facilitate the purchase of equipment that will be used on a more regular basis.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signature(s)

Full Name(s)

Jill Long

Kester Riley

Position

Chairman

GSL

Chartered Accountants' Report to Trustees on the Unaudited Financial Information of**5th Littlehampton Sea Scouts**

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 24 April 2015, we have prepared for your approval the financial information of 5th Littlehampton Sea Scouts for the year which comprises of statement of financial activity and balance sheet from the entity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at icaew.com.

Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial information of 5th Littlehampton Sea Scouts and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report in accordance with the guidance of ICAEW as detailed at icaew.com. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the trustees for our work or for this report.

You have approved the financial information for the year and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

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5th Littlehampton Sea Scouts

Receipts and Payments Account For the Period Ended 31 March 2020

	Group Funds £	Camp Funds £	Total 2020 £	<i>Total 2019 £</i>
Receipts				
Fees	-	2,812	2,812	<i>2,815</i>
Other Income	1,365	-	1,365	<i>3,282</i>
Subscriptions	8,238	-	8,238	<i>7,544</i>
Fund Raising	2,063	-	2,063	<i>1,010</i>
Grants and Donations	9,984	-	9,984	<i>4,935</i>
Hall Hire	5,456	-	5,456	<i>4,403</i>
	27,106	2,812	29,918	<i>23,989</i>
Bank Interest	4	-	4	<i>1</i>
Payments				
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	684	2,648	3,332	<i>530</i>
Fund raising	1,125	-	1,125	<i>-</i>
Donations	-	-	-	<i>20</i>
Capitation	4,730	-	4,730	<i>4,569</i>
Insurance	2,993	-	2,993	<i>87</i>
Repairs and Maintenance	6,832	-	6,832	<i>1,449</i>
Utilities	1,732	-	1,732	<i>1,864</i>
Equipment	2,193	-	2,193	<i>-</i>
Telephone	61	-	61	<i>222</i>
Rent, Rates and Licences	1,167	-	1,167	<i>1,192</i>
Subscriptions	-	-	-	<i>716</i>
Activities	151	-	151	<i>2,767</i>
Accountancy	218	-	218	<i>132</i>
Motor Expenses	-	-	-	<i>629</i>
IT Costs	144	-	144	<i>-</i>
Badges, Scarfs and Clothing Expenses	1,476	-	1,476	<i>1,057</i>
Expenses	451	-	451	<i>2,109</i>
Postage	-	-	-	<i>-</i>
Staff Training	2,093	-	2,093	<i>-</i>
	26,051	2,648	28,699	<i>17,343</i>
Excess Receipts/(Deficit) Over Payments	1,058	164	1,222	<i>6,648</i>

5th Littlehampton Sea Scouts

Statement of Assets and Liabilities As at 31 March 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash in bank and in hand	1	10,767	8,691
Prepayments		-	1,429
Accounts Receivable		575	-
NET ASSETS		<u>11,342</u>	<u>10,120</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Group Fund	2	12,020	10,962
Camp Fund		(678)	(842)
		<u>11,342</u>	<u>10,120</u>

Accounting Convention

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Notes

1. Cash in bank and in hand	2020	2019
	£	£
Lloyds Bank Group	1,313	983
Lloyds Bank Camp	1,982	1,999
Lloyds Bank Business	7,382	5,709
Direct Debit GBP	90	-
	<u>10,767</u>	<u>8,691</u>
2. Funds of the Charity	Group Fund	Camp Fund
Balance at 1 April 2019	10,962	(842)
Excess of expenditure over income	1,058	164
Balance at 31 March 2020	<u>12,020</u>	<u>(678)</u>

Approved by Treasurer:

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Julia Flower
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Group Scout Leader:

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Kester Riley
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Date: 6/3/2020

Section I Financial Review

A breakdown of the group's Profit and Loss as extracted from the accounts system.

