

Trustees' Annual Report for the Period 1st April 2019 – 31st March 2020

1st Cove Scout Group

Registered Charity No. 285393

Gower Lodge, Fleet Road, Cove Hampshire GU14 9RB

Charity Trustees

Amanda Wood Chairwoman

Adrian Perry Beaver Scout Leader

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Tatjana Harris Treasurer

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Governance

Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) lays down the structure of Scouting in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man and defines information about its training and management.

Each Rule is distinguished by a Rule number, which references the Chapter in which it is located.

Matters of policy, information and advice on good practice are generally unnumbered.

Policies are authoritative statements of principle governing the work of the Scout Movement.

Rules provide directives, which must be followed by all to whom the Rule is addressed.

Objective and Activities

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

Scouts are encouraged to take part in a wide range of activities as part of their programme including traditional Scouting skills, such as camping, survival and cooking, as well as a wider spectrum of adventurous activities, from abseiling to zorbing. Participation rather than meeting set standards is the key approach, and there are a number of badges and awards that Scouts can gain to recognise their achievements.

We welcome all young people between 6 and 14, regardless of personal background, faith, gender or personal circumstances.

Achievements and Performance

Each section of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts meet weekly throughout the school terms and on an ad hoc basis during the school holidays. Regular activities include outdoor cooking and activities such as hikes, map work, nature trails and woodland games. The Cubs and Scouts also camp on a regular basis and include the Beavers wherever possible.

During the winter months, the sections meet at Gower Lodge and play games, learn new skills such as woodwork and soap carving or do cooking.

1st Cove Scout Group are fortunate to receive a good income from renting out the scout group hall during the weekdays which funds both the maintenance and some of the activities of the group. We are short of regular adult volunteers to assist with the day to day running of scouting activities but keep trying new channels to try and recruit new helpers.

Financial Review

Cash in the Bank Current account at 31/03/2020 was £2,379.77. Cash in the Deposit account at 31/03/2020 was £20,694.17. This money is held for the upkeep and maintenance of Gower Lodge with a new kitchen being planned in the next financial year.



Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Treasurer, 1st Cove Scout Group 31st March 2020.

1st COVE SCOUT GROUP

1st Cove Scout Group Accounts 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020

	2018-19	2019-20		2018-19	2019-20
	£	£		£	£
Income			Expenditure		
Subs	3,270.00	3,945.00	Hall Maintenance	3,224.14	3,496.24
Regular Hall Hire	8,905.00	7,162.50	Gas	1,733.50	3,164.46
Casual Hall Hire	1,355.00	195.00	Electric	1,349.11	1,353.93
Rushmoor Lottery	104.01	9.50	R.B.C Rent	768.00	768.00
Donations	240.00	25.00	Beavers	650.00	485.02
Others	436.71	90.00	Badgers	770.00	300.00
Bank Interest	11.42	11.87	Scouts	493.00	450.00
From 9th Farnborough	0.00	30.00	Group Camp	150.00	1,300.00
Footsteps Preschool	0.00	17,160.00	Cleaners Wages	1,995.00	2,135.00
			Hall Insurance	956.42	974.80
			Badges, Uniform & Leader Training	37.00	425.05
			Capitation*	2,494.80	2,400.00
			Others	174.50	61.50
			Water Rates	126.94	258.18
			Petty Cash	20.00	0.00
			Equipment	193.66	70.58
			T Shirts	0.00	0.00
			New Build**	384.97	7.99
Total Income	14,322.14	28,628.87	Total Expenditure	15,521.04	17,650.75
			Excess Income over Expenditure	-1,198.90	10,978.12

Bank Account Balances as at 31st March 2019:

Treasurers Account	2,379.77
Premier Interest Account	20,694.17
Total	23,073.94

Bank Account Balances as at 31st March 2020:

Treasurers Account	3,225.06
Premier Interest Account	30,206.04
Total	33,431.10

Notes on Expenditure

Hall Maintenance - Includes:

General maintenance - largest payment for fencing (£1,607)/ hall (fire checks) and garden/grounds upkeep

Beavers, Badgers and Scouts

Money is to fund individual sections for their craft, badges and weekly activities

*Capitation -UK scouting membership fee paid to Blackwater Valley District @ £48.00 per youth member

**Total new build cost side extension - £19,335.71



Signed by Independent Examiner:
M.A. Pilkington

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1st Cove Scouts Group 2019-20

I have examined the accounts of the above group and have examined a sample of the transactions undertaken. I can confirm that the attached accounts give a true and fair view of the financial position of the entity.

However it is clear that the management of cash needs to be stronger. Accordingly I firmly recommend that petty cash books are introduced to allow greater control and accountability to be exercised over the cash transactions in the individual areas.

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