

28th South Shields, 4th East Boldon Scout Group

Report and Accounts

31 March 2020

Registered Charity Number
1122940

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Trustees Annual Report
for the year ended 31 March 2020

Major Activities and Achievements in the Year

Our Scout Group continues to be exciting and vibrant. This has been another extremely successful year for the Group, sustained membership at 180 youth members and 50 adult leaders/helpers. We continue to have an extremely high retention rate. The building is proving to be an outstanding resource and the amount of community usage has gone up significantly. With the appointment of a new booking secretary the marketing of the Scout Hut has become extremely successful. We have continued to invest time and resources in our younger/newer leaders so that we can secure the sustainability of our Group.

The Group has remained extremely active and there were 15 residential/camps in this year. Trips included: Thurston, Fordel Firs, Coniston, and many trips to Willow Bog. All members were offered at least 5 opportunities for a trip. The Beaver Scouts had lots of fun on day trips including Willow Bog.

The Duke of Edinburgh's award continues to be strong in our group and in this year we had many more Explorer Scouts pass their Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards. There were expeditions in Kielder, North York Moors, Lake District, Yorkshire Dales and High Pennines. The group continues to be in the position to offer the award at all levels, working with a service level agreement South Tyneside Council Youth Service.

Willow Bog Cottage, Kielder is proving to be a fantastic resource and fantastic challenge. Follow the receipt of the grants in the previous financial year. Many works have been carried. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who have carried out works and the contractors who have helped us. We have also engaged in several fundraising activities. These have been led by the new fundraising committee (a sub committee formed from the Group's Executive Committee).

The Group continues to be financially sound and Gift Aid claims have been made across the year. The funds available have allowed the Group to meet all of its objectives. The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis. In the last two weeks of this financial year saw the Scout Group's forced closure due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. This is the first time in the Group's 77-year history that is has closed.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scout Groups. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Approved by the trustees on 25 August 2020 and signed on their behalf by:

Simon Gray
Group Scout Leader

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
28th South Shields, 4th East Boldon Scout Group**

Registered Charity Number 1122940

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020, which are set out on pages 3 and 4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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.

R A Purvis FCA

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25 August 2020

**28th South Shields, 4th East Boldon Scout Group
Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2020**

		2020		2019
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Fundraising, donations and grants	3,888		49	
Subscriptions	37,180		45,005	
Camps and activities	18,803		14,807	
Minibus and hall donations	11,972		10,723	
H M Revenue and Customs gift aid repayment	9,615		8,338	
Grants and donations for Willow Bog	7,074		16,550	
Sale of uniforms	1,379		1,496	
Training course income	75		990	
Interest received	18	90,004	22	97,979
Asset sales				
Sale of equipment	-		-	
Sale of minibus	-	-	14,800	14,800
Total receipts		<u>90,004</u>		<u>112,779</u>
Payments				
Electricity, rates, water and insurance	2,625		2,792	
Hall cleaning and maintenance	3,373		5,327	
Camping and other activities	30,241		34,631	
Equipment, consumables and uniforms	5,764		5,468	
Members fees	6,898		8,033	
Leader training	1,979		647	
Motor expenses (including minibus insurance)	2,768		2,746	
Telephone and parentmail	642		3,805	
Sundry	674	54,964	357	63,805
Asset and investment purchases				
Willow Bog outdoor centre		26,808		36,552
Minibus		-		21,391
		<u>26,808</u>		<u>57,943</u>
Total payments		<u>81,772</u>		<u>121,748</u>
Net of receipts/(payments)		8,232		(8,969)
Fund balances brought forward		5,858		14,827
		<u>14,090</u>		<u>5,858</u>
Fund balances carried forward		5,872		4,298
- Main account		8,218		2,426
- Savings Account		-		(866)
- Credit Card		<u>14,090</u>		<u>5,858</u>

Approval statement

We approve these accounts which comprise a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the year. We acknowledge our responsibility for the accounts and for providing all the information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

Mrs C Weston (Chairman)
On behalf of the trustees
25 August 2020

28th South Shields, 4th East Boldon Scout Group
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31 March 2020

	£
Monetary assets	
Bank accounts	<u>14,090</u>
Assets retained for the charity's own use	
Building - hut development costs	113,106
Willow Bog outdoor centre costs	89,589
Two minibuses	26,000
One box trailer	2,500
One small trailer	1,600
42 tents and other shelters	5,955
First aid kits	450
Rucksacks	1,760
Audio visual equipment, cameras and computers	3,045
Sports and games equipment	255
Compasses, maps and cases	1,760
Water heater	300
Trangia stoves	660
Stock - refreshments	200
Stock - badges and uniforms	400
	<u>247,580</u>
Liabilities	
None	<u>-</u>

The company had financial commitments contracted for but not provided for in the accounts of £2,592

East Boldon Scout Group is a registered charity number 1122940. Its registered office is East Boldon Scout Hut, Rear of the Grey Horse off Front Street, East Boldon, Tyne and Wear, NE36 0SJ.

Mrs C Weston (Chairman)
 On behalf of the trustees

25 August 2020