



Wigan And District Scout Council AGM

Chairman's Annual Report 2020/2021

Due to the ongoing pandemic, much of this year's report is not very different from last year. Activities have been radically curtailed – no face to face meetings, no camping, no residential, or expeditions at home or abroad. We have never-the-less survived through online challenges and meetings, with many groups finding novel ways of providing an engaging programme and achieving awards for their members. What would we have done without the internet?

Inevitably, membership numbers have fallen but with the start of the new school year and the fact that many groups had waiting lists, we can gradually return to some degree of normality and confidently hope for better times to come.

The District Executive Committee has continued to meet regularly and the programme of improvements in our District Headquarters has continued albeit at a much slower pace. The building is gradually coming back into regular use and thanks to grants from the government's Covid Hospitality and Leisure Recovery fund, we have the means to continue with our refurbishment plan. Financially, we are in a better place than we were twelve months ago. Considerable savings in utility costs have been realised through the installation of an improved heating system and by shopping around for better deals for gas and electricity.

The District shop has reopened and the regular income is slowly returning. We would ask all groups to encourage parents to support our shop when buying uniforms for their children. Profits help to maintain the building, subsidise activities and keep the annual membership fee to a minimum.

Many of our groups have also benefitted from this recovery fund and, despite the lack of regular subscription income, have remained solvent. We are grateful to Wigan Council for the speedy and straightforward way in which they have distributed these grants. Several groups have also received funding directly from Scout Headquarters. Again, this money has ensured their survival.

Sadly, a number of well-known and respected Scouters have passed away in the last year. We remember them with gratitude –

Mike Allen, Michael Harrison, Pat Bilsborough, Betty Ball, Mike Clarke, Alan Greenhalgh, Joe Greenway, Audrey Heaton, Dorothy Maloney, Betty Patterson and Ken Shaw.

To all their families and friends we offer our sincere sympathies.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the District Team, Local Authority, parents, leaders and all others who have given their time and support to this organisation. Despite all the difficulties we have faced in recent months, Scouting is still alive and thriving in Wigan.

Gerard Davies
District Chairman

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Receipts and Payments 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2

RECEIPTS

Membership fees	£29,711.50
Donations	£500.00
Scout shop sales	£2,000.65
Grants	£25,350.75
Closure of Pie Eater account	£109.00
Rent	£100.00

PAYMENTS

Gas and electricity	£603.08
Water plus	£78.09
Unity Insurance	£42.00
Zurich Insurance	£442.77
Headquarters maintenance	£408.05
Headquarters refurbishment	£238.79
Ground rent	£132.00
Scout Shop (MBNA)	£1,834.02
Scout Shop (other suppliers)	£55.54
Accountancy fees	£228.00
District website	£255.33
PPE	£252.17
Membership fees 2021	£29,711.50
Wreath	£20.00
Training	£45.00
Transfer to Active Saver account	£10,000.00

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CASH FUNDS

Nat West bank (incl interest)	£99.11
Barclays bank-Community account(incl interest)	£33,763.83
Barclays bank-Active Saver account(Incl interest)	£62,933.15
Cash-in-hand (Scout Shop float)	£40.00

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

Scout Shop stock	£7,788.05
Headquarters building(insurance value)	£491,727.15
Headquarters contents(insurance value)	£34,967.26

The above receipts and payments accounts and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by Trustees on 24th June 2021 and signed on their behalf

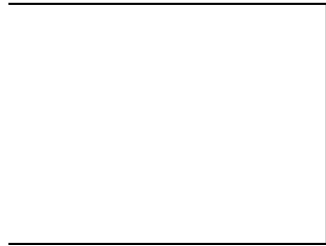
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Wigan District Scout Council
Accounts - Year Ending 31 March 2021

Dear Joan,

Further to your request for CMA Accountancy Ltd to review the accounts for year ending 31 March 2021 I can confirm the following. It is your responsibility as a council to prepare the financial statements, and the accountant's responsibility to carry out a review and form an opinion on these statements.

Basis of opinion

The review includes examination of the evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the financial activities of the Council. Information and explanations have been provided which give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material error.

Accountants opinion

Subject to the caveat above, I confirm that no matter has come to my attention which would show that in any no material respect the requirements to keep accounting records have not been met. I therefore conclude that the financial statements have been properly prepared and give a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Wigan District Scout Council as at 31 March 2021, and of the income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Please find enclosed our invoice for completing such review. If you could please call the office to arrange a date for the files to be collected in the near future, that would be great.

Yours sincerely

Kieran Fitzgerald AATQB