



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2020 **Period start date** **To** 31/03/2021
Period end date

Charity name: 44th Whitetree Scouts

Charity registration number: 302160

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	44th Whitetree Scouts exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The charity is guided by the Scouting Association values, namely integrity, respect, care, belief and cooperation.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	44th Whitetree Scouts runs the following groups: two Beaver Colonies (6-8 years olds); two Cub Scout groups (8-10.5 years old); and two Scout groups (10.5-14 years old). Under normal circumstances, our groups meet weekly and engage in a range of age appropriate activities both in and outdoors. Examples of activities include: crafts, den making, forest school, orienteering, cooking, archery, shooting, cycling, first aid, swimming, rock climbing, hiking, camping and more.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees of 44th Whitetree Scouts take into account the Charities Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	44th Whitetree Scouts is run entirely by volunteers including the Executive Committee, Group Scout Leaders, Section Leaders, Assistant Section Leaders and parent / carer volunteers.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	All sections weathered the covid storm with Beavers in particular keeping up a regular cadence of remote sessions. Since returning to face to face, Beavers have built torches, enjoyed night hikes, camp fires and go-karting. Tuesday cubs restarted after a brief hiatus and have already enjoyed air rifle shooting, while Thursday cubs have been wiring plugs, plumbing and even paddle boarding in Bristol harbourside. Scouts have been enjoyed their first scout camp since Covid and mountain biking. All units contributed to the annual guy making for the highly successful non-fireworks bonfire night celebration!
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Group held £14,752 in the day-to-day treasurer's account and £24,682 in reserves at the end of the period.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Group's reserves policy is to hold sufficient resources to continue its charitable objectives, should income and fundraising fall short.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Historically, the amount of reserves has been equivalent to 12 months running costs i.e. £24,678 . At the end of this financial period, £24,681.51 was in the reserve account. The Executive Committee has determined that the group does not need to hold so much in reserve and the reserves policy is being rewritten to reduce the amount to £15,000.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Funds are raised through membership fees and fundraising events. Gift aid is claimed on membership fees and fundraising. Due to COVID, membership fees for 2020 were down by 91.5% compared to 2019. It was not possible to hold any fundraising events because of COVID. The Group did however, qualify for grants from the local council totalling £19.4k.
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		Gift aid income during 2021 will be impacted due to the reduction in membership fees and fundraising during 2020.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The Group does not invest in longer term investments such as stocks and shares and holds its funds in mainstream banks or building societies. The Group is considering the feasibility of a longer term project to invest in rebuilding the scout hut - the majority of costs would need to be met through grants and fundraising.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>Falling membership numbers (impacting income)</p> <p>Damage to the scout hut and equipment - sufficient buildings and contents insurance is in place.</p> <p>Injury to volunteers and members - accident insurance held through the Scout Association, regular risk assessments conducted for all activities.</p> <p>Reduced income from fund raising - reserves policy in place.</p> <p>Reduction in volunteers - consolidation / contraction of the Group.</p> <p>Financial mismanagement - the Group has in place a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss e.g. 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that all insurable risks are covered.</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Group's governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the ByLaws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scouting Association.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	The Group uses the Scout Association policies, procedures and training material for the induction and training of trustees. This includes Safety, Safeguarding and GDPR online training modules amongst others. Trustees have to evidence completion of the training (100% pass of assessment for each module is required).
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Group is managed by the Executive Committee that meets every three months and holds an Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee includes the Trustees, the Group Scout Leaders and section leaders. Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first five months of

		<p>joining the committee.</p> <p>The Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leaders and is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● maintenance of the Group property ● raising of funds and the administration of Group finance ● insurance of persons, property and equipment ● assisting in recruitment of leaders and other adult support ● appointing sub committees as required ● appointing group administrators and advisors other than those who are elected <p>All Executive Committee meetings are minuted. 44th Whitetree Scouts has a direct reporting line to the Bristol Cabot Scouts district group.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	44th Whitetree Scouts
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Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	302160
Charity's principal address	44th Whitetree Scout Hut Fallodon Way Henleaze Bristol BS9 4HR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Russell Fisher	Chair		
2	Ben Spiller	Treasurer		
3	James Rocha	Secretary	Until June 2020	
4	Amanda Webb	Secretary	June 2020 onwards	
5	Ewan Watson	Group Scout Leader		
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Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

	Type of adviser	Name	Address
	Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	BSpiller
Full name(s)	Ben Spiller
Position (e.g. Chair, Secretary etc)	Treasurer
Date	1/11/2021



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44th Bristol (white tree) Scout group

302160

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2020

To

Period end date
31/03/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership fees	1,564	-	-	1,564	-
Hire of building	3,358	-	-	3,358	-
Gift Aid	3,972	-	-	3,972	-
Gross Fund raising	522	-	-	522	-
Other income (grants)	19,431	-	-	19,431	-
Investment income	7	-	-	7	-
electric refund	1,821	-	-	1,821	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	30,676	-	-	30,676	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	30,676	-	-	30,676	-
A3 Payments					
scout activities	688	-	-	688	-
district fees	4,548	-	-	4,548	-
Bills	4,111	-	-	4,111	-
Buildings	3,850	-	-	3,850	-
Cap Equipment	1,299	-	-	1,299	-
Clothing/badges/books	328	-	-	328	-
Insurance	817	-	-	817	-
Investment for fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
Leader training	80	-	-	80	-
parent refunds	203	-	-	203	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,924	-	-	15,924	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,924	-	-	15,924	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,752	-	-	14,752	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,578	-	-	30,578	-
Cash funds this year end	45,330	-	-	45,330	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Treasurers Account	20,650	-	-
	Reserve Account	24,680	-	-
	Building Acc	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	45,330	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details		-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Garage and storeroom equipment	22000	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Russell Fisher		
		Ben Spiller		



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
44TH BRISTOL (WHITE TREE) SCOUT GROUP

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 2021

Charity no
(if any)

302160

Set out on pages

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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 of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation
of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection
with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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: S.J. Beasley - Suffolk

Date: 27/10/21

Name: SUSAN JANE BEASLEY-SUFFOLK

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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AND WALES

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BS6 7SS

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 brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.