



**ANNUAL REPORT  
AND ACCOUNTS  
2020**





# GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT



Well, what a year it has been!

With the biggest challenge to Scouting since World War 2, I think we won't forget the last 12 months any time soon. Despite the problems of the pandemic, I think it's important to reflect on the good things and there are plenty of them from 5<sup>th</sup> Risca!

We have managed to renovate our hall with a new floor, new paint job, new kitchen facilities, new toilets and installed a fully featured AV system. On top of that, we have done some fantastic work outside as well with a new flagpole and sign installed, cleared all the rubbish and brambles from the site, rebuilt our BBQ area, and moved our firepit to a more central and safer location whilst also giving it a fantastic makeover. Of course, I couldn't mention our amazing artwork on what was once a drab green shipping container, it's something everyone sees when they come to our hut and it reminds us of who we are and what we do.

I think the fact we have done this is not only fantastic but to have done it during a pandemic is nothing short of incredible and a lot of this hard work has been down to our Group Chair Becky Bennett-Wilding who has dedicated a great amount of personal time and effort to ensure these ideas come to fruition. Unfortunately, Becky will be standing down from our exec committee from this year's AGM but her work will be utilised and appreciated by many for years if not decades to come, thanks to Becky from all at 5<sup>th</sup> Risca.

2020-21 also saw Terri Wiltshire leave us to pastures new in Dubai, thanks for all her hard work over the years. With that, we have recruited two new members to our team, Laura Hammond has joined us as our new Beaver leader (Cuckoo) and Sharon Anderson has joined her in Beavers as Assistant Leader (Red Robin) and they have done a fantastic job with our Beaver colony maintaining and even growing it with plenty of new members and provided a fantastically varied programme both online and face to face.

Cubs has also grown and is now our busiest section as I'm sure Sarah Powell (King Louie) will agree with. It's because of this growth in the section we really need some more volunteers to ensure it can keep going from strength to strength, so whatever amount of time you can help with please get in touch!

With Scouts, we are really proud of how they have engaged with online sessions and face to face despite all the limitations we have had to have. We have had plenty of campfires which has been great for the Scouts to catch up with their friends whilst keeping warm in our outside sessions. They are being challenged to start to think for themselves and use their initiative when approaching tasks as it is a key part of their development during Scouting. It's great to see them smiling and working hard in everything that's thrown at them.

Whilst 2020 has been a rollercoaster of a year with plenty of ups and downs I am very proud of all our young people, leaders, and exec committee that it has been faced with a positive can-do attitude and I look forward to plenty of adventures, camps, and experiences for this next year.

Diolch i Bawb

**Rhys Bennett (Skip)**

GSL

# **2019-20 TRUSTEES.**

## **(The Group Executive Committee)**

### **Ex-Officio**

Rhys Bennett (Acting Group Scout Leader)

Rebecca Bennett-Wilding (Group Chair)

### **Nominated by GSL**

No persons were nominated by the GSL. Symon Dunstan, The District Commissioner (CRAI) has nominated Rhys Bennett as Group Scout Leader.

### **Elected**

Mark Hammond (Assistant Chair)

Kelly John (Secretary)

Gareth Tanswell (Treasurer)

Steve Fletcher and Laura Hammond were also elected as members of the committee and therefore as trustees.

### **Co-opted**

No persons were Co-Opted onto the Group Executive Committee

# PROPOSED TRUSTEES.

## June 2021 - May 2022.

The Group Executive Committee are the Charity Trustees of the Group, and are appointed at the AGM each year. We have already done the arm twisting, and so here are our proposals for the forthcoming year.

### Ex-Officio

The following persons have automatic rights of membership of the Executive Committee, because of the role they hold.

Group Scout Leader (new)	Rhys Bennett
Cub Scout Leader *	<i>Sarah Powell</i>
Beaver Scout Leader	Laura Hammond

*\*Subject to these persons confirming to the AGM that they wish to sit on the Executive Committee and take on the additional roles and responsibilities associated with trusteeship. In this case, as was the case last year, none of these persons have expressed such a desire and therefore will not be trustees of the charity.*

### Group Chair

The Group Chair is nominated by the GSL, and then approved by the AGM.

Mark Hammond has been nominated as Group Chair.

### Elected

Barring any objections to the below candidates, as they are unopposed, the candidates are duly elected to the relevant posts.

The following have put themselves forward for election:

Nicola Eason (Treasurer)

### Other Elected Members

Ideally, a range of parents covering all Sections are elected to the Executive Committee. The Group Scout council decided in 2014 that it would have 4 positions available for Other Elected Members of the Executive Committee. The following persons have put themselves forward for election:

Steve Fletcher (re-election)

Laura Hammond (re-election)

### Nominated

Nicola Eason has been nominated by the GSL to sit on the Executive Committee. The number of nominated members may not exceed the number of elected members (in this case, five). Nominations need to be approved by the AGM.