Profit and Loss

5th Littlehampton Sea Scouts

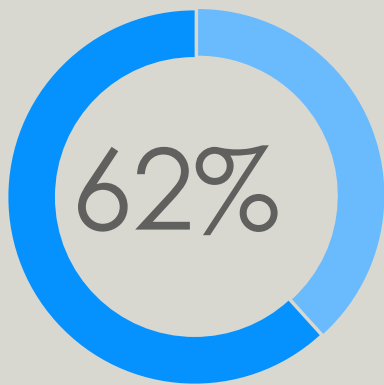
For the year ended 31 March 2020

	Account	2020
Income		
Camp Income		
	Camps Income - Beavers	15.00
	Camps Income - Cubs	250.00
	Camps Income - Scouts	2,547.20
	Total Camp Income	2,812.20
Fundraising		
	Group - Fundraising Armed Forces Day	500.85
	Group - Fundraising - Christmas Tree Sales	1,011.00
	Group - Fundraising - Fun Day Income	454.80
	Group - Fundraising - Income	96.60
	Total Fundraising	2,063.25
Grants / Donations		
	Group - Grants	4,047.00
	Group - Donations	5,937.09
	Total Grants / Donations	9,984.09
Hall Hire		
	Group - Hall Hire	5,456.00
	Total Hall Hire	5,456.00
Other Income		
	Group - Clothing Sales	392.00
	Group - Equipment Disposal	50.00
	Group - Gift Aid	917.67
	Interest Income	3.50
	Sales	5.00
	Total Other Income	1,368.17
Subscription Income		
	Subs - Perseverance	1,440.00
	Subs - Triumph	1,850.00
	Subs - Cubs	2,585.00
	Subs - Scouts	2,362.50
	Total Subscription Income	8,237.50
Total Income		29,921.21
	Gross Profit	29,921.21

Expenses

Accountancy Costs	
Accountancy - Audit & Accountancy fees	132.00
Accountancy - GoCardless	13.07
Accountancy - Xero	72.60
Total Accountancy Costs	217.67
Activity Costs	
Camps	
Camps - Beavers	15.00
Camps - Cubs	365.87
Camps - Scouts	2,266.88
Total Camps	2,647.75
Section Expenses	
Expenses - Perseverance	60.45
Expenses - Triumph	120.45
Expenses - Cubs	54.78
Expenses - Scouts	448.72
Total Section Expenses	684.40
Total Activity Costs	3,332.15
General Group Costs	
Group - AGM	151.45
Group - Badges & Scarves	814.61
Group - Capitation	4,730.00
Group - Clothing Expenses	661.01
Group - Equipment	2,193.00
Group - General Expenses	451.46
Group - Insurance	1,471.00
Group - Leader Training	2,093.36
Total General Group Costs	12,565.89
Fundraising	
Group - Fundraising	133.50
Group - Fundraising - Christmas Trees	718.00
Group - Fundraising - Fun Day	273.74
Total Fundraising	1,125.24
Hall Expenses	
Other Costs	
Hall - Insurance	1,051.60
Hall - Repairs & Maintenance	591.43
Hall - Safety Inspections	201.76
Total Other Costs	1,844.79
Utility Bills	
Hall - Broadband	144.00
Hall - Electricity	685.36
Hall - Gas	833.35
Hall - Telephone	61.20
Hall - Water	213.40
Total Utility Bills	1,937.31
Rents and Rates	
Hall - Rent	780.98
Hall - Rates	385.56
Total Rents and Rates	1,166.54
Total Hall Expenses	4,948.64
Marine Costs	
Marine Equipment - Insurance	470.68
Marine Equipment - Maintenance	4,935.70
Marine Equipment - Requisition	1,103.14
Total Marine Costs	6,509.52
Total Expenses	28,699.11
Operating Surplus	1,222.10

5th Littlehampton Sea Scouts 2019 - 2020



TOTAL SUBS MINUS OVERDUE

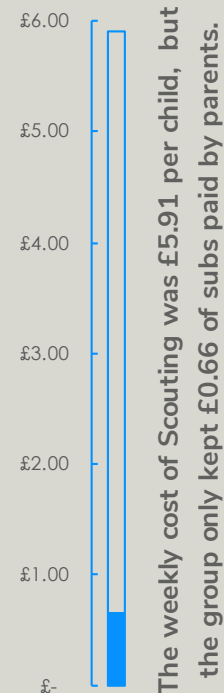
£ 7,662.50

TOTAL YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEES

£ 4,730.00

RETAINED BY GROUP

£ 2,932.50



Subs Income

ITEM	AMOUNT
Subs - Beavers	£ 3,290.00
Subs - Cubs	£ 2,585.00
Subs - Scouts	£ 2,362.50