### Co-opted

The Group Executive may from time to time decide to co-opt additional members to itself where certain skills or experience are required. The number of co-opted members may not exceed the number of elected members. (in this case, five). *There are presently no co-opted members to put forward for election.*

**5th Risca Scout Group**  
**Year ended 31 December 2020**  
**Income and Expenditure Account**

	Year ending 31/12/2019		Year ending 31/12/2020	
	Payments	Receipts	Payments	Receipts
Camping Equipment	£ 44.97	£ -	£ 182.33	£ -
Gift Aid	£ -	£ 2,626.51	£ -	£ 1,064.80
T Shirts	£ -	£ 40.00	£ -	£ 30.00
Beaver Subs	£ -	£ 1,422.50	£ -	£ 542.00
Cub Subs	£ -	£ 1,280.00	£ 10.00	£ 826.00
Scout Subs	£ -	£ 987.50	£ -	£ 1,022.00
Fundraising Team	£ 122.87	£ 991.89	£ -	£ 882.58
Donations	£ -	£ 601.00	£ -	£ 34.60
Railcards / Discount Cards	£ 87.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
Dolygaer Cub Camp 2018	£ -	£ 40.00	£ -	£ -
Panto Trip 2018	£ -	£ 312.00	£ -	£ -
Gilwell 2019 Trip	£ 1,060.00	£ 460.00	£ -	£ -
Pride Cymru 2018	£ -	£ 9.50	£ 9.50	£ -
Cub Camp - Sleep under the stars	£ 597.69	£ 245.00	£ -	£ -
Dick Whittington Panto	£ 112.00	£ 87.00	£ -	£ -
All Wales Cub Funday	£ 2,393.00	£ 2,385.50	£ -	£ 27.50
Beaver Damboree 2019	£ -	£ 234.00	£ -	£ -
Scouts Ebbw Vale Camp	£ 116.28	£ 150.00	£ -	£ -
Techniquet Trip	£ 160.00	£ 148.50	£ -	£ -
Pride Cymru 2019	£ 110.00	£ 57.00	£ -	£ -
Panto Trip 2019	£ 894.00	£ 442.00	£ -	£ 26.00
Principality Stadium Sleepover	£ -	£ 144.00	£ 144.00	£ -
Cubs Museum Trip	£ 135.93	£ 60.00	£ -	£ -
Scouts Diving Trip	£ -	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ -
Canoeing	£ -	£ 24.00	£ -	£ -
Llancaiach Fawr Trip 2020	£ -	£ -	£ 326.47	£ 425.00
All Wales Scout Camp 2020 (canx)	£ -	£ -	£ 44.00	£ 66.00
Jamboree on the trail	£ -	£ -	£ 176.00	£ 88.00
Remembrance Wreath	£ 23.50	£ -	£ 18.50	£ -
Rental Income	£ -	£ 960.00	£ -	£ 230.00
Membership Fees	£ 2,047.50	£ -	£ 1,853.00	£ -
Ty Sign Hall	£ -	£ 164.34	£ -	£ -
Hoover	£ 129.99	£ -	£ -	£ -
Replace External Lights	£ 190.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
Grass Cutting	£ 70.00	£ -	£ 50.00	£ -
Remove Hedge	£ -	£ -	£ 70.00	£ -
Beaver Expenses	£ 163.14	£ -	£ 340.88	£ -
Cub Expenses	£ 113.93	£ -	£ -	£ -
Scout Expenses	£ 92.28	£ -	£ 27.90	£ -
Badge Costs	£ 340.38	£ -	£ 420.81	£ -
Volunteer Mileage backpaid	£ 500.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
AGM Cost	£ 220.61	£ -	£ 12.18	£ -
Adult Training	£ 582.85	£ -	£ 230.00	£ 80.00
Adult Uniform	£ 106.76	£ -	£ 72.00	£ -
Volunteer Rewards (Thank you gifts)	£ 24.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
Water Rates	£ 35.19	£ -	£ 150.00	£ -
Building Insurance	£ 721.32	£ -	£ 763.80	£ -
Electricity	£ 89.47	£ -	£ 280.72	£ -
Gas	£ 606.08	£ -	£ 102.95	£ -
Postage	£ 11.35	£ -	£ 35.86	£ -
Office Stationary	£ 0.75	£ -	£ -	£ -
First Aid Equipment	£ -	£ -	£ 12.97	£ -
Website Costs	£ 203.98	£ -	£ 234.93	£ -
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