Membership Fees Paid

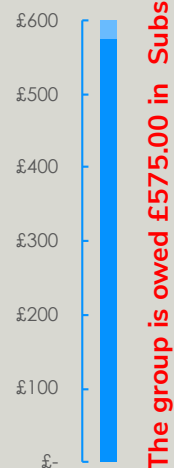
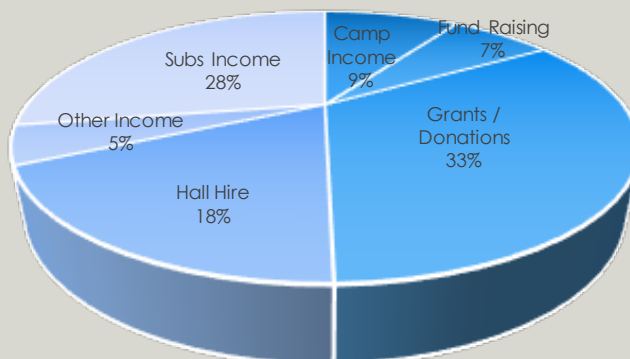
ITEM	AMOUNT
District	£ 946.00
Country	£ 1,333.00
HQ	£ 2,451.00

Group Income

ITEM	AMOUNT
Camp Income	£ 2,812.20
Fund Raising	£ 2,063.25
Grants / Donations	£ 9,984.09
Hall Hire	£ 5,456.00
Other Income	£ 1,368.17
Subs Income	£ 8,237.50

TOTAL YEARLY INCOME

£ 29,921.21

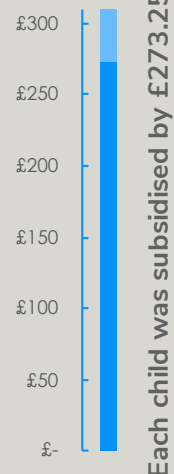
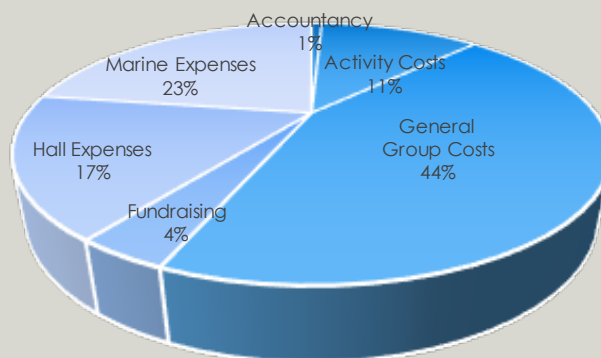


Group Expenses

ITEM	AMOUNT
Accountancy	£ 217.67
Activity Costs	£ 3,332.15
General Group Costs	£ 12,565.89
Fundraising	£ 1,125.24
Hall Expenses	£ 4,948.64
Marine Expenses	£ 6,509.52

TOTAL YEARLY EXPENSES

£ 28,699.11



The average cost of Scouting last year was £307.35 per child (excluding camps), from the subscription fee collected the group kept £34.10, meaning the group had to raise £23,499.73 to cover the deficit. Without fundraising, grants and donations we would need to collect an additional £12.77 per month per child in subs.

Group Annual Review

Chairman's AGM report 2020

My report covers the period from our AGM held 13th October 2019 to the end of March 2020.

During that time, the Group and its members have been busy. As well as a packed programme of activities for all the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, the Group has taken part in a variety of District-wide events since last years' AGM:

- On October 12th, Group members participated in the District swimming gala, held at the Wave centre in Littlehampton.
- 25th October was the final fund-raising event organised by David Chace, a quiz night at the Six Bells pub. The cheque presentation took place on 12th November. Again, our thanks go to David Chace.
- November saw the Remembrance Day parade and service in Littlehampton, with the Group well represented and very well turned out.
- 7th December saw the Christmas tree sale completed with satisfied customers collecting their trees from the hall car park.
- Since the end of June 2019, 5th Littlehampton have been to Districts' Duty Group, help to host at District-wide events such as the Christmas Carol Service held 4th December; quiz night held 22nd February 2020 to celebrate Founders Day; and an awards evening held 13th March.
- From 17th March 2020, due to the escalation of the Coronavirus pandemic, all face-to-face Scouting activities have been stopped. 5th Littlehampton will hold the Duty Group responsibilities until meetings can be held again and will then pass the District standards on to 7th Littlehampton.

As a Group, we need to more fully involve parents and guardians in the activities. Fund raising remains a challenge, and once opportunities arise, we will need more people to help make the most of them. I know everyone leads very busy lives, but to enable us to maintain the success of the Group, we have several vacancies that need to be filled. Please speak to either myself or the GSL if you have time to spare.

5th Littlehampton are still looking for a Group Chairman, since I am now the District Chairman for Arundel & Littlehampton.

The coming year will offer new challenges, and I'm sure 5th Littlehampton will rise to meet these with energy and enthusiasm.

My heartfelt thanks go to all the members of 5th Littlehampton Sea Scouts, who continue to work hard make this a vibrant and lively Group that offers local youngsters the opportunity to learn valuable life skills, and to the Maintenance Crew who do such sterling work each week to keep the hall in good condition.

Group Scout Leaders Report

The end of March 2020 sees the end of another fantastic year for Scouting in the 5th Littlehampton Sea Scouts.

First of all, I would like to extend my thanks to all the volunteers who put in so much time to running what is frankly the best Scout Group in the District. Not only the leaders but also our Chair – Jill, and Treasurer - Julia. I am sure you are all fully aware that these volunteers give up their own free time and annual leave to give your children some amazing experiences. It is only right therefore that not only do they have fun, they also gain new qualifications and permits. Two leaders in 2019 gained their Minibus License and I am very grateful to the time they put in to achieve this.

My role in scouting focuses on 'backend' duties, together with the other members of the executive committee we are trustees legally responsible for the running of the Charity. Effectively we are 'the directors of a company' and this can be a full-time job. Additionally, Jill (our chair) and I are also part of the District Executive Committee where we contribute to shaping the vision of Scouting in Arundel and Littlehampton.

Many hours were spent looking at the Group finances and we have implemented a new accounts system to make the management easier. As per previous communications we want to make the Group cashless and this has started by now only taking subs electronically. Far too much of our time is spent chasing money and this is something leaders should not be having to do. The new system will email people when payments are overdue. Please do not ignore these.

As a group, we have to raise considerable amounts of additional income. As you will see from the accounts for the last financial year, the subscriptions you pay only cover 66p of the £5.91 it cost per week per child to attend our Group. 62% of Subs last year were handed over to the District, County and Head Quarters. We are expecting an increase next year, Scout HQ have already said they will be raising the cost between £6.00 and £7.50 and unfortunately, we will likely have to pass that on to parents.

In 2019 we had some significant grants and donations. The Freemasons provided generous funding to us in 2019 and collectively gave us over £5,500. From putting your blue tokens in at Tesco we got £2,775 and from David Chace and Mewsbrook Park we got £1,510. Only a few families supported the Mewsbrook Park fundraising events and quiz nights. I thank you for your contribution, next year hopefully we will have some more volunteers.

We had almost £1,500 from HMRC for Gift Aid. This is 'free money' for us at no additional cost to the parents. If you have not filled in a Gift Aid Declaration, I urge you to do so, if you are unsure please contact me.

The RIB repair and replacement trailer required a substantial amount. Towards the end of this financial year we have committed to buying a new box trailer that is needed for camps and activities.

Scouts is a family and like any family, it only functions at its best when everyone is engaged. In this year's census, we recorded 86 Young Persons and our Group is at capacity with waiting lists in place.

To increase our reach we require more leaders. We really do need **YOU** to help us out to make the experience better for **YOUR** child. Maybe you can run the website, or administer Office 365, or you could be our next Chair Person, provide maintenance on the hall and equipment, help fundraise, or become a leader!

Our Christmas Tree sale this year helped raise funds for the group and we plan to be doing it again, please look out for information on this and really help support the event.

All Sections have had a fun-packed programme, with nights away and some serious badge work going on. We were very well represented at Remembrance Day and I was immensely proud to be associated with such a well turned out group of young people.

I do not want to dwell on Covid-19 in this report, but it would be prudent to mention it. Towards the end of this reporting period all Face to Face Scouting activities were stopped. We still are unsure when Scouting will resume. Our Group are in a very fortunate financial position and we feel able to ride this out. However many other groups are not as lucky as us. With the continued support of parents paying Subs (of which we only get 38%) we will be able to carry on with our commitments to ensure the Group is ready for when we return. If parents are unable to pay Subs each month it is important that they contact me, so we can make alternative arrangements.

If individuals owe us a more than three months of Sub payments and we have had no communication from parents, we are going to have to suspend a child's membership and their place will go to someone on the waiting lists.

Thank you for supporting our Group.

Kester Riley

Group Scout Leader

gsl@5lss.co.uk

Scout Troop Report

2019/2020 has been a busy and great year!

This year we have taken part in the District Swimming Competition (for the first year ever), played wide games, learnt about disability and bullying, pioneered chariots, learnt first aid, we had our first Patrol Leaders camp, we had a survival style camp, orienteered, kayaked, been powerboating, stand up paddle boarding, canoed, grass sledged, crate stacked, ice skated, Boogie Bounced, became digital citizens (with the help of the amazing technology facilities at TLA) and much, much more – even though COVID-19 stopped the Spring term early we still managed to squeeze in a lot of fun and excitement.

We have run crate stacking activity for the public at Armed Forces Day and the Family Fun Day, which we intend to do again next year.

Summer Camp this year was held at 16th Norwich Sea Scouts Scout Camp Site, in Norwich, a beautiful location. The Scouts had a go at raft building, canoeing, kayaking, drop hikes and much more! The weather was good for us this year, mostly warm, but not too hot.

In the past our numbers had been low however we are now maintaining and increasing more and more each year with 8 new starters this year!! We have also said goodbye to two members who have moved on to their next stage of their journey and will be missed.

Helping us to implement our varied and exciting programme, we have four young leaders and would like to congratulate Megan Silverson-Moss on turning 18 years old and joining our amazing leadership team!

I would also like to thank all 10 Scout Leaders, and the young leaders, without your skills, dedication and passion, we would not be the successful section we are today and you have helped us to increase our numbers by allowing us to offer more activities and exciting new things.

Summer camp 2020 has been confirmed and the Scout will have the opportunity to try gliding out. The programme is still being finalised and, as always, we will have a brilliant and diverse programme to offer the Scouts.

The coming year holds a lot of excitement, anticipation and enjoyment for us, as we will continue to grow, achieve more badges for the Scouts, take part in more activities, gain more permits for the leaders and continue to have fun with the Scouts.

Thank you for everyone that has been a part of the last year and thank you in advance to all those who will help us move forward through the years to come.

Yours in Sea Scouting -- Skipper

Cubs Report

Since the last AGM the cubs have taken part in the Remembrance parade through the town and the Beacon lighting on the seafront to commemorate the end of WW1.

We currently have 31 Cubs, all who seem to continue to enjoy being a part of 5th Littlehampton and take part in many exciting activities that we put together for them.

My sincere thanks go to the ever-enthusiastic Cub Pack leadership team who give up massive amounts of their free time each week:

- Kevin Raven (Baloo)
- Simon Fielding (Mowgli)
- Jim Fenlon (Ikki)

This has been my first year as the official Cub leader and it has truly exceeded my expectations, from 03/04/2019 - 18/03/2020 263 badges have been awarded, we are due to give out a lot more badges too!

A special well done to our cubs who have earned their Chief Scout Silver within the last year, it's the highest award a Cub can earn!

The cubs had a "Spy" themed camp over the Whitsun Bank Holiday at the Scout Hall where they managed to finish some of their activity badges which were awarded at the end of term.

Within that badge work we have visited the Lifeboat Station, been to Flip Out, took part in crate stacking & tent pitching, had many water games, campfires and songs. We've been power boating and grass sledging, we became scientists for the evening, we attended a pantomime for the first year ever which was very fun! We also attended an Ice cream Parlour and were able to try some ice cream too!

Thanks to the Cubs enthusiasm and the leaders getting involved I would say we have had a pretty amazing year; our numbers are growing, and the amount of badge work we are covering alongside the fun we are having is amazing!

We would like to thank the parents that have helped us over the last year without your help and support we couldn't have run certain evenings and we definitely would not have been able to provide the cubs with the fun activities we do! We are grateful for your ongoing support.

Although our numbers growing is a good thing we could really do with more leaders to support our large cub pack, in my personal experience being a leader is so rewarding and exciting, you give the cubs a chance to learn things and grow and they teach you a thing or too as well!

If you feel like you'd like to come and help us out, please do not hesitate to contact or talk to a leader to get involved!

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(Cub Leader)

Beavers Report

This past year has brought many exciting opportunities for Beavers, both colonies are not only thriving, but also having waiting lists for both, as well! This has meant that our numbers remain constant and we are maintaining a great program for our fantastic young people.

We have offered and run a fantastic Robin Hood themed nights away event, for both colonies, which included a brilliant visit from Reptylers, with some axe and shovel throwing added to our adventurous activities! We continue to offer many new and exciting activities, with back to basics Scouting, none of which could be done without our fabulous leaders, across all sections. As always, we utilise the leaders from other Sections to enable our young people to take part in all the amazing sessions and I would like to thank all these leaders for their support in making these opportunities available to the Beavers.



Perseverance currently have three Beaver Leaders and Triumph having one Beaver Leader, one Assistant Beaver Leader, one Section Assistant and a young leader.

Going forward we are looking to send fourteen Beavers up to Cubs in the next six months and recruit from both our waiting list and from advertising. We anticipate that the majority of these will receive their Chief Scout Bronze Award, as they are well on their way to doing so. As we speak, we are planning our next nights away events, as well as some joint colony meetings. We are grateful for the parent support we have so far, but as always, there is space for more!

Thank you to each and every Beaver for joining us and all the parents and carers for supporting us in making 5th Beavers the best!!!!

Y.I.S.S.

Laura Stoddart (Bramble)

Beaver Scout Leader



Tony Squires

District Vice President, Active Support Member, former District Commissioner, ex Group Scout Leader of two Groups within the District, Chairman of the District Executive Committee, District Scout Band advocate, staunch advocate for Scouting in Littlehampton and within this Scout District.

Tony lived and worked for the benefit of the Littlehampton Town and Scouting within the Littlehampton area. Tony's many years in scouting started at 5th Littlehampton when he first became involved in 1977 when his son, Ashley, joined Cubs and Akela 'asked for helpers'.

He joined the Group Committee then became an ACSL until he went to 7th Littlehampton in 1987 as GSL.

During his time at 7th the Group grew from strength to strength and had 2 Cub packs, 2 beaver colonies and a thriving Scout Troop and Venture Unit. In 1991 he was responsible for the instigation and organisation of a 5 county European tour for the Arundel & Littlehampton District Scout Band.

He left 7th in 1992 to become District Commissioner for Arundel & Littlehampton District serving the District for 10 years in this appointment. During this time, he also became a member of the County Training Team and tutored several Adult Leader courses. He became District Chairman in 1999 and then a District Scouter until 2007 when he returned to 5th as GSL for a short period after which he was on the 'maintenance team' at 5th. He was a member of the District Fellowship [Active Support] Unit for many years. Tony was made a District Vice President for his work on behalf of the District. Tony died on 5th April 2020.



Why do we volunteer?

Adults have fun too...

I have never been a part of something that is as rewarding as Scouting!

Most of you will know me and think that I look (almost) professional, like part of a well-oiled machine. Yes, at times, we dare to say, "I've got this!" and look like we know what we are doing, but this is not always the case.

We are parents and adults who just haven't quite grown up yet. We are not done with our learning and love to learn exciting new skills, take part in fun activities, and as an added bonus we make friends along the way.

We do have leaders who have been in Scouting for (many) many years, and have an arsenal of skills and experience, but these leaders are the one who guide us, we rely on their experience, their skills to help shape the future of Scouting for your children. Many of us had no skills and no experience when we joined, just a can-do attitude and this is all we ask from you. You do not need to know how to kayak or how to light a fire – we will teach you everything you need to know – if you give us the chance.

One of the Scout Laws is that a Scout belongs to the world-wide family of Scouts – this couldn't be any truer. Volunteering for Scouts gives you another family. Like-minded people who will be there for you. We support each other to grow and learn just like we promote the young people in our care to do.

If you want to experience friendship, new skills, new activities and fun – then join us! What have you got to lose? -- **Skipper**





Leaders have fun too !